

## GAMBIA

**Region:** Africa

**Income group:** Low income

**Summary:** Gambia has reported 4 metadata sources, which collect information on international labour migration statistics: a census of the *Population and Housing Census*; two surveys such as *Labour Force Survey*, and *Integrated Household Survey*; an estimation of *Estimation of International Migrant Workers in the Country*, which are carried out by the Gambia Bureau of Statistics.

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

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country (covered by all the sources),*
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country (covered by all the sources),*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country (covered by all the sources),*
- *Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country (covered by the 2013 Population and Housing Census and the Labour Force Survey),*
- *Refugees (covered by the 2013 Population and Housing Census), and*
- *Asylum seekers (covered by the 2013 Population and Housing Census).*

Periodicity of data collection varies depending on the type of sources. The *Population and Housing Census* in Gambia was last processed in 2013; the *Labour Force Survey* was carried out in April 2012; and the *Integrated Household Survey* collects the data every five years starting from 2015. Both the *Population and Housing Census* and the *Integrated Household Survey* amasses statistics on persons aged seven years and older, whereas the *Labour Force Survey* examines persons aged 15 years and older.

The essential demographic characteristics covered by the sources are age, gender, marital status, educational attainment, household size, and household composition. All the surveys collect information related to migration characteristics of the persons examined, questions on the nationality, country of citizenship, and country of previous residence are asked. Labour related characteristics such as employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, hours usually worked, and disability are available in all the surveys. The characteristics such as individual earnings, household income, occupational injury, wage or earnings rates, and months worked in the past year can be found in the *Labour Force Survey* or in the *Integrated Household Survey*.

Definitions of “*international migrant workers*” and “*employment*” are used in the sources. To classify occupation, industry, status in employment, and status in education, all the sources apply the same internationally or nationally adapted classifications.

Micro data files from the surveys are available outside the Gambia Bureau of Statistics for research and analysis.

## 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	2013 Population and Housing Census	Gambia Bureau of Statistics (GBoS)	-	-	2013
Q2. Household Survey	Q2.1. Labour Force Survey - 2012	Gambia Bureau of Statistics (GBoS)	The last one was in April 2012	2012	2012
	Q2.2. Integrated Household Survey – 2015	Gambia Bureau of Statistics (GBoS)	Every 5 years	2015	2015
Q7. Estimation of International Migrant Workers in the Country	Labour Force Survey – 2012	Gambia Bureau of Statistics (GBoS)	The last one was in April 2012	2012	2012

## Findings:

The latest *Population and Housing Census* in Gambia was carried out in 2013 by the Gambia Bureau of Statistics (GBoS) covering the country's entire population. There are six population groups examined in the *Population and Housing Census*:

- *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,*
- *Refugees, and*
- *Asylum seekers.*

The *Population and Housing Census* obtains detailed data on demographic characteristics of these population groups. The questions raised in the assessment on the topic of international migration related characteristics, comprise country of birth, country of citizenship, and country of previous residence for foreigners. In addition to demographic characteristics, the *Population and Housing Census* covers labour related characteristics of all current household members aged seven years and older such as:

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

The *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?'

**“Employment”** consists of all persons aged seven years and over who, during the 30-days reference period, were in the following categories; 1) performed some work for wage or salary either in cash or in kind or worked without pay; 2) had a job to go back to, but did not work.

To classify occupation, industry, status in employment, and education in Gambia, internationally and nationally adapted classifications are applied. For example:

- ISCO - 08 (where one digit is used to release the data);
- ISIC rev 4 (where one digit is used to release the data);
- ICSE - 1993; and
- National adaptation of ISCED.

Micro-data files from the *Population and Housing Census* are available for research or analysis outside the agency.

The *Labour Force Survey* commenced in 2012, and was last time held in April 2012 by the Gambia Bureau of Statistics. A completed sample size of the examination is 4,500 households with 40,026 individuals. It geographically measures the whole country and amasses information on the following three population groups aged 15 years and over:

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country,*
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country, and*
- *Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country.*

The *Labour Force Survey* retrieves the data on demographic characteristics, of each person in a household. For information on international migration, the survey covers 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, and country of origin.

