

CONGO, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE

Region: Africa

Income group: Low income

Summary: The Democratic Republic of Congo has reported 6 metadata sources, which collect information on international labour migration statistics. There are three survey based sources such as *Scientific Census of Population* and *Employment Survey – Informal Sector – Consumption of Households*, which are carried out by the National Institute of Statistics, and the *Establishment of Financial Statements of Enterprises of the DR of Congo*, which is carried out by the Permanent Council of Accounting. There are two administrative records, such as *Issuance of Visas* held by the General Directorate of Migration and the *Register of National Identification* held by the General Secretariat of the Ministry of National Economy. Lastly there is an *estimation of international migrant workers*, which is carried out by the Ministry of Employment and Labour.

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

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country (covered by the Scientific Census of Population, the Employment Survey – Informal Sector – Consumption of Households, the Register of National Identification, and the estimation of international migrant workers),*
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country (covered by the Scientific Census of Population, the Employment Survey – Informal Sector – Consumption of Households, and the estimation of international migrant workers),*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country (covered by the Scientific Census of Population, the Employment Survey – Informal Sector – Consumption of Households, and the estimation of international migrant workers),*
- *Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country (covered by the Scientific Census of Population, the Employment Survey – Informal Sector – Consumption of Households, the Register of National Identification, and the estimation of international migrant workers),*
- *Refugees (covered by the Scientific Census of Population and the Issuance of Visas),*
- *Asylum seekers (covered by the Issuance of Visas),*
- *Child workers (non-citizens) in country (covered by the Employment Survey – Informal Sector – Consumption of Households and the estimation of international migrant workers),*
- *Entry nationals (citizens) returning from residence abroad (covered by the Issuance of Visas),*
- *Exit nationals (citizens) going abroad to live (covered by the Issuance of Visas), Exit nationals (citizens) leaving for temporary purposes (covered by the Issuance of Visas),*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) entering the country to live (covered by the Issuance of Visas),*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) entering country for temporary purposes (covered by the Issuance of Visas), and*
- *Transit migrants (covered by the Issuance of Visas).*

Periodicity of data collection varies depending on the type of source. The *Scientific Census of Population* in Congo, DR was last processed in 1984; the *Employment Survey – Informal Sector – Consumption of Households* was last carried out in 2012 starting from 2005; the *Establishment of Financial Statements of Enterprises of the DR of Congo* collects the data annually starting from 1975. The record of *Issuance of Visas* and the *Register of National Identification* are carried out continuously. The *estimation of international migrant workers in the country* is held every month.

Except to the *Scientific Census of Population*, where the age coverage of labour related characteristics is 6 years and older, other sources cover population groups of all ages.

The five essential demographic characteristics such as age, gender, marital status, educational attainment, and household size are covered by the *Scientific Census of Population*, the *Employment Survey – Informal Sector – Consumption of Households*, and the *estimation of international migrant workers*. In the *Issuance of Visas*

the data on the household composition can be found. International migration related characteristics vary depending on the source, question on country of birth is covered by all the sources. The *Scientific Census of Population* include information and characteristics of household members who left to live abroad for at least 6 months. Labour related characteristics are compiled in all the sources, the *Employment Survey – Informal Sector – Consumption of Households* contains the biggest variety of questions related to labour characteristics, such as employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, hours usually worked, individual earnings, household income, wage rates, and months worked in past year. Data from all the sources are not published or disseminated as there are some limitations exist, such as financial restrictions, security limitations, and insufficient data.

In the *estimation of international migrant workers* agency adapted definition of “*international migrant workers*” is used. To define “*nationals living abroad*” terms “*diaspora*” or “*congolais from abroad*” are applicable.

To classify occupation, industry, and status in employment internationally adapted classifications are used in the *Scientific Census of Population*, the *estimation of international migrant workers*, and the *Establishment of Financial Statements of Enterprises of the DR of Congo*. The *Employment Survey – Informal Sector – Consumption of Households*, the *Issuance of Visas*, and the *Register of National Identification* apply nationally adapted classifications.

