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Region: Asia and the Pacific

Income group: Upper-middle income

Summary: FIJI has reported the *Census of Population & Housing* as one metadata source collecting information on international labour migration statistics. The Fiji Bureau of Statistics carries it out.

Geographically the census covers whole country, and various population groups 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.*

The *Population and Housing Census* was last processed in 2007. The five essential demographic characteristics covered by the census are age, sex, marital status, educational attainment, and household size.

International migration characteristics covered by the census 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 also asks information about household members and their characteristics who left to live, work or study abroad.

Labour related characteristics that can be found in the Census include employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, and disability.

Definitions of “*international migrant workers*”, “*nationals living abroad*”, and “*employment*” are applied in the Census.

To classify occupation, industry, and education, internationally and nationally adapted classifications are applied in the census.

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

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 & Housing	Fiji Bureau of Statistics	-	-	2007

Findings:

The latest *Census of Population & Housing* was processed in 2007 by the Fiji Bureau 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,
- 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 *2007 Fiji Census of Population & Housing* includes questions about remittance including remittance received and reference period for remittances. The census contains questions, which help to collect information on immigrants and return migrants such as "Have you ever lived outside the country?" In addition to the characteristics, the Census asks information about household members who left to live, work or study abroad within the last five years, such as:

- Name,
- Sex,
- Age at present,
- Marital status at present,
- Education at present,
- Employment status at present, and
- Occupation at present.

The *2007 Fiji Census of Population & Housing* covers labour related characteristics of all current household members aged 10 years old and over, such as employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, and disability.

To measure "*international migrant workers*", the *2007 Fiji Census of Population & Housing* uses "*Permit holder*" and "*Exempted persons*" as follows:

- "*Permit holders*" are defined as those who have to obtain permits to reside and work in Fiji. Religious workers, persons employed by local firms and people with professional qualifications specially allowed into the country fall into this category.
- "*Exempted persons*" are defined as those who are "*entitled to enter Fiji from any place outside Fiji without obtaining a permit to enter and reside under the Immigration Act*". Diplomats stationed in Fiji, expatriates employed by Fiji Government and former Fiji Citizens fall into this category.

"*National living abroad*" refers to those who leave the country permanently on emigration and on expiry of contract or terms of office. "*Employment*" refers to those who aged 10 and over were in one of the following options during reference period: (1) Work for money; (2) Work to support the household by producing goods for sale; (3) Work to support the household by producing goods for own consumption.

To classify occupation, industry, and education, both internationally and nationally adapted classifications are applied. For example:

- Fiji Islands Standard Classification of Occupation (FISCO) 2007 (where four digits are used to release the data);
- FSIC 2004 based on the UN's ISIC Rev. 3.1. (Currently Fiji Bureau of Statistics within the production boundary of the System of National Accounts 2008 uses FSIC 2010 which extends to economic activity); and

- ICSE-1993.

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Q1. Population Census

SOURCE

Title of source: 2007 Fiji Census of Population & Housing

Year of last census: 2007

Agency responsible: Fiji Bureau 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, nationals (citizens) employed 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:** All persons
- **Exceptions for international migration related characteristics:** No

Information about household members left to live abroad: Yes (For the last 12 months)

- **Information refers to the last time the person left:** No
- **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:** Yes (Cut-off years: 5)
- **Characteristics of persons who left to live abroad:** Name, sex, 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:** 10 years old and over

Remittances related characteristics: Remittance received, reference period for remittances

Information on immigrants and return migrants: Yes (Questions like "Have you ever lived outside the country?")

- **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 is defined with "*permit holders*" and "*exempted persons*" as follows:

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- "*Exempted persons*" are defined as those who are "*entitled to enter Fiji from any place outside Fiji without obtaining a permit to enter and reside under the Immigration Act*". Diplomats stationed in Fiji, expatriates employed by Fiji Government and former Fiji Citizens fall into this category.

Definition of national (citizen) living abroad: It refers to who leave the country permanently on emigration and on expiry of contract or terms of office.

Definition of employment: It refers to those who aged 10 and over were in one of the following options during reference period: (1) Work for money; (2) Work to support the household by producing goods for sale; (3) Work to support the household by producing goods for own consumption.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: Fiji Islands Standard Classification of Occupation (FISCO) 2007

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

Classification used for industry: FSIC 2004 based on the UN's ISIC Rev. 3.1.

- **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: N.A.

DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION

Data collection method: Face-to-face interview by census enumerator using paper questionnaire (PAPI), self-administered mail questionnaire (household receives census questionnaire by mail, returns by mail)

Compulsory participation of households: Yes

Official estimate of under-coverage rate: No

Dissemination of results: Printed publications (1. Facts and Figures (annual release), 2. Key Stats (quarterly release)); Web site

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: N.A.

Micro-data availability outside NSO/responsible agency: No