

IRAN, ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF

Region: Asia and the Pacific

Income group: Upper-middle income

Summary: Iran, Islamic Republic of, has reported the *Population and Housing Census* as a metadata source collecting information on international labour migration statistics. The Statistical Centre of Iran 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,*
- *Nationals (citizens) living and working abroad,*
- *Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country,*
- *Refugees, and*
- *Asylum seekers.*

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 characteristics covered by the census are country of birth, country of citizenship, and country of previous residence for foreigners. The census also asks information about household members and their characteristics who left to live, work or study abroad.

Labour related characteristics that can be found in the census include employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, and disability. The 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 files are available for research and analysis outside the agency at various costs depending on the type of data.

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 and Housing Census	Statistical Centre of Iran	-	-	2011

Findings:

The latest *Population and Housing Census* was processed in 2011 by the Statistical Centre of Iran, covering the whole country. There are six population groups examined in the census:

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country,*

- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country,*
- *Nationals (citizens) living and working abroad,*
- *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 citizenship, and country of previous residence for foreigners. In addition to the characteristics, the census asks information about household members who left to live, work or study abroad, such as:

- Name,
- Sex,
- Age at present,
- Marital status at present,
- Education at present,
- Employment status at present, and
- Occupation at present.

The *Population and Housing Census* covers labour related characteristics of all current household members aged 10 years old and over, such as employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, and disability.

In the *Population and Housing Census*, "*employment*" covers all people aged 10 and over worked at least one hour during the reference week, or left the work temporarily for reasons. To classify occupation, industry, status in employment, and education, both internationally and nationally adapted classifications are applied. For example:

- ISCO-88 (where two digits are used to release the data);
- ISIC Rev 4 (where two digits are used to release the data);
- National adaptation of ICSE; and
- ISCED-1997.

Micro data are available for research and analysis outside the agency at various costs.

Q1. Population Census

SOURCE

Title of source: Population and Housing Census

Year of last census: 2011

Agency responsible: Statistical Centre of Iran

COVERAGE

Geographical coverage: Whole country

Population groups covered: Nationals (citizens) in the country, nationals (citizens) employed in the country, nationals (citizens) living and working abroad, 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, nationals (citizens) living and working abroad, foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country, refugees, asylum seekers

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

- **Coverage for international migration related characteristics:**
 - **Country of birth:** Not for all,
 - **Country of citizenship:** All persons
 - **Country of previous residence for foreigners:** Not for all
- **Exceptions for international migration related characteristics:**
 - **Exceptions for country of birth:** We only ask whether the place of birth is city, village or abroad.
 - **Exceptions for country of previous residence for foreigners:** In the question about the "*last place of residence*" we ask whether this place is city, village or abroad.

Information about household members left to live abroad: Yes (Time cut-off: If the household member is abroad only for work or study and expected to return to the country, we consider him as a household member)

- **Information refers to the last time the person left:** No (There is no time limitation, if respondent say he or she will return, we will consider the person as a household member)
- **Limited to certain age or 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:** Name, sex, age at present, marital status at present, education at present, employment status at present, occupation at present

Labour related characteristics of all current household members: Employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, disability

- **Age coverage:** 10 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: No

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of international migrant workers: N.A.

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

Definition of employment: It covers all people aged 10 and over worked at least one hour during the reference week, or left the work temporarily for reasons.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: ISCO-88

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

Classification used for industry: ISIC rev 4

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

Classification used for status in employment: National adaptation of ICSE

Classification used for status in education: ISCED-1997

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, Web site

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: Yes

Micro-data availability outside NSO/responsible agency: Yes

- **Limitations:** The request of concerned organizations.
- **Cost of obtaining micro-data:** It depends on the type of data.