

EGYPT

Region: Africa

Income group: Lower-middle income

Summary: Egypt has reported 5 metadata sources, which collect information on international labour migration statistics. There are two survey based sources such as *Population, Housing and Establishment Census and Household International Migration Survey*, which are carried out by the Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAMPAS). There the following three administrative records:

- *Border/Admission Statistics* held by the Ministry of Interior;
- The register of *Work Permits for Nationals to Work Abroad* held by the Ministry of Interior; and
- The register of *Work Permits Issued to Foreign Workers* held by the Ministry of Manpower and Migration.

Geographically all of the sources cover whole country, however different population groups. The statistics on the following population groups are available:

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country* (covered by the *Population, Housing and Establishment Census, Household International Migration Survey*, and the register of *Work Permits for Nationals to Work Abroad*),
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country* (covered by the *Population, Housing and Establishment Census, the Household International Migration Survey*, and the register of *Work Permits for Nationals to Work Abroad*),
- *Nationals (citizens) living abroad* (covered by the *Household International Migration Survey*),
- *Nationals (citizens) living and working abroad* (covered by the *Household International Migration Survey* and the register of *Work Permits for Nationals to Work Abroad*),
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country* (covered by the *Population, the Housing and Establishment Census, Household International Migration Survey*, and the *Work Permits Issued to Foreign Workers*),
- *Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country* (covered by the *Population, the Housing and Establishment Census, Household International Migration Survey*, and the *Work Permits Issued to Foreign Workers*),
- *Refugees* (covered by the *Household International Migration Survey* and the *Border/Admission Statistics*),
- *Entry nationals (citizens) returning from residence abroad* (covered by the *Border/Admission Statistics*),
- *Exit nationals (citizens) going abroad to live* (covered by the *Border/Admission Statistics*),
- *Exit nationals (citizens) leaving for temporary purposes*(covered by the *Border/Admission Statistics*), and
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) entering country for temporary purposes* (covered by the *Border/Admission Statistics*).

Periodicity of data collection varies depending on the type of source. All the three administrative records are carried out on continuously basis; the *Household International Migration Survey* was held for the first time in January 2013.

The sources cover different age groups of persons examined. For instance, the *Household International Migration Survey* and the register of *Work Permits for Nationals to Work Abroad* generate statistics on persons aged 15 years and over. The register of *Work Permits Issued to Foreign Workers* collects the data on persons starting from 18 years old, and the *Border/Admission Statistics* record persons of all ages.

Both surveys and administrative records collect the data on the following topics, such as demographic characteristics, migration related characteristics, and labour related characteristics. The four essential

demographic characteristics covered by the surveys and the register of *Work Permits Issued to Foreign Workers* are age, gender, marital status, and educational attainment. In addition to these, in the surveys the data on household size can be found. The *Border/Admission Statistics* and the register of *Work Permits for Nationals to Work Abroad* also obtain demographic characteristics, but not for all the variables. International migration related characteristics vary depending on the source. All the sources accumulate statistics on the country of birth and country of citizenship. The *Household International Migration Survey* and the register of *Work Permits Issued to Foreign Workers* also compile data on foreign workers in the country. The surveys collect information on household members who left to live abroad, especially in the *Household International Migration Survey* the detailed characteristics of these persons are obtained. Labour related characteristics such as employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, and status in employment are accessible through all five sources.

Information on immigrants and return migrants is generated in the *Household International Migration Survey*, specifically the data is available on the on employment status, status in employment, reason for choosing to migrate to this country, and reason for leaving previous country of residence.

The data from the administrative records is sent to the Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics. Both statistics, from surveys and administrative sources, are disseminated and published by this agency.

The surveys apply nationally adapted definitions of “*employment*” and “*national living abroad*”. “*International migrant workers*” in the *Household International Migration Survey* are non-citizens who identified as potential forced migrants and who are currently 15 years and over. “*Overseas visitors*” definition is applied in the record of *Border/Admission Statistics* and includes all passengers who arrive to the country.

The classifications used for occupation and industry in the surveys are national adaptation. For the status in employment and education the internationally adapted classifications are applied.

