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Region: Americas

Income group: Upper-middle income

Summary: ECUADOR has reported 2 metadata sources, which collect information on international labour migration statistics. There are the *Census of Population and Housing* and the *International Tickets and Departures*, which is carried out by the National Institute of Statistics and Census.

Geographically the sources cover whole country and the statistics on the following population groups are available:

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country (covered by the Census of Population and Housing)*
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country (covered by the Census of Population and Housing)*
- *Nationals (citizens) living abroad (covered by the Census of Population and Housing)*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country (covered by the Census of Population and Housing)*
- *Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country (covered by the Census of Population and Housing)*
- *Refugees (covered by the International Tickets and Departures)*
- *Exit nationals leaving for temporary purposes such as for tourism, shopping, visiting, business, etc. (covered by the International Tickets and Departures)*
- *Foreigners entering country for temporary purposes, such as tourism, shopping, visiting, business, etc. (covered by the International Tickets and Departures)*

Periodicity of data collection varies depending on the type of source. The *Census of Population and Housing* was last processed in 2010 and the *International Tickets and Departures* is held monthly since 1997.

The five essential demographic characteristics covered by the *Census of Population and Housing* are age, sex, marital status, educational attainment, and household size. In the *International Tickets and Departures*, the data on age and sex can be found.

International migration characteristic covered by all the sources is country of citizenship. Additionally, the *Census of Population and Housing* asks questions on country of birth, second country of citizenship, country of previous residence for foreigners, country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned, and household members and their characteristics who left to live, work or study abroad. The *International Tickets and Departures* generates statistics on country of residence, country entering from, reason for departure, reason for coming to country, intended duration of stay, country of destination, country of origin, and year of arrival.

Labour related characteristic such as occupation is available in all the sources. The *Census of Population and Housing* also collects data on employment status, industry/economic sector, status in employment, hours usually worked, and disability.

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

To classify occupation and industry, the sources apply internationally and nationally adapted classifications.

Micro data from all sources are available for research and analysis for research and analysis outside the agency free of charge.

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 | Census of Population and Housing | National Institute of Statistics and Census | - | - | 2010 |
| Q3. Border/Admission Statistics | International Tickets and Departures | National Institute of Statistics and Census | Monthly | 1997 | - |

Findings:

The latest *Census of Population and Housing 2010* was processed in 2010 by the National Institute of Statistics and Census, covering the whole country. There are five population groups examined in the Census:

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country,*
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country,*
- *Nationals (citizens) living abroad,*
- *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,
- 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.

The census asks information about household members who left to live, work or study abroad, as of the last *Census of Population and Housing*, such as month/year of departure, sex, main reason for leaving, and age at time of leaving household. The *Census of Population and Housing 2010* covers labour related characteristics of all current household members aged five years and over, such as:

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

"International migrant workers" refer to all foreigners aged 15 and over who worked in Ecuador for at least one hour during the week prior to the day of the survey. *"National living abroad"* is all people who previously lived in the registered home, travelled to another country and still do not return to stay permanently. *"Employment"* is the activity, task, work or craft performed by the people with the purpose of producing goods and services for an income or salary or self-consumption of the home.

To classify occupation and industry, internationally adapted classifications are applied:

- ISCO-08 (where four digits are used to release the data); and
- ISIC rev 4 (where four digits are used to release the data).

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The *Border/Admission Statistics* are covered by the *International Tickets and Departures* from the National Institute of Statistics and Census. The data collection is carried out monthly. It processes the following three population groups of all ages.

- *Exit nationals leaving for temporary purposes such as for tourism, shopping, visiting, business, etc.;*
- *Foreigners entering country for temporary purposes, such as tourism, shopping, visiting, business, etc.; and*
- *Refugees.*

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

- 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, and
- Year of arrival.

For the population groups assessed in the *International Tickets and Departures*, the data on labour related characteristics is available, particularly for occupation.

"*Overseas visitor*" refers to a person who leaves to a place different from the one of his habitual residence to settle temporarily or definitively in another country. "*Country of residence*" is geographical place in which a person habitually resides, that is to say, the country where he has established his residence and demands his physical presence as an inhabitant for a period of at least one year.

To classify occupation, national adaptation of ISCO, where four digits are used to release the data, is applied.

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Q1. Population Census

SOURCE

Title of source: Census of Population and Housing 2010

Year of last census: 2010

Agency responsible: National Institute of Statistics and Census

COVERAGE

Geographical coverage: Whole country

Population groups covered: Nationals (citizens) in the country, nationals (citizens) employed in the country, 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) in the country, nationals (citizens) employed in the country, nationals (citizens) living abroad, 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 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:** Not for all
- **Exceptions for international migration related characteristics:**
 - Exceptions for country of birth, exceptions for country of previous residence for foreigners, and exceptions for country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned: Only for people who are in the census moment
 - Exceptions for country of citizenship and exceptions for second country of citizenship: Census is not investigated

Information about household members left to live abroad: Yes (As of the last census of population and housing)

- **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, sex, main reason for leaving, age at time of leaving household

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

- **Age coverage:** Five years old and over

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 refers to all foreigners aged 15 and over who worked in Ecuador for at least one hour during the week prior to the day of the survey

Definition of national (citizen) living abroad: It refers to all people who previously lived in the registered home, travelled to another country and still do not return to stay permanently.

Definition of employment: It is the activity, task, work or craft performed by the people with the purpose of producing goods and services for an income or salary or self-consumption of the home

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: ISCO-08 |

- **Number of digits used to release occupation data:** 4

Classification used for industry: ISIC rev 4

- **Number of digits used to release industry data:** 4

Classification used for status in employment: N.A.

Classification used for status in education: Other (The levels of the system before the reform and those in force are consulted, so that the informant can respond according to his / her knowledge)

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:** 4.31%

Dissemination of results: Web site (<http://www.ecuadorencifras.gob.ec/censo-de-poblacion-y-vivienda/>)

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: Yes

Micro-data availability outside NSO/responsible agency: Yes

- **Limitations:** On the web page is the census base up to the census sector level
- **Cost of obtaining micro-data:** None

Q3. Border/Admission Statistics

SOURCE

Title of source: International Tickets and Departures

Agency responsible: National Institute of Statistics and Census

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data collection: Every month

Year the statistics first started: 1997

Population coverage: Exit nationals leaving for temporary purposes such as for tourism, shopping, visiting, business, etc.; foreigners entering country for temporary purposes, such as tourism, shopping, visiting, business, etc.; refugees

- **Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered:** Exit nationals leaving for temporary purposes such as for tourism, shopping, visiting, business, etc.; foreigners entering country for temporary purposes, such as tourism, shopping, visiting, business, etc.; refugees

Age coverage: All ages

CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS COVERED

Demographic characteristics: Age, sex

Migration related characteristics: 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

Labour related characteristics: Occupation

Data collected and not published/disseminated: No

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Definition of international migrant workers: N.A.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: National adaptation of ISCO

- **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: Self administration form

Dissemination of results: Printed publication; Web site (<http://www.ecuadorencifras.gob.ec/migracion-2014/>)

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: Yes

Micro-data availability outside NSO/responsible agency: Yes

- **Limitations:** N.A.
- **Cost of obtaining micro-data:** None