

## COMOROS

**Region:** Africa

**Income group:** Low income

**Summary:** Comoros has reported 4 metadata sources, which collect information on international labour migration statistics. There are two survey based sources: the *General Census of Population and Housing* carried out by the General Planning Commission/ National Department of Statistics and the *Survey 1.2.3* carried out by the National Institute of Statistics, Economics, and Demographics. There are two administrative records: the *Arrivals from abroad at the international borders* data held by the National Directorate of Tourism and *Register of Arrivals at the Frontiers* held by the National Directorate of Territorial Security.

Geographically the surveys cover three sovereign parts of the country and the *Register of Arrivals at the Frontiers* cover the entire country's population. Information is collected on different population groups such as:

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country (covered by the General Census of Population and Housing and the Survey 1.2.3),*
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country (covered by the General Census of Population and Housing and the Survey 1.2.3),*
- *Nationals (citizens) living abroad (covered by the Register of Arrivals at the Frontiers),*
- *Nationals (citizens) living and working abroad (covered by the Register of Arrivals at the Frontiers),*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country (covered by the General Census of Population and Housing, the Survey 1.2.3, and the Register of Arrivals at the Frontiers),*
- *Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country (covered by the General Census of Population and Housing, the Survey 1.2.3, and the Register of Arrivals at the Frontiers),*
- *Refugees (covered by the Register of Arrivals at the Frontiers),*
- *Asylum seekers (covered by the Register of Arrivals at the Frontiers),*
- *Child workers (non-citizens) in country (covered by the Survey 1.2.3),*
- *Workers trafficked into the country (covered by the Survey 1.2.3), and*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) entering country for temporary purposes (covered by the Arrivals from abroad at the international borders data).*

Periodicity of data collection varies depending on the type of sources. The *General Census of Population and Housing* in Comoros was last processed in 2003; the *Survey 1.2.3* started in 2013; the record of *Arrivals from abroad at the international borders* data is carried out every three months starting from 2012.

All sources cover population groups of all ages except the *General Census of Population and Housing*, where the age coverage is 10 years and older.

The three essential demographic characteristics covered by the sources are age, sex, and marital status. In the *General Census of Population and Housing* and *Survey 1.2.3*, the data on educational attainment and household size can be found. All the sources cover questions on country of citizenship for persons examined. Other migration related characteristics collected in the sources include: country of birth, nationality, country of origin, second country of citizenship, country of previous residence for foreigners, country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned, reason for coming to country, foreign workers in the country, remittances related characteristics, year of arrival, and intended duration of stay. Information on the household members who left to live abroad in the last five years is generated in the *General Census of Population and Housing*.

Labour related characteristics are covered in the survey based sources. Employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, and status in employment data is generated in both the *General Census of Population and Housing* and *Survey 1.2.3*. The *Survey 1.2.3* additionally collects hours usually worked, earnings per month, household income, wage or earning rate per time period, and months worked in past year.

Definition of “*overseas visitors*” is used in the register of *Arrivals from abroad at the international borders*. To classify occupation, industry, and status in employment, and the status in education, nationally adapted classifications are applied in sources.

Micro data files from all sources are unavailable for research and analysis outside the agencies.

#### Metadata sources:

Type of source	Name of the source	Agency Responsible	Periodicity of data collection	Year the source started	Year of the last source
Q1. Population Census	General Census of Population and Households	General Planning Commission/National Department of Statistics	-	-	2003
Q2. Household Survey	Survey 1.2.3	National Institute of Statistics, Economics, and Demographics (INSEED)	-	2013	-
Q3. Border/Admission Statistics	Arrivals from abroad at the international borders data	National Directorate of Tourism	Every months	3 2012	-
Q6. Administrative Sources	Arrivals at the frontiers	National Directorate of Territorial Security (DNST)	-	-	-

#### Findings:

The latest *General Census of Population and Housing* in Comoros was carried out in 2003 by the General Planning/National Department of Statistics (currently INSEED) covering the three islands of Comoros such as Moheli, Anjouan, and Grande Comore; Mayotte was not covered as it is occupied by French. There are four population groups examined in the *General Census of Population and Housing*:

- *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 of Population and Housing* obtains detailed data on demographic characteristics of these population groups. The questions raised in the assessment on the topic of international migration related characteristics, comprise of country of birth, country of citizenship, second country of citizenship, country of previous residence for foreigners, and country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned. Statistics on household members that have left the country to live abroad are collected and are limited to those who left the household abroad within the last five years. In addition to demographic characteristics, the *General Census of Population and Housing* covers labour related characteristics of all current household members aged 10 years and older such as:

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

To classify occupation, industry, and status in employment in Comoros the classifications used by member states of Afristat are applied. To classify status of education, national adaptation of ISCED is used.