Data on labour related characteristics are available in the source, particularly for:

- Employment status,
- Occupation,
- Industry/economic sector,
- Status in employment,
- Individual earnings per month,
- Wage or earnings rate per time period,
- Hours usually worked,
- Months worked in past year,
- Occupational injury, and
- Disability.

The *Labour Force Survey* 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?*’

**“Employment”** refers to persons aged 15 years and over who worked at a job or do business for at least one hour during the reference week, for wage or salary, or for other income in cash or in kind. It also includes persons who were temporarily not at work during the reference week because of vacation, temporary slack, off-season, etc. To classify occupation, industry, status in employment, and education in Gambia, internationally and nationally adapted classifications are applied. For example:

- ISCO - 08 (where four digits are used to release the data);
- ISIC rev 4 (where four digits are used to release the data);
- ICSE – 1993; and
- National adaptation of ISCED.

Micro data is available for research and analysis outside the Gambia Bureau of Statistics.

The ***Integrated Household Survey*** commenced in 2015 and is held every five years by the Gambia Bureau of Statistics with a completed sample size of the examination of 13,000 households. It geographically measures the whole country and amasses information on the following three population groups aged seven years and over:

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country,*
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country, and*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country.*

The ***Integrated Household Survey*** retrieves the data on demographic characteristics, of each person in a household. The topics related to the international migration are covered in the survey, specifically it is 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, and remittances received/sent from/to someone living abroad.

For the population groups assessed in the survey, the data on labour related characteristics are available, particularly for:

- Employment status,
- Occupation,
- Industry/economic sector,
- Status in employment,
- Household income,
- Wage or earnings rate per time period,
- Hours usually worked,
- Months worked in past year, and
- Disability.

To classify occupation, industry, status in employment, and education in Gambia, internationally and nationally adapted classifications are applied. For example:

- ISCO - 08 (where four digits are used to release the data);
- ISIC rev 4 (where four digits are used to release the data);
- ICSE – 1993; and
- National adaptation of ISCED.

Micro data is available for research and analysis outside the Gambia Bureau of Statistics.

The ***Labour Force Survey 2012*** is used for an ***Estimation of international migrant workers in the country*** by the Gambia Bureau of Statistics. This covers the whole country and exactly the following four population groups aged 15 years and older:

- *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.*

It accumulates data on demographic characteristics of people such as age, sex, educational attainment, marital status, household size, and household consumption. Statistics on migration related characteristics are also obtained such as:

- Country of birth,
- Country of citizenship,
- Country of previous residence,
- Duration of stay in country to date, and
- Reason for migration.

Labour related characteristics collected in the estimation are: employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, individual income, hours worked, wage rate, and occupational injury.

**“International migrant workers”** refers to employed migrants aged 15 years and over. **“Employment”** refers to persons aged 15 years and over who worked at a job or do business for at least one hour during the reference week, for wage or salary, or for other income in cash or in kind. It also includes persons who were temporarily not at work during the reference week because of vacation, temporary slack, off-season, etc.

To classify occupation, industry, status in employment, and status in education internationally and nationally adapted definitions are applied:

- ISCO – 08 (where four digits are used to release the data);
- ISIC Rev 4 (where four digits are used to release the data);
- ICSE – 1993; and
- National adaptation of ISCED.

## Q1. Population Census

### SOURCE

**Title of source:** 2013 Population and Housing Census

**Year of last census:** 2013

**Agency responsible:** Gambia Bureau of Statistics (GBoS)

### 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, refugees, asylum seekers

- **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, foreigners (*non-citizens*) working and 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 foreigners.

- **Coverage for international migration related characteristics:** All persons
- **Exceptions for international migration related characteristics:** No

**Information about household members left to live abroad:** No

- **Information refers to the last time the person left:** N.A.
- **Limited to certain age and work status:** N.A.
- **Limited to those who left the household abroad within the last X years and have not returned:** N.A.
- **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, hours usually worked, disability.

