

INDIA

Region: Asia and the Pacific

Income group: Lower-middle income

Summary: India has reported the *Census of India* based as one metadata source collecting information on international labour migration statistics. The Registrar General carries out it.

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

The *Census of India* was last processed in 2011. The source covers five essential demographic characteristics; age, sex, marital status, educational attainment, and household size.

To regard to international migration characteristic, the census covers 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.

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

The definition of “*employment*” is applied in the census. To classify occupation and industry, nationally adapted classifications are applied in the census.

Micro data of 1% and 5% sample from the census is available for research and analysis outside the agency for free of charge or at various costs depending on service types.

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	Census of India	Office of the Registrar General	-	-	2011

Findings:

The latest *Census of India* was processed in 2011 by the Office of the Registrar General, India (ORGI), covering the whole country. There are six population groups examined in the 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 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 census contains questions, which help to collect information on immigrants and return migrants such as "Have you ever lived outside the country?" The *Census of India 2011* covers labour related characteristics of all current household members of all ages, such as:

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

To measure "*employment*", the *Census of India* uses the terms of "*work*", "*main workers*", and "*non-workers*". Work is defined as participation in any economically productive activity with or without compensation. All persons participating in any economically productive activity for any length of time during the reference year are called workers. Main Workers are who worked for more than 6 months in the reference period. To classify occupation and industry and nationally adapted classifications are applied. For example:

- National Classification of Occupation – 2004 (where four digits are used to release the data); and
- National Industrial Classification – 2008 (where four digits are used to release the data).

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Q1. Population Census

SOURCE

Title of source: Census of India 2011

Year of last census: 2011

Agency responsible: Office of the Registrar General, India (ORGI)

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, 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, foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country, refugees

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:** Not for all
 - **Country of previous residence for foreigners:** All persons
 - **Country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned:** Not for all
- **Exceptions for international migration related characteristics:**
 - **Exceptions for country of birth:** Only for those whose place of birth is different than place of enumeration.
 - **Exceptions for country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned:** Only for those whose place of last residence is different from the place of enumeration.

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:** All ages

Remittances related characteristics: N.A.

Information on immigrants and return migrants: Yes (Questions like "Have you ever lived outside the 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: Yes

- **Number and name of question not published:** C2/C5 (Migration), C3(NIC/ NCO)
- **Reason not published:** Responses were descriptive. Computer Assisted Coding (CAC) of these responses pertaining to relevant records of 121 Crore population are under process.

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of international migrant workers: N.A.

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

Definition of employment: To measure "*employment*", in the terms of "*work*", "*main workers*", and "*non-workers*". Work is defined as participation in any economically productive activity with or without compensation. All persons participating in any economically productive activity for any length of time during the reference year are called workers. Main Workers are who worked for more than 6 months in the reference period.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: National Classification of Occupation - 2004

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

Classification used for industry: National Industrial Classification - 2008

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

Classification used for status in Name employment: N.A.

Classification used for status in education: N.A.

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: Yes

- **Under-coverage rate of total population:** 2.3%

Dissemination of results: Printed publications, Electronic format (CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, diskettes, etc.), Web site (censusindia.gov.in)

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: Yes

Micro-data availability outside NSO/responsible agency: Yes

- **Limitations:** Sample micro data files of Census 2001 & 2011 released. 1% Sample allows generating cross-classified tables for India/ State and 5%/10% Sample files allow generation of tables at State/ district level for big/ small States respectively.
- **Cost of obtaining micro-data:** it is for free or depends on data.