The **Survey 1.2.3** in Comoros commenced in 2013, and is held by the National Institute of Statistics, Economics, and Demographics. The completed sample size of 4,966 households and 4.5% of non-response rate. It geographically measures three parts of the country Moheli, Anjouan, and Grande Comore and amasses information on the following six population groups of all ages:

- *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,*
- *Child workers (non-citizens) in country, and*
- *Workers trafficked into the country.*

The **Survey 1.2.3** retrieves the data on demographic characteristics, of each person in a household. Information about international migration characteristics of household members is asked in the survey, mainly for country of birth, country of citizenship, nationality, foreign workers in the country, country of origin, and remittances received/sent from/to someone living abroad. The data on labour related characteristics 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 source includes questions on possible benefits received from employer, specifying retirement pension, paid vacation, and subsidized housing. To classify occupation, industry, and status in employment in Comoros the classifications used by member states of Afristat are applied. To classify status of education, national adaptation of ISCED is used.

**Border/Admission Statistics** are covered by the **Arrivals from abroad at the international borders** data obtained from the National Directorate of Tourism. The data collection is carried out every three months starting from 2012 by the agency. It processes *foreigners (non-citizens) entering country for temporary purposes*.

The statistics cover demographic characteristics such as age, marital status, and sex. The following migration related topics are covered:

- Country of citizenship,
- Reason for coming to country,
- Intended duration of stay, and
- Year of arrival.

**“Overseas visitors”** are defined as non-Comorians who spend at least one night (or less than six months) in the Comorian territory.

The data collected from private employment services is recorded in the ***Register of Arrivals at the Frontiers***, which is carried out by the National Directorate of the Territorial Security. The source geographically appraises the whole country and collects data on the following six population groups of all ages:

- *Nationals (citizens) living abroad,*
- *Nationals (citizens) living and working abroad,*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country,*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living and working in the country,*
- *Refugees, and*
- *Asylum seekers.*

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

- Country of birth,
- Country of citizenship,
- Nationality,
- Year of arrival, and
- Reason for coming to country.

## Q1. Population Census

### *SOURCE*

**Title of source:** General Census of Population and Housing

**Year of last census:** 2003

**Agency responsible:** General Planning Commission/National Department of Statistics

### *COVERAGE*

**Geographical coverage:** Except the island of Mayotte, which is still under French occupation. It took place on three islands where the sovereignty of the Comoros is exercised: Moheli, Anjouan, and Grande Comore.

**Population groups covered:** Nationals (*citizens*) in country, nationals (*citizens*) employed in country, foreigners (*non-citizens*) living in the country, foreigners (*non-citizens*) working and living in the country.

- **Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered:** Nationals (*citizens*) in country, nationals (*citizens*) employed in country, foreigners (*non-citizens*) living in the country, foreigners (*non-citizens*) working and living in the country.

### *TOPICS COVERED*

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

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

- **Coverage for international migration related characteristics:**
  - All persons - country of birth, country of citizenship, country of previous residence for foreigners, country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned;
  - Not for all - second country of citizenship.
- **Exceptions for international migration related characteristics:** No

**Information about household members left to live abroad:** In the last 5 years

- **Information refers to the last time the person left:** Yes
- **Limited to certain age and work status:** No
- **Limited to those who left the household abroad within the last X years and have not returned:** 5 years or longer
- **Characteristics of persons who left to live abroad:** Name, month/year of departure, sex, reason for departure, age at present.

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

- **Age coverage:** 10 years and older.

**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:** N.A.

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

**Definition of employment:** N.A.

#### *CLASSIFICATION*

**Classification used for occupation:** Classification used by member states of Afristat

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

**Classification used for industry:** Classification used by member states of Afristat

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

**Classification used for status in employment:** Classification used by member states of Afristat

**Classification used for status in education:** National adaptation of ISCED

#### *DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION*

**Data collection method:** Face-to-face interview by census enumerator using paper questionnaire (PAPI).

**Compulsory participation of households:** Yes

**Official estimate of under-coverage rate:** Yes

**Dissemination of results:** Printed publications

**Metadata has been prepared and disseminated:** No

**Micro-data is available outside NSO/responsible agency:** No

## Q2. Household Survey

### *SOURCE*

**Title of survey:** Survey 1.2.3

**Agency responsible:** National Institute of Statistics, Economics, and Demographics

### *PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE*

**Periodicity of data collection:** In the process on analysis

**Year the survey first started:** 2013

**Geographical coverage:** Moheli, Anjouan and Grande Comore. Mayotte was not surveyed.

**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, child workers (*non-citizens*) in the country, workers trafficked into the country.