- **Age coverage:** 7+

**Remittances related characteristics:** N.A.

**Information on immigrants and return migrants:** Persons ever lived outside the 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:** No

#### *CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS*

**Definition of international migrant workers:** No

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

**Definition of employment:** It consists of all persons aged seven years and over who, during the 30-days reference period, were in the following categories; 1)performed some work for wage or salary either in cash or in kind or worked without pay; 2)had a job to go back to, but did not work

#### *CLASSIFICATION*

**Classification used for occupation:** ISCO - 08

- **Number of digits used to release occupation data:** 1

**Classification used for industry:** ISIC rev 4

- **Number of digits used to release industry data:** 1

**Classification used for status in employment:** ICSE - 1993

**Classification used for status in education:** National adaptation of ICSED

#### *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; Web site – [www.gbos.com](http://www.gbos.com); National and Regional Dissemination Workshops.

**Metadata has been prepared and disseminated:** No

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

### **Q2.1. Household Survey: Labour Force Survey**

#### *SOURCE*

**Title of survey:** Labour Force Survey - 2012

**Agency responsible:** Gambia Bureau of Statistics (GBoS)

#### *PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE*

**Periodicity of data collection:** Irregularly, the last one was in April 2012

**Year the survey first started:** 2012

**Geographical coverage:** Whole country

**Population groups covered:** National (*citizens*) in the country, nationals (*citizens*) employed in the country, foreign workers (*non-citizens*) living in the country.

- **Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered:** National (*citizens*) in the country, nationals (*citizens*) employed 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, country of origin, foreign workers in the country.

- **Coverage for international migration related characteristics:** Not for 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:** Age limitation, 5+ - country of birth, country of citizenship, country of previous residence for foreigners, country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned.

**Information about household members left to live abroad:** No

- **Information refers to the last time the person left:** N.A.
- **Limited to certain age and work status:** N.A.
- **Limited to those who left the household abroad within the last X years and have not returned:** N.A.
- **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, individual earnings per month, wage or earnings rate per time period, hours usually worked, months worked in past year, whether person has had an occupational injury, whether person has had disability.

**Benefits received from the employer:** N.A.

**Remittances related characteristics:** No

**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 country of residence is obtained:** N.A.

**Data collected and not published/disseminated:** No

**Information on persons who left to live or work abroad (*recruitment, communication, assistance etc.*):** 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 persons aged 15 years and over who worked at a job or do business for at least one hour during the reference week, for wage or salary, or for other income in cash or in kind. It also includes persons who were temporarily not at work during the reference week because of:

- 1) Vacation, holidays, illness, injury, temporary disability, maternity/paternity leave, bad weather, strike or labour dispute, education or training, or family/community responsibilities, and expected to definitively return to work at the end of the temporary absence.
- 2) Temporary slack work for technical or economic reasons, and expected to definitively return to work within 3 months or less since the start of the absence.
- 3) Off-season, and who had an agreement to go back to their paid employment job with the same employer at the start of the next season and continued to receive a wage or salary from their employer during the off-season.

#### *CLASSIFICATION*

**Classification used for occupation:** ISCO - 08

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

**Classification used for industry:** ISIC rev 4

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

**Classification used for status in employment:** ICSE - 1993

**Classification used for status in education:** National adaptation of ISCED

#### *DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION*

**Data collection method:** Face-to-face interview by interviewer using paper questionnaire (PAPI).

**Compulsory participation of households:** No

**Dissemination of results:** Printed publications

**Metadata has been prepared and disseminated:** Yes

**Micro-data is available outside NSO/responsible agency:** Yes

- **Limitations:** N.A.
- **Cost of obtaining micro-data:** N.A.

#### *SAMPLE DESIGN*

**Sample frame used:** Population census

**Completed sample size:**

- Total households – 4,500;
- Total individuals – 40,026.