Micro data files 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	Population, Housing and Establishment Census	CAPMAS	-	-	2006
Q2. Household Survey	Egypt Household International Migration Survey	CAPMAS	Irregularly, last one was in 01.2013	2013	2013
Q3. Border/Admission Statistics	-	Ministry of Interior	Continuously	-	-
Q6. Administrative Sources	Q6.1. Work Permits for Nationals to Work Abroad	Ministry of Interior	Continuously	1948	-
	Q6.2. Register of Work Permits Issued to Foreign Workers	Ministry of Manpower and Migration	Continuously	-	-

Findings:

Population, Housing and Establishment Census in the Egypt was carried out in 2006 by the Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics covering the country's entire population. There are four population groups examined in the **Population, Housing and Establishment 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 **Population, Housing and Establishment Census** obtain 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 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 refer to the last time the person left without any age or other limitations. In addition to demographic characteristics, **Population, Housing and Establishment Census** covers labour related characteristics of household members that have left to live abroad such as:

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

In order to measure "**employment**", nationally adapted definition is used, which specifies the age of economically active population (15+), reference period (one week), and individuals assigned to a job but couldn't practice it due to various reasons. "**National living abroad**" are defined as the household members who live abroad 6 months or more. To classify occupation and industry nationally adapted classifications are applied. For example:

- National Adaptation of ISCO-88, (where six digits are used to release the data);
- National Adaptation of ISIC rev 4 (where six digits are used to release the data);

To classify status in employment and status in education internationally adapted classifications are used, such as ICSE-1993 and ISCED-1997.

Micro-data files on population groups covered by the **Population, Housing and Establishment Census** are unavailable for research and analysis outside NSO.

The **Household International Migration Survey** in Egypt commenced in January 2013, and is held every by the Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics. A completed sample size of the examination is 80,000 households, and 3,000 emigrants. It geographically measures the whole country and amasses information on the following seven population groups aged 15 years and over:

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country,*
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country,*
- *Nationals (citizens) living abroad*
- *Nationals (citizens) living and working abroad,*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country, even if arrived recently,*
- *Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country, and*
- *Refugees.*

The **Household International Migration Survey** retrieves the data on demographic characteristics, of each person in a household. The statistics cover migration related characteristics such as:

- Country of birth,

- Country of previous residence for foreigners,
- Country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned,
- Nationality,
- Foreign workers in the country,
- Household members living abroad,
- Country of origin, and
- Remittances received from anyone abroad or sent to any absent household member living abroad.

Information and characteristics of household members for the period of 13 years, aged 15 and over that have left the country to live abroad for at least six months are presented in the survey. Questions on recruitment abroad and need for assistance are also included. For the population groups assessed in the survey, the data on labour related characteristics is available, particularly for:

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

The ***Household International Migration Survey*** includes questions on the following possible benefits that persons receive from employer:

- Retirement pension,
- Subsidized housing,
- Health insurance or subsidized health care,
- Paid vacation,
- Free or subsidized food, and
- Pay for overtime work, maternity leave or vacation parental care, compensation for work injuries, and paid sick leave.

Information on immigrants and return migrants is generated through questions such as *'Have you ever lived outside this country?'* and *'When did you arrive in this country?'* Moreover, the following data is obtained on the situation at the time prior to leaving the previous country of residence before coming to this country: employment status, status in employment, reason for choosing to migrate to this country, and reason for leaving previous country of residence.

"International migrant workers" in the survey are defined as ***"forced migrants"*** who are non-citizen aged 15 years and more. ***"National living abroad"*** is described as a person who used to live in the sample household and who is currently abroad and aged 15 years and more. Definition of ***"employment"*** is the same as in the ***Population, Housing and Establishment Census***.

To classify occupation and industry nationally adapted classifications are applied. For example:

- National Adaptation of ISCO-88, (where 6 digits are used to release the data);
- National Adaptation of ISIC rev 4 (where 6 digits are used to release the data);

To classify status in employment and status in education internationally adapted classifications are used, such as ICSE-1993 and ISCED-1997.

Micro-data files are unavailable for research and analysis outside NSO.

Border/Admission Statistics data is obtained from the Ministry of Interior. This category of source originated in Egypt where the data collection is continuously carried out by the agency. It processes the following five population groups of all age groups:

- *Entry nationals returning from residence abroad,*
- *Exit nationals going abroad to live,*
- *Exit nationals leaving for temporary purposes,*

- *Foreigners (non-citizens) entering country for temporary purposes, and*
- *Refugees.*

The source obtains demographic characteristics of these persons, such as age and educational attainment. The statistics cover migration related characteristics such as:

- Country of birth,
- Country of citizenship,
- Country of residence,
- Country entering from,
- Reason for departure,
- Reason for coming to country,
- 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 and occupation is raised at the source. All the data collected through the record is sent to CAMPAS, where it is disseminated.