Micro data files from the surveys, administrative records, and the estimation 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	Scientific Census of Population	National Institute of Statistics	-	-	1984
Q2. Household Survey	Employment Survey – Informal Sector – Consumption of Households	National Institute of Statistics	The last one was in 2012	2005	2012
Q3. Border/Admission Statistics	Issuance of Visas	General Directorate of Migration	Continuously	-	-
Q4. Establishment Census	The Establishment of Financial Statements of Enterprises of the DR of Congo	Permanent Council of Accounting in Congo	Every year	1975	-
Q6. Administrative Sources	-	Directorate of Education and Planning/General Secretariat of the Ministry of National Economy	Continuously	-	-

Q7. Estimation of International Migrant Workers in the Country	-	Directorate of Education and Planning/ Ministry of Employment and Labour	Every month	-	-
--	---	--	-------------	---	---

Findings:

The latest *Scientific Census of Population* in the Democratic Republic of Congo was carried out in 1984 by the National Institute of Statistics covering the country's entire population. There are five population groups examined in the *Scientific Census of Population*:

- *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, and*
- *Refugees.*

The *Scientific Census of Population* 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 for at least six months are collected. In addition to demographic characteristics, *Scientific Census of Population* covers labour related characteristics of all current household members aged 6 years and older such as:

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

To classify occupation, industry, status in employment, and education in the Democratic Republic of Congo the following classifications are applied. For example:

- ISCO - 68;
- ISIC rev 3;
- ICSE - 1958; and
- National adaptation of ISCED.

Micro-data files on population groups covered by the *Scientific Census of Population* are unavailable for research or analysis outside the agency.

The *Employment Survey – Informal Sector – Consumption of Households* in Congo, DR commenced in 2005, and the last time it was held in 2012 by the National Institute of Statistics. The completed sample size contains 22,276 households of 90,240 individuals. It geographically measures the whole country and amasses information on the following five 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, and*

- *Child workers (non-citizens) in the country.*

The ***Employment Survey – Informal Sector – Consumption of Households*** retrieves the data on demographic characteristics, of each person in a household. Information about international migration characteristics includes country of birth, country of citizenship, nationality, foreign workers in the country, country of previous residence for foreigners, and country of origin. 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.

In addition to labour characteristics, the following information on benefits that he or she may receive from the employer is collected:

- Subsidized housing,
- Health insurance or subsidized health care,
- Paid vacation, and
- Scholarships, New Year bonus, profitability.

The household survey questionnaire includes questions on the remittances received from anyone abroad.

To classify occupation, industry, status in employment, and status in education nationally adapted classifications are applied such as:

- National adaptation of ISCO;
- National adaptation of ISIC;
- National adaptation of ICS; and
- National adaptation of ISCED.

Micro data is unavailable for research and analysis outside the National Bureau of Statistics.

Border/Admission Statistics are covered by the ***Issuance of Visas*** data obtained from the General Directorate of Migration. The data collection is continuously carried out by the agency. It processes the following eight population groups of all age groups:

- *Entry nationals (citizens) returning from residence abroad,*
- *Exit nationals (citizens) going abroad to live,*
- *Exit nationals (citizens) leaving for temporary purposes,*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) entering country to live,*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) entering country for temporary purposes,*
- *Refugees,*
- *Asylum seekers, and*
- *Transit migrants.*

The statistics cover demographic characteristics such as: age, marital status, sex, and household composition on those entering/leaving. The following migration related topics are covered:

- Country of birth,
- Country of citizenship,
- Country of residence,

- Reason for coming to country,
- Intended duration of stay,
- Country of destination,
- Country of origin,
- Year of arrival, and
- Time period allowed to stay.

To collect evidence on labour related characteristics the question on employment status, occupation, and industry/economic sector are raised at the source.

Micro data files are available on request from the government service at various costs as it is difficult to estimate it.

The ***Establishment of Financial Statements of Enterprises of the DR of Congo*** was last carried out in 2014 by the Permanent Council of Accounting. The statistics are collected every year starting from 1975, geographically covering the whole country. The survey appraises all economic establishments of any size in formal sector only and covers the following topics for the establishment:

- Industry/economic sector,
- Number of employees, and
- Profit/loss in most recent year available.

