**COLOMBIA**

**Region:** Americas

**Income group:** Upper-middle income

**Summary:** Colombia has reported 5 metadata sources, which collect information on international labour migration statistics. There are two survey based sources; General Census and Integrated Household Survey which are carried out by the National Administrative Department of Statistics. There are three administrative records; Inputs and Outputs of People of the Country and Entry and Exit of People from the Country held by the Special Administrative Unit Migration Colombia; Register of Nationals Issued Work Permits held by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Geographically all of the sources cover whole country, however different population groups such as:

- **Nationals (citizens) in the country** (covered by the General Census and the Integrated Household Survey)
- **Nationals (citizens) employed in the country** (covered by the General Census and the Integrated Household Survey)
- **Nationals (citizens) living abroad** (covered by the Entry and Exit of People from the Country)
- **Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country** (covered by the General Census, the Entry and Exit of People from the Country, and the Register of Nationals Issued Work Permits)
- **Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country** (covered by the General Census, the Entry and Exit of People from the Country, and the Register of Nationals Issued Work Permits)
- **Child workers in country** (covered by the Integrated Household Survey)
- **Entry nationals returning from residence abroad** (covered by the Inputs and Outputs of People of the Country)
- **Exit nationals going abroad to live** (covered by the Inputs and Outputs of People of the Country)
- **Exit nationals leaving for temporary purposes such as for tourism, shopping, visiting, business, etc.** (covered by the Inputs and Outputs of People of the Country)
- **Foreigners entering country to live** (covered by the Inputs and Outputs of People of the Country)
- **Foreigners entering country for temporary purposes, such as tourism, shopping, visiting, business, etc.** (covered by the Inputs and Outputs of People of the Country)

Periodicity of data collection varies depending on the type of sources. The General Census was last processed in 2005; the Integrated Household Survey is carried out on continuously basis from 2006; the Inputs and Outputs of People of the Country is held continuously; the Entry and Exit of People from the Country is released monthly; and the Register of Nationals Issued Work Permits is held since 2014.

Age coverage also varies depending on the type of sources. In the Integrated Household Survey persons aged 15 years and older are examined. The administrative records are applied to persons of all ages.

The three essential demographic characteristics covered by all the sources are age, sex, and marital status. Additionally, the survey based sources ask questions on educational attainment and household size. Data on educational attainment also can be found in the Register of Nationals Issued Work Permits.

International migration characteristic covered by all the sources is country of birth. In the General Census, questions on country of previous residence for foreigners, country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned, and information about household members who left to live, work or study abroad are added. Other various international migration statistics can be found in the administrative records, such as country entering from, country of citizenship, country of destination, country of origin, country of previous residence, country of residence, foreign workers in the country, intended duration of stay, members of household living abroad, members of household working abroad with work permits issued by the destination country, nationality, reason
for coming to country, reason for departure, second country of citizenship, time period allowed to stay, year of arrival, and year of departure.

Labour related characteristics are compiled in all the sources, the Integrated Household Survey contains the biggest variety of questions related to labour characteristics, such as employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, individual earnings per month, household income, wage or earnings rate per time period, hours usually worked, months worked in past year, and possible benefits received from the employer. The General Census generates data on employment status, industry/economic sector, status in employment, and disability. The administrative records compile the data on industry/economic sector, occupation, and status in employment.

Definitions of “international migrant workers”, “employment”, “overseas visitor”, “country of residence” and “national living abroad” are applied in the sources.

To classify occupation, industry, status in employment, and education, internationally and nationally adapted classifications are used in the survey based sources. The administrative records apply national adaptation of the international standard classification of occupation except the Register of Nationals Issued Work Permits where the classifications are not used.

Micro data files from the sources are available for research and analysis outside the agency free of charge, except the Register of Nationals Issued Work Permits.

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Findings:

The latest General Census was processed in 2005 by the National Administrative Department of Statistics, covering the whole country. There are four population groups examined in the General Census:

- Nationals (citizens) in the country,
- Nationals (citizens) employed in the country,
- Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country, and
- Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country.

The General Census obtains detailed data on demographic characteristics of these population groups, such as age, sex, marital status, educational attainment, and household size. The questions raised in the assessment on the topic of international migration related characteristics are:

- Country of birth,
- Country of previous residence for foreigners, and
- Country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned.

