DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Region: Americas  
Income group: Upper-middle income

Summary: Dominican Republic has reported 2 metadata sources, which collect information on international labour migration statistics. There are the National Census of Population and Housing and the Directory of Companies and Establishments. Both the sources are carried out by the National Office of Statistics.

Geographically all of the sources cover whole country, however the statistics on the population groups are available only in the National Census of Population and Housing, such as:

- 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.

Periodicity of data collection varies depending on the type of source. The National Census of Population and Housing was last processed in 2010 and the Directory of Companies and Establishments is released every year.

The five essential demographic characteristics covered by the National Census of Population and Housing are age, sex, marital status, educational attainment, and household size. In the Directory of Companies and Establishments, the data on the characteristics is not available.

International migration characteristics covered by the National Census of Population and Housing include country of birth, and country of previous residence for foreigners. The Directory of Companies and Establishments generates statistics on nationality.

Labour related characteristics such as employment status and industry/economic sector are available in both sources. Additionally, the National Census of Population and Housing generates data on occupation, status in employment, and disability.

Definition of “employment” is applied in the Directory of Companies and Establishments.

To classify industry and education the National Census of Population and Housing applies internationally adapted classifications such as ISIC Rev 3 and ISCED-1997.

Micro data from the census are available for research and analysis outside the agency free of charge through formal or access to the website.

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Findings:

The latest *National Census of Population and Housing* was processed in 2010 by the National Office of Statistics, covering the whole country. There are four population groups examined in the 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 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 and country of previous residence for foreigners. The *National Census of Population and Housing* covers labour related characteristics of all current household members of all ages (disability) and 10 years old and over (others), such as:

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

To classify industry and education, internationally adapted classifications are applied such as:

- ISIC Rev 3

Micro data is available for research and analysis outside the agency free of charge through formal or access to the website.

The *Directory of Companies and Establishments* is an administrative records of companies, tax address, and social security treasury, which is carried out by the National Office of Statistics. It is released on yearly basis. The source appraises whole country and collects data on the following migration or labour related characteristics such as nationality, employment status, and industry/economic sector.

"Employment" refers to the people who work for the company in return for remuneration or not.

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

**Q1. Population Census**

**SOURCE**

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

**Year of last census:** 2010

**Agency responsible:** National Office 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, foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country, foreign workers (non-citizens) living 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

- Coverage for international migration related characteristics:
  - Country of birth: All persons
  - Country of previous residence for foreigners: Not for all

- Exceptions for international migration related characteristics:
  - Exceptions for country of previous residence for foreigners: For persons aged 5 years and over

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, disability

- Age coverage: All ages (disability) and 10 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: N.A.

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

Definition of employment: N.A.

**CLASSIFICATION**

Classification used for occupation: N.A.

- Number of digits used to release occupation data: 2

Classification used for industry: ISIC Rev 3

- Number of digits used to release industry data: 2

Classification used for status in employment: N.A.

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)

Compulsory participation of households: Yes

Official estimate of under-coverage rate: Yes

- Under-coverage rate of total population: 7%
- Under-coverage rate of immigrants: 25%

Dissemination of results: Printed publications (VI, IX National Population and Housing Census, year 2013); electronic format (CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, diskettes, etc.); Web site

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: Yes

Micro-data availability outside NSO/responsible agency: Yes

- Limitations: N.A.
- Cost of obtaining micro-data: It is free, through formal or access to the website.

Q6. Administrative Sources

SOURCE

Title of source: Directory of Companies and Establishments (DEE)

Agency responsible: National Office of Statistics

Kind of source: Administrative records of companies, Tax address. Social Security Treasury.

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data release: Every year

Year the source first started: N.A.

Geographical coverage: Whole country

Population coverage: No

Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered: N.A.

Age coverage: N.A.

DATA COLLECTED ON PERSONS IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE SOURCE

Demographic characteristics: N.A.

Migration related characteristics: Nationality

Labour related characteristics: Employment status, industry/economic sector

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

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: It is defined as the people who work for the company in return for remuneration or not.

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: N.A.

Official estimate of coverage rate: N.A.

Dissemination of results: No

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: N.A.

Micro-data availability outside NSO/responsible agency: N.A.