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

**Age coverage:** All ages

### *TOPICS COVERED*

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

**International migration related characteristics:** Country of birth, country of citizenship, nationality, foreign workers in the country, country of origin, remittance received from anyone abroad or sent to anyone abroad.

- **Coverage for international migration related characteristics:** All persons
- **Exceptions for international migration related characteristics:** No

**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, 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.

**Remittances related characteristics:** Remittances received and remittances sent, including the amount received/sent in the previous 12 months.

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

- **Information on the situation of the person prior to leaving the country of residence is obtained:** N.A.

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

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

### *CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS*

**Definition of international migrant workers:** N.A.

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

**Definition of employment:** N.A.

### *CLASSIFICATION*

**Classification used for occupation:** Classification used by member states of Afristat

- **Number of digits used to release occupation data:** 5

**Classification used for industry:** Classification used by member states of Afristat

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

**Classification used for status in employment:** Classification used by member states of Afristat

**Classification used for status in education:** National adaptation of ISCED

#### *DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION*

**Data collection method:** Face-to-face interview by interviewer using paper questionnaire (PAPI).

**Compulsory participation of households:** Yes

**Dissemination of results:**

- Printed publications – Three analytical reports: Phase 1: Employment, Phase 2: Informal Sector, and Phase 3: Living Conditions of Households;
- Electronic files are available at INSEED.

**Metadata has been prepared and disseminated:** No

**Micro-data is available outside NSO/responsible agency:** No

#### *SAMPLE DESIGN*

**Sample frame used:** Area sample

**Completed sample size:** 4,966 households

**Evaluation of the overall response rate or refusal rate:** Yes

### **Q3. Border/Admission Statistics**

#### *SOURCE*

**Title of source :** Arrivals from abroad at the international borders data

**Agency responsible:** National Directorate of Tourism

#### *PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE*

**Periodicity of data collection:** Every 3 months

**Year the statistics first started:** 2012

**Population coverage:** Foreigners (*non-citizens*) entering country for temporary purposes.

- **Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered:** Foreigners (*non-citizens*) entering country for temporary purposes.

**Age coverage:** All ages

#### *CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS COVERED*

**Demographic characteristics:** Age, marital status, sex.

**Migration related characteristics:** Country of citizenship, reason for coming to country, intended duration of stay, year of arrival.

**Labour related characteristics:** N.A.

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

### *CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS*

**Definition of overseas visitor:** It refers to non-Comorians who spend at least one night (or less than six months) in the Comorian territory.

**Definition of country of residence:** N.A.

**Definition of international migrant workers:** 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*

**Data collection method:** Boarding and landing cards

**Dissemination of results:** Prepared in Excel and Word files by the National Directorate of Tourism.

**Metadata has been prepared and disseminated:** No

**Micro-data is available outside NSO/responsible agency:** No

## Q6. Administrative Sources

### *SOURCE*

**Title of source:** Register of Arrivals at the Frontiers

**Agency responsible:** National Directorate of the Territorial Security

**Kind of source:** Data from private employment services

### *PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE*

**Periodicity of data release:** Statistics are not broadcasted. It is operated by the National Directorate of Tourism.

**Year the source first started:** N.A.

**Geographical coverage:** Whole country

**Population coverage:** Nationals (*citizens*) living abroad, nationals (*citizens*) living and working abroad, foreigners (*non-citizens*) living in the country, foreign workers (*non-citizens*) living in the country, refugees, asylum seekers.

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

**Age coverage:** All ages

### *DATA COLLECTED ON PERSONS IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE SOURCE*



**Demographic characteristics:** Age, marital status, sex.

**Migration related characteristics:** Country of citizenship, year of arrival, reason for coming to country, nationality, country of birth.

**Labour related characteristics:** N.A.

**Data collected and not published/disseminated:** N.A.

### *CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS*

**Definition of international migrant workers:** N.A.

**Definition of short-term migrant worker:** N.A.

**Definition of a national (citizen) 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:** N.A.

**Metadata has been prepared and disseminated:** No

**Micro-data is available outside NSO/responsible agency:** No