In the survey the data on demographic characteristics, such as sex and age can be found. Questions related to migration characteristics are asked on the nationality and country of birth of employees of the establishments. Information on occupation of persons is collected in the ***Establishment of Financial Statements of Enterprises of the DR of Congo***.

To classify occupation and industry, internationally adapted classifications are applied in the source, such as ISCO-68 and ISIC rev 2. Micro data files are unavailable for research and analysis outside the agency.

The ***Register of National Identification*** in Congo, DR is carried out on continuously basis by the Directorate of Education and Planning/General Secretariat of the Ministry of National Economy. The source geographically appraises the whole country and collects data on the following two population groups of all ages:

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

In the register, sex is collected for data on demographic characteristics. Migration related characteristics accessible through the source are:

- Country of birth,
- Country of citizenship,
- Nationality, and
- Country of origin.

The register additionally provides labour related information, specifying industry/economic sector, for which the national adaptation of ISIC is used.

The ***estimation of international migrant workers in the country*** is held every month by the Directorate of Education and Planning/Ministry of Employment and Labour. This covers the whole country and the following five population groups of all ages:

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

It accumulates data on demographic characteristics of people such as age, sex, educational attainment, marital status, and household size. Statistics on migration related characteristics are also obtained, precisely on:

- Country of birth,
- Country of citizenship,
- Country of previous residence,
- Duration of stay in country to date,
- Nationality,
- Foreign workers in the country, and
- Country of previous residence of foreign workers in the country.

Labour related characteristics collected in the estimation are: employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, individual earnings, and wage rates.

“*International migrant workers*” in the estimation are defined as persons who left their countries to work in another country and have working permits. The terms commonly used to define “*national living abroad*” are “*diaspora*” or “*Congolais from abroad*”.

Q1. Population Census

SOURCE

Title of source: Scientific Census of Population

Year of last census: 1984

Agency responsible: National Institute 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, refugees.

- **Publication/dissemination of data on 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, refugees.

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;
 - Not for all - second country of citizenship, country of previous residence for foreigners, country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned.
- **Exceptions for international migration related characteristics:**
 - Second country of citizenship – some people apart from natives;
 - Country of previous residence for foreigners – except foreigners;
 - Country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned – some people.

Information about household members left to live abroad: Last 6 months

- **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:** No
- **Characteristics of persons who left to live abroad:** Name, month/year of departure, sex, main reason for leaving, age at time of leaving household, age at present, marital status at present, education at present, employment status at present, occupation at present.

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

- **Age coverage:** 6+

Remittances related characteristics: N.A.

Information on immigrants and return migrants: N.A.

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

Data collected and not published/disseminated: Financial resources are limited.

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: ISCO - 68

- **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:** N.A.

Classification used for status in employment: ICSE - 1958

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: No

Dissemination of results: Printed publications

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: Yes

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

Q2. Household Survey

SOURCE

Title of survey: Employment Survey – Informal Sector – Consumption of Households

Agency responsible: National Institute of Statistics

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data collection: The last one was in 2012, the report will be published in 2014.

Year the survey first started: 2005

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

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

Age coverage: All ages

TOPICS COVERED

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

International migration related characteristics: Country of citizenship, country of previous residence for foreigners, country of birth, nationality, foreign workers in the country, country of origin.

- **Coverage for international migration related characteristics:** All persons - country of citizenship, country of previous residence for foreigners.
- **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: Subsidized housing, health insurance or subsidized health care, paid vacation, scholarships, New Year bonus, profitability.

Remittances related characteristics: Remittances received

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: Financial resources are limited.

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: National adaptation of ISCO

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

Classification used for industry: National adaptation of ISIC

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

Classification used for status in employment: National adaptation of ICSE

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: No

Dissemination of results: Printed publications; Web site – Report on Employment: www.ins-rdc.org

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: No

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

SAMPLE DESIGN

Sample frame used: Population Census

Completed sample size:

- Total households – 22,276;
- Total individuals – 90,240

Evaluation of the overall response rate or refusal rate: N.A.