**Evaluation of the overall response rate or refusal rate:** Yes

### **Q2.2. Household Survey: Integrated Household Survey**

#### *SOURCE*

**Title of survey:** Integrated Household Survey - 2015

**Agency responsible:** Gambia Bureau of Statistics (GBoS)



## PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

**Periodicity of data collection:** Every 5 years

**Year the survey first started:** 2015

**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.

- **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.

**Age coverage:** 7+

## 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, remittances received/sent from/to someone 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:** No

**Information about household members left to live abroad:** No

- **Information refers to the last time the person left:** N.A.
- **Limited to certain age and work status:** N.A.
- **Limited to those who left the household abroad within the last X years and have not returned:** N.A.
- **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, household income, hours usually worked, months worked in past year, whether person has had disability.

**Benefits received from the employer:** N.A.

**Remittances related characteristics:** Remittances sent/received and total amount in the previous 12 months.

**Information on immigrants and return migrants:** No

- **Information on the situation of the person prior to leaving the country of residence is obtained:** N.A.

**Data collected and not published/disseminated:** No

**Information on persons who left to live or work abroad (*recruitment, communication, assistance etc.*):** No

## CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

**Definition of international migrant workers:** N.A.

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

**Definition of employment:** N.A.

#### *CLASSIFICATION*

**Classification used for occupation:** ISCO - 08

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

**Classification used for industry:** ISIC rev 4

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

**Classification used for status in employment:** ICSE - 1993

**Classification used for status in education:** National adaptation of ISCED

#### *DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION*

**Data collection method:** Face-to-face interview by interviewer using paper questionnaire (PAPI).

**Compulsory participation of households:** No

**Dissemination of results:** Printed publications

**Metadata has been prepared and disseminated:** Yes

**Micro-data is available outside NSO/responsible agency:** Yes

- **Limitations:** N.A.
- **Cost of obtaining micro-data:** N.A.

#### *SAMPLE DESIGN*

**Sample frame used:** Population census

**Completed sample size:** 13,000 households

**Evaluation of the overall response rate or refusal rate:** No

### **Q7. Estimation of International Migrant Workers in the Country**

#### *SOURCE*

**Title of source:** Labour Force Survey

**Reference year:** 2012

**Agency responsible:** Gambia Bureau of Statistics (GBoS)

#### *PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE*

**Periodicity of data release:** Irregularly, the last one was in April 2012

**Year the source first started:** 2012

**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.

- **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, household composition.

**International migration related characteristics:** Country of birth, country of citizenship, country of previous residence, duration of stay in country to date, reason for migration.

**Labour related characteristics:** Employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, individual income, wage rate, hours worked, occupational injury.

**Remittances related characteristics:** N.A.

### *CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS*

**Definition of migrant worker:** It refers to employed migrants aged 15 years and over.

**Definition of short-term migrant worker:** No

**Definition of a national (citizen) living abroad:** No

**Definition of employment:** It refers to persons aged 15 years and over who worked at a job or do business for at least one hour during the reference week, for wage or salary, or for other income in cash or in kind. It also includes persons who were temporarily not at work during the reference week because of:

1) Vacation, holidays, illness, injury, temporary disability, maternity/paternity leave, bad weather, strike or labour dispute, education or training, or family/community responsibilities, and expected to definitively return to work at the end of the temporary absence.

2) Temporary slack work for technical or economic reasons, and expected to definitively return to work within 3 months or less since the start of the absence.

3) Off-season, and who had an agreement to go back to their paid employment job with the same employer at the start of the next season and continued to receive a wage or salary from their employer during the off-season.

**Definition of household income:** No

### *CLASSIFICATION*

**Classification used for occupation:** ISCO - 08

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

**Classification used for industry:** ISIC rev 4

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

**Classification used for status in employment:** ICSE - 1993

**Classification used for status in education:** National adaptation of ISCED

### *DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION*

**Dissemination of results:** Printed publications – The Gambia Labour Survey - 2012

**Metadata has been prepared and disseminated:** Yes