

## HONG KONG, CHINA

**Region:** Asia and the Pacific

**Income group:** High income

**Summary:** Hong Kong, China has reported the *Population Census* as one metadata source, which collects information on international labour migration statistics. The Census and Statistics Department 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 2011. The five essential demographic characteristics covered by the census are age, sex, marital status, educational attainment, and household size.

International migration characteristic covered by the census is country of birth. Labour migration related characteristics that can be found in the census include employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, individual earnings per month, and household income.

Definition of “*employment*” is applied in the census.

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

Micro data of 1% and 5% sample from the census are available for research and analysis outside the agency at different prices.

### 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	Population Census	Census and Statistics Department	-	-	2011

### Findings:

The latest *Population Census* was processed in 2011 by the Census and Statistics Department, 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 question raised in the assessment on the topic of international migration related characteristics is country of birth. The *2011 Population Census* covers labour related characteristics of all current household members aged 15 years old and over, such as:

- Employment status,
- Occupation,
- Industry/economic sector,
- Status in employment,
- Individual earnings per month, and
- Household income.

"*Employment*" refers to persons aged 15 and over who should (a) be engaged in performing work for pay or profit during the seven days before the census; or (b) have formal job attachment during the seven days before the census.

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

- National adaptation of ISCO-08 (where two digits are used to release the data);
- National adaptation of ISIC rev 4 (where two digits are used to release the data);
- ICSE-1993; and
- National adaptation of ISCED-1997.

Micro data are available for research and analysis outside the agency. The cost of 1% and 5% sample data set are HK\$ 1,322 and HK\$ 1,742 respectively.

## Q1. Population Census

### *SOURCE*

**Title of source:** 2011 Population Census

**Year of last census:** 2011

**Agency responsible:** Census and Statistics Department

### *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

**Coverage for international migration related characteristics:**

**Country of birth:** 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, individual earnings per month, household income

- **Age coverage:** 15 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:** Yes

- **Number and name of question not published:** B2. Non-citizens (persons who were not "*Hong Kong Resident Population*" under "*resident population*" approach)
- **Reason not published:** Population not under the coverage of Hong Kong 2011 Population Census.

### **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 and over who should (a) be engaged in performing work for pay or profit during the seven days before the census; or (b) have formal job attachment during the seven days before the census.

### **CLASSIFICATION**

**Classification used for occupation:** National adaptation of ISCO-08

- **Number of digits used to release occupation data:** 2

**Classification used for industry:** National adaptation of ISIC Rev 4

- **Number of digits used to release industry data:** 2

**Classification used for status in employment:** Name of national adaptation of ICSE-1993

**Classification used for status in education:** Name of national adaptation of ISCED-1997

### **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), self-administered online (web) census questionnaire /Computer Assisted Web Interview (CAWI), administrative sources

**Compulsory participation of households:** Yes

**Official estimate of under-coverage rate:** No

**Dissemination of results:** Printed publications (2011 Population Census - Summary Results) (Published in February 2012)), electronic format (CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, diskettes, etc.), Web site (<http://www.census2011.gov.hk>)

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

**Micro-data availability outside NSO/responsible agency:** Yes

- **Limitations:** 1% or 5% sample data sets
- **Cost of obtaining micro-data:** As of February 2015, the cost of 1% and 5% sample data set are HK\$ 1,322 and HK\$ 1,742 respectively.