All the passengers arriving to the country regardless of the purpose of the visit are described as “*overseas visitors*”. Micro-data files are unavailable outside the agency.

The ***Register of Work Permits for Nationals to Work Abroad*** is carried out by Ministry of Interior on continuously basis, starting from 1984. The source geographically appraises the whole country and collects data on the ***nationals (citizens) in the country, nationals (citizens) employed in the country, and nationals (citizens) living and working abroad*** of 15 years old and over. In the register, data can be found on demographic characteristics such as sex and educational attainment. Migration related characteristics accessible through the source are:

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

Moreover, it specifies employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment and individual earnings of population groups covered in the administrative record. All the data collected through the record is sent to CAMPAS, where it is disseminated.

Micro-data files are unavailable outside the agency.

The ***Register of Work Permits Issued to Foreign Workers*** is held continuously by the Ministry of Manpower and Migration. It covers the whole country and amasses information on the following population groups of 18 years and older:

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

Demographic characteristics such as age, marital status, sex, and educational attainment are accessible though the register. Question on international migration characteristics are asked including country of birth, country of citizenship, year of arrival, time period allowed to stay, reason for coming to country, nationality, and foreign workers in the country. Labour related characteristics of persons examined such as employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, and status in employment are covered in the source.

Q1. Population Census

SOURCE

Title of source: Population, Housing and Establishment Census 2006

Year of last census: 2006

Agency responsible: CAPMAS (Central Agency for Public Mobilization and 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, foreigners (*non-citizens*) living in the country, foreign workers (*non-citizens*) 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, country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned.

- **Coverage for international migration related characteristics:** All persons
- **Exceptions for international migration related characteristics:** N.A.

Information about household members left to live abroad: Yes

- **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:** Sex

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: 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: The household members who live abroad 6 months or more.

Definition of employment: They are the individuals of (15 years and above) who are performing any economic activity for some time (one hour at least) during the short reference period (one week) whether inside or outside establishments.

It also includes individuals who were assigned to a job but couldn't practice it over the period of survey because of temporary reasons or work nature including illness, injury, holidays, training or scholarship, labour dispute and work irregularity in the establishment. The working population excludes individuals who are engaged in a work, but they are in unpaid leaves for one year or more as long as they don't work during the survey week.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: National adaptation from ISCO-88

- **Number of digits used to release occupation data:** 6

Classification used for industry: National adaptation from ISIC rev 4

- **Number of digits used to release industry data:** 6

Classification used for status in employment: ICSE-1993

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: No

Dissemination of results: Printed publications – May, 2008; Electronic format; Web site – www.capmas.gov.eg; Census Info.

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: Yes

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

Q2. Household Survey

SOURCE

Title of survey: Egypt Household International Migration Survey 2013

Agency responsible: CAPMAS

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data collection: Only once, the last one was in January 2013

Year the survey first started: 2013

Geographical coverage: Whole country

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

Age coverage: 15+

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 for foreigners, country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned, nationality, foreign workers in the country, household members living abroad, country of origin, remittances received from abroad or sent to household members living abroad.

- **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.
- **Exceptions for international migration related characteristics:** N.A.

Information about household members left to live abroad: Yes, for at least 6 months.

- **Information refers to the last time the person left:** Yes
- **Limited to certain age and work status:** 15+
- **Limited to those who left the household abroad within the last X years and have not returned:** 13 years
- **Characteristics of persons who left to live abroad:** Name, sex, month/year of departure, main reason for leaving this country, age at time of leaving household, age at present, marital status at time of leaving, marital status at present, education at present, employment status at time of leaving, employment status at present, occupation at time of leaving, occupation at present, whether that person intends to return, whether that person made own decision to migrate or if someone else in household also made the decision, the level of knowledge of the language of the destination country before moving there, whether that person had visited that country before moving there, whether that person had visited any other country before, and which country/countries, whether that person had a visa or other document for legal entry into that country before moving there.