In addition to the characteristics, the General Census asks information about household members who left to live, work or study abroad, such as month/year of departure. The General Census covers labour related characteristics of all current household members of all ages (disability) and five years old and over (others), such as:

- Employment status,
- Industry/economic sector,
- Status in employment, and
- Disability.

In the General Census, it is possible to identify people who worked and were born abroad. However there is no definition for "international migrant workers". To classify industry, status in employment, and education, both internationally and nationally adapted classifications are applied. For example:

- ISIC rev 3 (where four digits are used to release the data)
- National adaptation of ICSE (CISE-2000)
- ISCED-1997

Micro data is available for research and analysis outside the agency free of charge.

The Integrated Household Survey commenced in 2006, and is held continuously by the National Administrative Department of Statistics. A completed sample size of the examination is 232,000 and 800,000 individuals in 2014. It geographically measures the whole country and amasses information on the following three population groups aged 10 years and over.

- Nationals (citizens) in the country,
- Nationals (citizens) employed in the country, and
- Child workers in country.

The Survey obtains detailed data on demographic characteristics of each person in a household, such as age, sex, marital status, educational attainment, and household size. Statistics on international migration related characteristics presented through the source is country of birth. The Integrated Household Survey includes questions about remittances received by the household from someone living abroad. For the population groups assessed in the Integrated Household Survey, the data on labour related characteristics of all current household members aged 10 years and over is available, particularly for:

- Employment status,
• Occupation,
• Industry/economic sector,
• Status in employment,
• Individual earnings per month,
• Household income,
• Wage or earnings rate per time period,
• Hours usually worked, and
• Months worked in past year.

The survey also includes questions on possible benefits received from the employer, such as retirement pension, paid vacation, subsidized housing, free or subsidized food and other benefits.

In the Integrated Household Survey, "employment" refers to the occupied aged 10 years and over participated in the process of production of goods and services during the reference week:

• Work at least 1 hour in exchange for a monetary or in-kind income, or worked at least 1 hour without receiving payment as a family worker without remuneration or as workers without remuneration in other household companies.
• Not work (for vacations, leave, etc.) during the reference period, but they had a job or business, or were generally linked to any production process, and they are sure to be back in work.

To classify occupation, industry, status in employment, and education, both internationally and nationally adapted classifications are applied. For example:

• National adaptation of ISCO (National Classification of Occupation (CNO) 70.)
• ISIC rev 3 (where two digits are used to release the data)
• ICSE-1993
• ISCED-2011

Micro data is available for research and analysis outside the agency free of charge

For the Border/Admission Statistics, the Special Administrative Unit Migration Colombia continuously carries out the Input and Outputs of People of the Country processing the following six population groups of all ages:

• Entry nationals returning from residence abroad;
• Exit nationals going abroad to live;
• Exit nationals leaving for temporary purposes such as for tourism, shopping, visiting, business, etc.;
• Foreigners entering country to live;
• Foreigners entering country for temporary purposes, such as tourism, shopping, visiting, business, etc.; and

The Statistics cover data on demographic characteristics such as age, sex, and marital status. Statistics on the following international migration related characteristics are presented through the source:

• Country of birth,
• Country of citizenship,
• Country of residence,
• Country entering from,
• Reason for departure,
• Reason for coming to country,
• Intended duration of stay,
• Country of destination,
• Country of origin,
• Year of arrival,
• Time period allowed to stay, and
For the population groups assessed in the Inputs and Outputs of People of the Country, the data on labour related characteristics is available, particularly for occupation.

In the statistics, "overseas visitor" refers to people who do not reside in Colombia and do not possess Colombian nationality while entering Colombia regularly with a migratory category recognized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Country. "Country of residence" is place of domicile of the national or foreigner. "International migrant workers" is defined as follows:

- International Migration: Movement of people who change their country of habitual residence to settle temporarily or permanently in another country.
- Migrant labour: Movement of people from the country of origin to another with a work end. Labour migration is usually governed by state migration legislation.

To classify occupation, national adaptation of ISCO (DANE Adaptation for Colombia) is applied, where four digits are used to release the data.

Micro data is available for research and analysis outside the agency free of charge.

The Entry and Exit of People from the Country is a registration of entries and exits of people of the country. The Special Administrative Unit Migration Colombia collects it and releases monthly. The source appraises whole country and collects data on the following three population groups of all ages.

- Nationals (citizens) living abroad,
- Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country, and
- Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country.

