

GABON

Region: Central Africa

Income group: Upper-middle income

Summary: Gabon has reported 2 metadata sources, which collect information on international labour migration statistics such as the *General Population and Housing Census* and *Estimation of International Migrant Workers* carried by the General Directorate of Statistics (DGS).

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

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country(covered by the General Population and Housing Census and the Estimation of International Migrant Workers),*
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country(covered by the General Population and Housing Census and the Estimation of International Migrant Workers),*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country(covered by the General Population and Housing Census and the Estimation of International Migrant Workers),*
- *Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country(covered by the General Population and Housing Census and the Estimation of International Migrant Workers), and*
- *Child workers (non-citizens) in the country (covered by the Estimation of International Migrant Workers).*

The *General Population and Housing Census* was the *Estimation of International Migrant Workers* last processed in 2013.

The five essential demographic characteristics covered by all sources are age, sex, marital status, household size, and educational attainment. In the *Estimation of International Migrant Workers*, household composition can be found. Both sources amass international migration characteristics, the questions on country of birth, country of citizenship, and country of previous residence. Additionally, reason for migration is in the *Estimation of International Migrant Workers*. Labour related characteristics such as employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, employment situation, and household income are available in both sources. Additional information on disability and individual earnings and per month can be found in the *General Population and Housing Census*, whereas wage rate in the *Estimation of International Migrant Workers*.

Definitions of “*international migrant workers*”, “*national living abroad*”, “*short-term migrant worker*”, “*employment*” and “*household income*” are used in the sources.

To classify occupation, industry, status in employment, and education nationally adapted classifications are used.

Micro data from sources are not available 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	General Population and Housing Census	General Directorate of Statistics (DGS)	Every 10 years	-	2013
Q7. Estimation of International Migrant Workers in the Country	General Population and Housing Census	General Directorate of Statistics (DGS)	Every 10 years	-	2013

Findings:

The *General Population and Housing Census* was last processed in 2013 and is held every 10 years by the General Directorate of Statistics (DGS). It geographically covers the whole country and the following population groups of all ages:

- *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 source collects demographic related characteristics of persons examined such as age, sex, marital status, educational attainment, and household size. International migration related characteristics from the *General Population and Housing Census* comprise such as:

- Country of birth,
- Country of citizenship,
- Second country of citizenship,
- Country of previous residence for foreigners, and
- Country of previous residence for citizens lived abroad but returned.

Information on the household members who left to live abroad for at least six months is collected. Labour related characteristics include employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, individual earnings per month, and household income, for which age groups covered are 6 years and older, and disability, which is covered for all ages.

The *General Population and Housing Census* contains questions, which help to collect information on immigrants and return migrants such as: ‘*Have you ever lived outside this country?*’ and ‘*When did you arrive to this country?*’

“*International migrant workers*” refers to all foreigners (non-Gabon persons) who are installed in Gabon for any reason. “*Nationals living abroad*” are defined as all Gabonese who is installed outside of Gabon for a period of

more than six months for any reason. **“Employment”** is to exercising any economic activity. To classify occupation, industry, status in employment, and education nationally adapted classifications are used such as:

- 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 from the source are not available for research and analysis outside the agency.

The General Directorate of Statistics (DGS) has released the *Estimation of International Migrant Workers* by using the *General Population and Housing Census*, every 10 years. It geographically covers the whole country and the following population groups of all ages:

- *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, and*
- *Child workers (non-citizens) in the country.*

The source collects demographic related characteristics of persons examined such as age, sex, marital status, educational attainment, and household size, and household composition. International migration related characteristics from the source comprise such as:

- Country of birth
- Country of citizenship
- Previous country of citizenship
- Country of previous residence, and
- Reason for migration.

Labour related characteristics include employment situation, occupation, industry/economic sector, employment situation, individual income, household income, and wage rate.

“International migrant workers” refers to anyone working outside their country of origin. **“Nationals living abroad”** are defined as a person who lives outside his/her country of origin for at least 6 months. **“Short-term migrant worker”** are people who exercised economic activity outside their home country for a period of 6 months or less. **“Employment”** is a contract between two parties: one party employs the other party to perform work for remuneration. **“Household income”** is a sum of income of each member in the household.

To classify occupation, industry, status in employment, and education nationally adapted classifications are used such as:

- 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.

Q1. Population Census

SOURCE

Title of source: General Population and Housing Census

Year of last census: 2013

Agency responsible: General Directorate of Statistics (DGS)

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, foreigners (*non-citizens*) working and living in the country.

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

TOPICS COVERED

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

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 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: In the last 6 months

- **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:** N.A.

Labour related characteristics of all current household members: Employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, disability, individual earnings per month, household income.

- **Age coverage:** Employment status, industry / economic sector, individual earnings per month, status in employment (6+); Disability (all ages).

Remittances related characteristics: N.A.

Information on immigrants and return migrants: Persons ever lived outside this country, period of arrival to this 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: All data collected during the 2013 RGPL is being processed. Only preliminary results are available.

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of international migrant workers: All foreigners (non-Gabon persons) who are installed in Gabon for any reason.

Definition of national (citizen) living abroad: All Gabonese who is installed outside of Gabon for a period of more than six months for any reason.

Definition of employment: Employment is equal to exercising any economic activity.

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: Face-to-face interview by census enumerator using paper questionnaire (PAPI).

Compulsory participation of households: No

Official estimate of under-coverage rate: N.A.

Dissemination of results:

- Printed publications – preliminary results;
- Electronic format;
- Web site – www.stat-gabon.com;
- The results are published in all forms, but not yet available for the RGPL2013.

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: No

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

Q7. Estimation of International Migrant Workers in the Country

SOURCE

Title of source: General Population and Housing Census

Reference year: 2013

Agency responsible: General Directorate of Statistics (DGS)

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data release: Every 10 years

Year the source first started: N.A.

Geographical coverage: Whole country

Population coverage: 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, child workers (*non-citizens*) in the country.

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

Age coverage: All ages

TOPICS COVERED

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

International migration related characteristics: Country of birth, country of citizenship, previous country of citizenship, country of previous residence, reason for migration.

Labour related characteristics: Employment situation, occupation, industry/economic sector, employment situation, individual income, household income, wage rate.

Remittances related characteristics: N.A.

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of migrant worker: Anyone working outside their country of origin.

Definition of short-term migrant worker: These are people who exercised economic activity outside their home country for a period of 6 months or less.

Definition of a national (citizen) living abroad: This is a person who lives outside his/her country of origin for at least 6 months.

Definition of employment: Employment is a contract between two parties: one party employs the other party to perform work for remuneration.

Definition of household income: It is a sum of income of each member in the household.

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

Dissemination of results:

- Printed publications – only preliminary results are available;
- Electronic format;
- Web site – www.stat-gabon.com (as soon as possible);
- E-mail: plan.dgsee@yahoo.fr;
- Only preliminary results of the 2013 RGPL are available.

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: No