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

Benefits received from the employer: Retirement pension, subsidized housing, health insurance or subsidized health care, paid vacation, free or subsidized food, pay for overtime work, maternity leave or vacation parental care, compensation for work injuries, paid sick leave.

Remittances related characteristics: Remittances received, remittances sent

Information on immigrants and return migrants: Persons who ever lived outside this country, period of arrival to this country.

- **Information on the situation of the person prior to leaving the country of residence is obtained:** Employment status, status in employment, reason for choosing to migrate to this country, reason for leaving previous country of residence.

Data collected and not published/disseminated: No

Information on persons who left to live or work abroad (*recruitment, communication, assistance etc.*): Recruitment, assistance.

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of international migrant workers: Forced Migrant. Every non-citizen identified as potential 'Forced Migrant' and who is currently 15 years of age or more.

Definition of national (citizen) living abroad: Every person who used to live in the sample household and who is currently abroad and aged 15 years or more.

Definition of employment: They are the individuals of (15 years and above) who are performing any economic activity for some time (one hour at least) during the short reference period (one week) whether inside or outside establishments.

It also includes individuals who were assigned to a job but couldn't practice it over the period of survey because of temporary reasons or work nature including illness, injury, holidays, training or scholarship, labour dispute and work irregularity in the establishment. The working population excludes individuals who are engaged in a work, but they are in unpaid leaves for one year or more as long as they don't work during the survey week.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: National adaptation of ISCO-88

- **Number of digits used to release occupation data:** 6

Classification used for industry: National adaptation of ISIC rev 4

- **Number of digits used to release industry data:** 6

Classification used for status in employment: ICSE-1993

Classification used for status in education: ISCED-1997

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: Expected availability is in December 2015.

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: No

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

SAMPLE DESIGN

Sample frame used: Population Census and UNHCR for the forced migration survey

Completed sample size:

- Total households – 80,000;
- Emigrants – 3,000.

Evaluation of the overall response rate or refusal rate: Yes

Q3. Border/Admission Statistics

SOURCE

Title of source: N.A.

Agency responsible: Ministry of Interior

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data collection: Continuously

Year the statistics first started: N.A.

Population coverage: Entry nationals (citizens) returning from residence abroad, exit nationals (citizens) going abroad to live, exit nationals (citizens) leaving for temporary reasons,, foreigners (non-citizens) entering country for temporary purposes, refugees.

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

Age coverage: All ages

CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS COVERED

Demographic characteristics: Age, educational attainment

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

Labour related characteristics: Employment status, occupation.

Data collected and not published/disseminated: All the data send to CAMPAS and then CAMPAS disseminated.

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of overseas visitor: It refers to all passengers arriving into the country regardless of the purpose of the visit.

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: Self-administrated form

Dissemination of results: N.A.

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: No

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

Q6.1. Administrative Source: Work Permits for Nationals to Work Abroad

SOURCE

Title of source: Work Permits for Nationals to Work Abroad

Agency responsible: Ministry of Interior

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

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data release: Continuously

Year the source first started: 1984

Geographical coverage: Whole country

Population coverage: Nationals (citizens) in the country, nationals (citizens) employed in the country, nationals (citizens) living and working abroad.

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

Age coverage: 15+

DATA COLLECTED ON PERSONS IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE SOURCE

Demographic characteristics: Sex, educational attainment

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

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

Data collected and not published/disseminated: All the data send to CAMPAS and then CAMPAS disseminated.

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: Citizens ask to get permits to work abroad after getting job opportunity abroad.

Definition of individual earnings: Not specified.

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: Data sent to CAMPAS

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: No

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

Q6.2. Administrative Source: Register of Work Permits Issued to Foreign Workers

SOURCE

Title of source: Register of Work Permits Issued to Foreign Workers

Agency responsible: Ministry of Manpower and Migration

Kind of source: Register of work permits issued to foreign workers

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data release: Continuously

Year the source first started: N.A.

Geographical coverage: Whole country

Population coverage: Foreigners (*non-citizens*) living in the country, foreigners (*non-citizens*) living and working in the country, refugees, asylum seekers.

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

Age coverage: 18+

DATA COLLECTED ON PERSONS IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE SOURCE

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

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

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

Data collected and not published/disseminated: All the data sent to CAMPAS.

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: Web site – www.manpower.gov.eg

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: No

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