In the register, data can be found on demographic characteristics such as age, sex, and marital status. International migration related characteristics accessible through the source are:

- Country of birth,
- Year of arrival,
- Reason for coming to country,
- Reason for departure,
- Nationality,
- Foreign workers in the country,
- Country of origin,
- Country of citizenship,
- Time period allowed to stay, and
- Year of departure.

For the population groups assessed in the Entry and Exit of People from the Country, the data on labour related characteristics is available, particularly for occupation.

In the registration, the same definition of "international migrant workers" as in the Inputs and Outputs of People of the Country is applied. "Nationals living abroad" are Colombians who at the time of entering or leaving the country manifest residing in a country other than Colombia. To classify occupation, National adaptation of ISCO (ISCO-88 Adapted by DANE for Colombia) is applied.

Micro data is available for research and analysis outside the agency.

The Register of Nationals Issued Work Permits is a register of nationals issuing work permits to work abroad. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has carried out since 2014. The source appraises whole country and collects data on the following two population groups of all ages.
Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country, and
Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country.

In the register, data can be found on demographic characteristics such as age, sex, marital status, and educational attainment. International migration related characteristics accessible through the source are:

- Country of birth,
- Second country of citizenship,
- Year of arrival,
- Reason for coming to country,
- Reason for departure,
- Nationality,
- Members of household living abroad,
- Members of household working abroad with work permits issued by the destination country,
- Country of origin,
- Country of citizenship,
- Country of previous residence,
- Time period allowed to stay, and
- Year of departure.

For the population groups assessed in the administrative record, the data on labour related characteristics is available, particularly for industry/economic sector, occupation, and status in employment.

Micro data is unavailable for research and analysis outside the agency.

Q1. Population Census

SOURCE

Title of source: General Census
Year of last census: 2005
Agency responsible: National Administrative Department of Statistics

COVERAGE

Geographical coverage: Whole country

Population groups covered: Nationals (citizens) in the country, nationals (citizens) employed in the country, foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country, foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country

- Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered: Nationals (citizens) in the country, nationals (citizens) employed in the country

TOPIC COVERED

Demographic characteristics: Age, sex, marital status, educational attainment, household size

International migration related characteristics: Country of birth, country of previous residence for foreigners, country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned

- Coverage for international migration related characteristics: Not for all
- Exceptions for international migration related characteristics:
  - Exceptions for country of birth: Explicitly ask those who claim to have been born in another
country.

- Exceptions for country of previous residence for foreigners: Not for all foreigners. Only for those who were born in another country and declare that five years ago they lived in another country.
- Exceptions for country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned: Only for those born in Colombia who declare that 5 years ago they lived in another country.

**Information about household members left to live abroad:** Time-cut off (Permanently)

- Information refers to the last time the person left: Yes
- Limited to certain age or work status: No
- Limited to those who left the household abroad within the last X years and have not returned: No
- Characteristics of persons who left to live abroad: Month/Year of departure

**Labour related characteristics of all current household members:** Employment status, industry/economic sector, status in employment, disability

- Age coverage: All ages (disability) and five years old and over (others)

**Remittances related characteristics:** N.A.

**Information on immigrants and return migrants:** No

- Information on the situation of the person prior to leaving the household last time is obtained: N.A.

**Data collected and not published/disseminated:** No

**CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS**

**Definition of international migrant workers:** It is possible to identify people who worked and were born abroad. However, there is no definition for "international migrant workers".

**Definition of national (citizen) living abroad:** No

**Definition of employment:** No

**CLASSIFICATION**

**Classification used for occupation:** N.A.

- Number of digits used to release occupation data: N.A.

**Classification used for industry:** ISIC rev 3

- Number of digits used to release industry data: 4

**Classification used for status in employment:** National adaptation of ICSE (CISE-2000)

**Classification used for status in education:** ISCED-1997

**DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION**

**Data collection method:** Face-to-face interview by census enumerator using paper questionnaire (PAPI), face-to-face computer assisted interview by census enumerator (CAPI)

**Compulsory participation of households:** Yes
**Official estimate of under-coverage rate:** Yes

- **Under-coverage rate of total population:** 3.7%


**Metadata has been prepared and disseminated:** Yes

**Micro-data availability outside NSO/responsible agency:** Yes

- **Limitations:** It is an approved subsample that is available in IPMUS
- **Cost of obtaining micro-data:** Free of charge

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**Q2. Household Survey**

**SOURCE**

- **Title of survey:** Integrated Household Survey
- **Agency responsible:** National Administrative Department of Statistics

**PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE**

- **Periodicity of data collection:** Continuously
- **Year the survey first started:** 2006
- **Geographical coverage:** Whole country (Note: Excluding approximately 5% of the territory's population)
- **Population groups covered:** Nationals (citizens) in the country, nationals (citizens) employed in the country, child workers in country
  - **Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered:** Child workers in country
- **Age coverage:** 10 years old and over

**TOPIC COVERED**

- **Demographic characteristics:** Age, sex, marital status, educational attainment, household size
- **International migration related characteristics:** Country of birth
  - **Coverage for international migration related characteristics:** All persons
  - **Exceptions for international migration related characteristics:** N.A.
- **Information about household members left to live abroad:** No
- **Labour related characteristics of all current household members:** Employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, individual earnings per month, household income, and wage or earnings rate per time period, hours usually worked, Months worked in past year
Benefits received from the employer: Retirement pension, paid vacation, subsidized housing, free or subsidized food, other benefits (Transport subsidy, educational allowance, technical or senior premiums, in the last month. Premium of services, Christmas bonus, permanent vouchers and / or annual bonuses and payments for work accidents, in the last 12 months. All these questions are asked of the employed population employed)

Remittances related characteristics: Remittances received, the total amount received in the previous 12 months

Information on immigrants and return migrants: No

- Information on the situation of the person prior to leaving the household last time is obtained: N.A.

Data collected and not published/disseminated: Yes


- Reason not published: Some of the indicators do not have an official publication.

Information on persons who left to live or work abroad (recruitment, communication, assistance etc.): No

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of international migrant workers: No

Definition of national (citizen) living abroad: N.A.

Definition of employment: It refers to the occupied aged 10 years and over participated in the process of production of goods and services during the reference week;

- Work at least 1 hour in exchange for a monetary or in-kind income, or worked at least 1 hour without receiving payment as a family worker without remuneration or as workers without remuneration in other household companies.
- Not work (for vacations, leave, etc.) during the reference period, but they had a job or business, or were generally linked to any production process, and they are sure to be back in work.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: National adaptation of ISCO (National Classification of Occupation (CNO) 70.)

- Number of digits used to release occupation data: N.A.

Classification used for industry: ISIC rev 3

- Number of digits used to release industry data: 2

Classification used for status in employment: ICSE-1993

Classification used for status in education: ISCED-2011

DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION

Data collection method: Mobile capture device (DMC)

Compulsory participation of households: No
Dissemination of results: Web site

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: Yes

Micro-data availability outside NSO/responsible agency: Yes

- Limitations: The information has an anonymised process.
- Cost of obtaining micro-data: Free of charge

SAMPLE DESIGN

Sample frame used: Population census

Completed sample size:

- Total households: 232,000 in 2014
- Total individuals: 800,000 in 2014

Evaluation of the overall response rate or refusal rate: Yes

Q3. Border/Admission Statistics

SOURCE

Title of source: Inputs and Outputs of People of the Country

Agency responsible: Special Administrative Unit Migration Colombia

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data collection: Continuously

Year the statistics first started: N.A.

Population covered: Entry nationals returning from residence abroad; exit nationals going abroad to live; exit nationals leaving for temporary purposes such as for tourism, shopping, visiting, business, etc.; foreigners entering country to live; foreigners entering country for temporary purposes, such as tourism, shopping, visiting, business, etc.;

- Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered: Entry nationals returning from residence abroad; exit nationals going abroad to live; exit nationals leaving for temporary purposes such as for tourism, shopping, visiting, business, etc.; foreigners entering country to live; foreigners entering country for temporary purposes, such as tourism, shopping, visiting, business, etc.;

Age coverage: All ages

CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS COVERED

Demographic characteristics: Age, sex, marital status

Migration related characteristics: Country of birth, country of citizenship, country of residence, country entering from, reason for departure, reason for coming to country, intended duration of stay, country of destination, country of origin, year of arrival, time period allowed to stay, others (immigration status, city lodging)

Labour related characteristics: Occupation
Data collected and not published/disseminated: No

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of overseas visitor: It refers to people who do not reside in Colombia and do not possess Colombian nationality while entering Colombia regularly with a migratory category recognized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Country.

Definition of country of residence: It refers to place of domicile of the national or foreigner.

