FRENCH POLYNESIA

Region: Asia and the Pacific

Income group: High income

Summary: French Polynesia has reported 2 metadata sources, which collect information on international labour migration statistics. There are the Housing and Population Census carried out by the Census of the Population of French Polynesia and the Statistics on Foreign Workers held by the Employment and Vocational Training Employment Service.

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

- Nationals (citizens) in the country (covered by the Census of the Population of French Polynesia)
- Nationals (citizens) employed in the country (covered by the Census of the Population of French Polynesia)
- Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country (covered by the Census of the Population of French Polynesia)
- Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country (covered by the Census of the Population of French Polynesia and the Statistics on Foreign Workers)

Periodicity of data collection varies depending on the type of source. The Census of the Population of French Polynesia was last processed in 2007 and the Statistics on Foreign Workers is annually carried out. The Statistics on Foreign Workers cover all ages of workers obtaining a work permit.

The four essential demographic characteristics covered by both the census and administrative record are age, sex, marital status, and educational attainment. Data on household size also is generated in the census.

International migration characteristic covered by all the sources is country of citizenship. Additionally, the Census of the Population of French Polynesia asks questions on country of birth, country of previous residence for foreigners, country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned and information on immigrants and return migrants and the Statistics on Foreign Workers cover year of arrival, nationality, foreign workers in the country, and time period allowed to stay.

Labour related characteristic that can be found in both the sources include occupation and industry/economic sector. Data on employment status, status in employment, and hours usually worked is added in the census.

Definitions of “international migrant workers” and, “employment” are applied. To classify occupation, industry, and education, nationally adapted classifications are used in the sources.

Micro data are unavailable for research and analysis outside the agency.
Findings:

The latest *Census of the Population of French Polynesia* in was processed in 2012 by the Institute of the Statistics of French Polynesia, 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, country of previous residence for foreigners, and country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned. The census contains questions, which help to collect information on immigrants and return migrants such as "Have you ever lived outside the country?" and "When did you arrive in this country?" The *Census of the Population of French Polynesia* covers labour related characteristics of all current household members of all ages, such as:

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

"Employment" is classified as those who claim to be employed the week before the interview. Individuals who help a family member for their work, paid interns, and people working while studying are part of the employed. To classify occupation, industry, and education, nationally adapted classifications are applied.

- Nomenclature PCS;
- NAF 2008; and
- PCS.
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The Statistics on Foreign Workers is a register of work permits for foreign workers from the Employment and Vocational Training Employment Service annually. The source appraises whole country and collects data on the Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country of all ages of workers obtaining a work permit.

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

- Year of arrival,
- Country of citizenship,
- Nationality,
- Foreign workers in the country, and
- Time period allowed to stay.

For the population groups assessed in the Statistics on Foreign Workers, the data on labour related characteristics is available, particularly for industry/economic sector and occupation.

"International migrant workers" refer to workers who are not nationals French. To classify occupation, industry, and education, nationally adapted classifications are applied. For example:

- Operational Directory of Trades (ROME);
- French Activity Nomenclature; and
- Local Nomenclature of Diplomas and Degrees.

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

Q1. Population Census

**SOURCE**

**Title of last source:** Census of the Population of French Polynesia 2012

**Year of last census:** 2012

**Agency responsible:** Institute of the Statistics of French Polynesia

**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

**TOPIC COVERED**

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

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

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, hours usually worked

- **Age coverage**: All ages

Remittances related characteristics: N.A.

Information on immigrants and return migrants: Yes

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

**CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS**

Definition of international migrant workers: N.A.

Definition of national (citizen) living abroad: N.A.

**Definition of employment**: It refers to those who claim to be employed, the week before the interview. Individuals who help a family member for their work, paid interns, and people working while studying are part of the employed.

**CLASSIFICATION**

Classification used for occupation: Nomenclature PCS

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

Classification used for industry: NAF 2008

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

Classification used for status in employment: N.A.

Classification used for status in education: PCS

**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, electronic format (CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, diskettes, etc.), Yes, Web site (http://www.ispf.pf/bases/Recensements/2012.aspx)

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: Yes

Micro-data availability outside NSO/responsible agency: No
Q6. Administrative Sources

SOURCE

Title of source: Statistics on Foreign Workers
Agency responsible: Employment and Vocational Training Employment Service
Kind of source: Register of work permits for foreign workers

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data release: An analysis of the work permits is carried out in the annual activity report of the service
Year the source first started: N.A.
Geographical coverage: Whole country
Population coverage: Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country
  - Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered: Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country
Age coverage: All ages of workers obtaining a work permit

DATA COLLECTED ON PERSONS IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE SOURCE

Demographic characteristics: Age, sex, marital status, educational attainment
International migration related characteristics: Year of arrival, country of citizenship, nationality, foreign workers in the country, time period allowed to stay
Labour related characteristics: Industry/economic sector, occupation
Data collected and not published/disseminated: Yes
Number and name of question not published: C1. Age, Marital status, Sex
Reason not published: Not really useful in the context of the activity report on work permits.

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of international migrant workers: It refers to those who are not nationals French.
Definition of short-term migrant workers: N.A.
Definition of a national living abroad: N.A.
Definition of employment: Operational Directory of Trades (ROME)
Definition of individual earnings: N.A.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: Operational Directory of Trades (ROME)
  - Number of digits used to release occupation data: N.A.
Classification used for industry: French Activity Nomenclature (NAF)
- Number of digits used to release industry data: N.A.
- Classification used for status in employment: N.A.
- Classification used for status in education: Local Nomenclature of Diplomas and Degrees

**DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION**

Compulsory registration for the population groups covered: Yes

Official estimate of coverage rate:

- Coverage rate of foreign migrant workers living in the country: 100%


Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: No

Micro-data availability outside NSO/responsible agency: No