Q3. Border/Admission Statistics

SOURCE

Title of source: Issuance of Visas

Agency responsible: General Directorate of Migration

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data collection: Continuously

Year the statistics first started: N.A.

Population coverage: Exit nationals (citizens) returning from residence abroad, exit nationals (citizens) going abroad to live, exit nationals (citizens) leaving for temporary purposes, foreigners (non-citizens) entering country to live, foreigners (non-citizens) entering country for temporary purposes, refugees, asylum seekers, transit migrants.

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

Age coverage: All ages

CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS COVERED

Demographic characteristics: Age, marital status, sex, household composition on those entering/leaving.

Migration related characteristics: Country of birth, country of citizenship, country of residence, reason for coming to country, intended duration of stay, country of destination, country of origin, year of arrival, time period allowed to stay.

Labour related characteristics: Employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector.

Data collected and not published/disseminated: Security reasons.

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of overseas visitor: N.A.

Definition of country of residence: N.A.

Definition of international migrant workers: N.A.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: Visa settlement

- **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: Visa settlement

Classification used for status in education: N.A.

DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION

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

Dissemination of results: None to date.

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: No

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

- **Limitations:** Statistics are available on request from the government service.
- **Cost of obtaining micro-data:** Difficult to estimate.

Q4. Establishment Census

SOURCE

Title of source: The Establishment of Financial Statements of Enterprises of the DR of Congo

Year of last one: 2014

Agency responsible: Permanent Council of Accounting in Congo

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data collection: Every year

Year the census first started: 1975

Geographical coverage: Whole country

Establishment coverage (*size and type*): All economic establishments of any size (even with 0 employees), only formal sector (registered) establishments.

Industry coverage: All industry/economic sectors

DATA COLLECTED ON WORKERS IN THE ESTABLISHMENT CENSUS

Demographic and migration related characteristics: Age, sex, country of birth, nationality.

Labour related characteristics: Occupation

Topics for the establishment: Industry/economic sector, number of employees, profit/loss in most recent year available.

Data collected and not published/disseminated: Insufficient

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of international migrant workers: N.A.

Definition of short-term workers: N.A.

Definition of employment: N.A.

Definition of wages: N.A.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: ISCO - 68

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

Classification used for industry: ISIC rev 2

- **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: Administrative sources

Compulsory participation of respondents: Yes

Official estimation of under-coverage: Very low, no estimates.

Dissemination of results: None to date.

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: No

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

Q6. Administrative Sources

SOURCE

Title of source: N.A.

Agency responsible: Directorate of Education and Planning/General Secretariat of the Ministry of National Economy

Kind of source: Register of national identification

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data release: Continuously

Year the source first started: N.A.

Geographical coverage: Whole country

Population coverage: Nationals (citizens) 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: Sex

Migration related characteristics: Country of birth, country of citizenship, nationality, country of origin.

Labour related characteristics: Industry/economic sector.

Data collected and not published/disseminated: No funds available.

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: National adaptation of ISIC

- **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: None to date, expected time of availability is any time.

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: No

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

Q7. Estimation of International Migrant Workers in the Country

SOURCE

Title of source: N.A.

Reference year: Every year

Agency responsible: Directorate of Education and Planning/ Ministry of Employment and Labour

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data release: Every month

Year the source first started: N.A.

Geographical coverage: Whole country

Population coverage: 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.

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

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, country of previous residence, duration of stay in country to date, nationality, foreign workers in the country, country of previous residence for foreign workers in the country.

Labour related characteristics: Employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, individual income, wage rate.

Remittances related characteristics: N.A.

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of migrant worker: Persons who left their country to work in another country and have a working permit.

Definition of short-term migrant worker: No

Definition of a national (citizen) living abroad: The terms commonly used are diaspora or congolais from abroad.

Definition of employment: N.A.

Definition of household income: N.A.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: ISCO - 68

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

Classification used for industry: ISIC rev 2

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

Classification used for status in employment: ICSE - 1993

Classification used for status in education: General classification of employment 1967.

DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION

Dissemination of results: Printed on paper when requested by another governmental department.

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: No