

FRANCE

Region: Europe and Central Asia

Income group: High income

Summary: France has reported 2 metadata sources, which collect information on international labour migration statistics. There are the *Annual Census* carried out by the INSEE and the *record of IT Application for Managing the Files of Third-country Nationals in France* held by the Ministry of the Interior, Directorate-General for Foreigners in France.

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

- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country (covered by the Annual Census and the IT Application for Managing the Files of Third-country Nationals in France),*
- *Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country (covered by the Annual census),*
- *Refugees (covered by the Annual census and the IT Application for Managing the Files of Third-country Nationals in France), and*
- *Asylum seekers (covered by the Annual Census and the IT Application for Managing the Files of Third-country Nationals in France).*

Periodicity of data collection varies depending on the type of source. The *Annual Census* was last processed in 2011 and the *IT Application for Managing the Files of Third-country Nationals in France* is released every six months starting from 2005.

The two essential demographic characteristics covered by both the sources are age and sex. Data on marital status, educational attainment, and household size can also be found in *the Annual Census*.

International migration characteristic covered by both the sources is country of birth. Additionally, the *Annual Census* covers country of previous residence for foreigners and country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned. Data on year of arrival, nationality, time period allowed to stay, and administrative reason for entry are also found in the *IT Application for Managing the Files of Third-country Nationals in France*.

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

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

To classify occupation, industry, status in employment, and education, national adaptations of international classifications are used in the *Annual Census*. In the *IT Application for Managing the Files of Third-country Nationals in France* the definitions and classifications are not applied.

Micro data from the sources are available for research and analysis outside the agency at different costs depending on the demands.

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	Annual Census	INSEE	-	-	2014
Q6. Administrative Sources	IT Application for Managing the Files of Third-country Nationals in France	Ministry of the Interior, Directorate-General for Foreigners in France	Every six months	2005	-

Findings:

The latest *Annual Census* was processed in 2014 by the INSEE, covering the whole country. There are four population groups examined in the source:

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

The *Annual 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 previous residence for foreigners, and
- Country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned.

The *Annual Census* covers labour related characteristics of all current household members aged 14 years and over, such as:

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

In the *Annual Census*, in general, persons of foreign nationality working in France is considered as "*International migrant workers*", but according to the studies, they may also be persons who have acquired French nationality since their arrival in France. "*National living abroad*" is a person of French nationality living abroad. The concept of "*Employment*" is not specified. It is a declaration by the respondent who declares himself or herself not to work. The employment figures from the population census are not comparable to employment data from the Labour Force Survey (LFS) which complies with the ILO notions.

To classify occupation, industry, status in employment, and education, national adaptation of international classifications are applied. For example:

- National adaptation of ISCO (where four digits are used to release the data);
- National adaptation of ISIC (where four digits are used to release the data);

- National adaptation of ICSE; and
- National adaptation of ISCED.

Micro data are available for research and analysis outside the agency. Cost of obtaining the data depends on the demand.

The *IT Application for Managing the Files of Third-country Nationals in France* is a register of international migrants, which is carried out by the Ministry of the Interior, Directorate-General for Foreigners in France (DGEF) and released every six months starting from 2005. The source appraises whole country and collects data on the following three population groups:

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

In the register, data can be found on demographic characteristics such as age and sex. International migration related characteristics accessible through the source are:

- Country of birth,
- Year of arrival,
- Nationality,
- Time period allowed to stay, and
- Administrative reason for entry.

Micro data from the source are available for research and analysis outside the agency.

Q1. Population Census

SOURCE

Title of source: Annual Census

Year of last census: 2014

Agency responsible: INSEE

COVERAGE

Geographical coverage: Whole country

- Annual census s in metropolitan France and in the 4 overseas départements (Guyana, Martinique, Réunion, Guadeloupe). In the 5th department overseas, ie Mayotte, census every 5 years.

Population groups covered: Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country, foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country, refugees, asylum seekers,

- **Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered:** 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, country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned

- **Coverage for international migration related characteristics:**
 - Country of birth: All persons
 - Country of previous residence for foreigners and country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned: Not for all
- **Exceptions for international migration related characteristics:** Exceptions for country of previous residence for foreigners and for country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned: The place of residence on the first of January of the year N-1 is asked of all persons concerned by the annual census of the year N. we know the previous country of residence for those who have arrived in France since Year or less.

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

- **Age coverage:** 14 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: N.A.

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of international migrant workers: In general, a person of foreign nationality working in France is considered as a migrant worker, but according to the studies, they may also be persons who have acquired French nationality since their arrival in France.

Definition of national (citizen) living abroad: A national residing abroad is a person of French nationality living abroad

Definition of employment: In the annual census, the concept is not specified. It is a declaration by the respondent who declares himself or herself not to work. The employment figures from the population census are not comparable to employment data from the Labour Force Survey (LFS) which complies with the ILO notions.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: National adaptation of ISCO

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

Classification used for industry: National adaptation of ISIC

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

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: A questionnaire filed at the domicile by the enumerator, to complete and return to the enumerator at the time of his next visit, for the last two years, the possibility of informing the individual newsletter via the internet, for more details, see <http://www.insee.fr/fr/bases-de-donnees/default.asp?page=recensement/resultats/documentation-aide.htm>

Compulsory participation of households: Yes

Official estimate of under-coverage rate: No

Dissemination of results: Web site

(<http://www.insee.fr/fr/bases-de-donnees/default.asp?page=recensements.htm>)

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: Yes

Micro-data availability outside NSO/responsible agency: Yes

- **Limitations:** See the website: <http://www.insee.fr/fr/bases-de-donnees/default.asp?Page=census/results/documentation-aide.htm>
- **Cost of obtaining micro-data:** Many data are online. Otherwise, for data not available on the site, everything depends on the demand.

Q6. Administrative Sources

SOURCE

Title of source: IT Application for Managing the Files of Third-country Nationals in France

Agency responsible: Ministry of the Interior, Directorate-General for Foreigners (DGEF)

Kind of source: Register of international migrants

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data release: Every six months

Limited to certain age or work status: 2005

Geographical coverage: Whole country (The whole of the country here refers to metropolitan France)

Population coverage: Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country, refugees, asylum seekers

- **Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered:** Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country, refugees, asylum seekers

Age coverage: Other (Minors have no obligation to hold a residence permit unless they are working and are between the ages of 16 and 18)

DATA COLLECTED ON PERSONS IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE SOURCE

Demographic characteristics: Age, sex

Migration related characteristics: Country of birth, year of arrival, nationality, time period allowed to stay, administrative reason for entry

Labour related characteristics: N.A.

Data collected and not published/disseminated: No

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: 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 (<http://www.immigration.interieur.gouv.fr/>)

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: No

Micro-data availability outside NSO/responsible agency: Yes

- **Limitations:** Dissemination following research project, or agreement with the Ministry of the Interior
- **Cost of obtaining micro-data:** N.A.