Definition of international migrant workers: It is defined as follows:

- International Migration: Movement of people who change their country of habitual residence to settle temporarily or permanently in another country.
- Migrant labour: Movement of people from the country of origin to another with a work end. Labour migration is usually governed by state migration legislation.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: National adaptation of ISCO (DANE Adaptation for Colombia)

- Number of digits used to release occupation data: 4

Classification used for industry: N.A.

- Number of digits used to release industry data: N.A.

Classification used for status in employment: N.A.

Classification used for status in education: N.A.

DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION

Data collection method: Face-to-face computer assisted interview by census enumerator (CAPI), self-administration form

Dissemination of results: Printed publication (Immigration Bulletin of annual statistics); electronic format (CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, diskettes, etc.); Web site

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: No

Micro-data availability outside NSO/responsible agency: Yes

- Limitations: N.A.
- Cost of obtaining micro-data: Free of charge

Q6.1. Administrative Sources: Entry and Exit of People from the Country

SOURCE

Title of source: Entry and Exit of People from the Country

Agency responsible: Special Administrative Unit Migration Colombia

Kind of source: Registration of entries and exits of people of the country

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE
Periodicity of data release: Every month

Year the source first started: N.A.

Geographic coverage: Whole country

Population coverage: Nationals (citizens) living abroad, foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country, foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country

- Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered: Nationals (citizens) living abroad, foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country, foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country

Age coverage: All ages

DATA COLLECTED ON PERSONS IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE SOURCE

Demographic characteristics: Age, sex, marital status

Migration related characteristics: Country of birth, year of arrival, reason for coming to country, reason for departure, nationality, foreign workers in the country, country of origin, country of citizenship, time period allowed to stay, year of departure

Labour related characteristics: Occupation

Data collected and not published/disseminated: No

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of international migrant workers: It is defined as follows:

- International Migration: Movement of people who change their country of habitual residence to settle temporarily or permanently in another country.
- Migrant labour: Movement of people from the country of origin to another with a work end. Labour migration is usually governed by state migration legislation.

Definition of short-term migrant workers: N.A.

Definition of a national (citizen) living abroad: It refers to Colombians who at the time of entering or leaving the country manifest residing in a country other than Colombia.

Definition of employment: N.A.

Definition of individual earnings: N.A.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: National adaptation of ISCO (ISCO-88 Adapted by DANE for Colombia)

- Number of digits used to release occupation data: N.A.

Classification used for industry: N.A.

- Number of digits used to release industry data: N.A.

Classification used for status in employment: N.A.

Classification used for status in education: N.A.
DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION

Compulsory registration for the population groups covered: Yes

Official estimate of coverage rate: N.A.

Dissemination of results: Printed publications (Migratory Bulletins), Web site (www.migracioncolombia.gov.co)

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: No

Micro-data availability outside NSO/responsible agency: Yes

- Limitations: N.A.
- Cost of obtaining micro-data: N.A.

Q6.2. Administrative Sources: Register of Nationals Issued Work Permits

SOURCE

Title of source: Register of Nationals Issued Work Permits

Agency responsible: Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Kind of source: Register of nationals issued work permits to work abroad, by country of work

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data release: Only by request for another dependence or state entity

Year the source first started: 2014

Geographical coverage: Whole country

Population coverage: Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country, foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country

- Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered: No

Age coverage: All ages

DATA COLLECTED ON PERSONS IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE SOURCE

Demographic characteristics: Age, sex, marital status, educational attainment

Migration related characteristics: Country of birth, second country of citizenship, year of arrival, reason for coming to country, reason for departure, nationality, members of household living abroad, members of household working abroad with work permits issued by the destination country, country of origin, country of citizenship, country of previous residence, time period allowed to stay, year of departure

Labour related characteristics: Industry/economic sector, occupation, status in employment

Data collected and not published/disseminated: Yes

- Number and name of question not published: N.A.
• **Reason not published**: The publication of data is not contemplated

**CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS**

Definition of international migrant workers: N.A.
Definition of short-term migrant workers: N.A.
Definition of a national living abroad: N.A.
Definition of employment: N.A.
Definition of individual earnings: N.A.

**CLASSIFICATION**

Classification used for occupation: N.A.
• Number of digits used to release occupation data: N.A.
Classification used for industry: N.A.
• Number of digits used to release industry data: N.A.
Classification used for status in employment: N.A.
Classification used for status in education: N.A.

**DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION**

Compulsory registration for the population groups covered: Yes
Official estimate of coverage rate: N.A.
Dissemination of results: No
Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: No
Micro-data availability outside NSO/responsible agency: No