

KYRGYZSTAN

Region: Europe and Central Asia

Income group: Lower middle income

Summary: Kyrgyzstan has reported 4 metadata sources, which collect information on international labour migration statistics. There are the *Census of Population and Housing* and the *Integrated Sample Survey on the Household Budgets and Workforce* carried out by the National Statistical Committee of Kyrgyzstan Republic. There are also two administrative records, such as *Border/Admission Statistics* held by the State Border Service and *register of work permits issued to foreign workers* held by the Ministry of Labour, Migration and Youth, Department on Work with Foreign Labour Force.

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

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country (covered by the Census of Population and Housing and the Integrated Sample Survey on the Household Budgets and Workforce),*
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country (covered by the Census of Population and Housing and the Integrated Sample Survey on the Household Budgets and Workforce),*
- *Nationals (citizens) living and working abroad (covered by the Census of Population and Housing and the Integrated Sample Survey on the Household Budgets and Workforce),*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country (covered by the Census of Population and Housing),*
- *Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country (covered by the register of work permits issued to foreign workers),*
- *Entry nationals (citizens) returning from residence abroad (covered by the Border/Admission Statistics),*
- *Exit nationals (citizens) going abroad to live (covered by the Border/Admission Statistics),*
- *Exit nationals (citizens) leaving for temporary purposes (covered by the Border/Admission Statistics),*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) entering the country to live (covered by the Border/Admission Statistics),*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) entering country for temporary purposes (covered by the Border/Admission Statistics), and*
- *Transit migrants (covered by the Border/Admission Statistics), and*
- *Individuals without citizenship (covered by the Border/Admission Statistics).*

Periodicity of data collection varies depending on the type of sources. The *Census of Population and Housing* in Kyrgyzstan was last processed in March 2009; the *Integrated Sample Survey on the Household Budgets and Workforce* is carried out annually on quarterly basis starting from 2002; the *Border/Admission Statistics* are held continuously since 1999; and the *register of work permits issued to foreign workers* collects the data every month.

The *Census of Population and Housing* cover persons aged 12 years and older, the *Integrated Sample Survey on the Household Budgets and Workforce* compile statistics on population starting from 15 years; and the *Border/Admission Statistics* are spread on persons of all ages.

The two essential demographic characteristics covered by all the sources are age and sex. In the *Census of Population and Housing* and *Integrated Sample Survey on the Household Budgets and Workforce*, the data on marital status, educational attainment. In the *register of work permits issued to foreign workers* the statistics on marital status and educational attainment are compiled. All the sources include questions on international migration characteristics of persons examined, especially the question on country of citizenship is covered by all the sources. The other statistics available include country of birth, nationality, country of origin, previous country of citizenship, country of previous residence, country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned, country entering from, destination country, reason for departure, reason for coming to country, household members living abroad, remittances, year of arrival/departure, foreign workers in the country, and time period allowed to stay.

Labour related characteristics such as employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, hours usually worked, individual earnings, and household income are available in the survey based sources.

Definitions of “*international migrant workers*”, “*nationals living abroad*”, “*overseas visitors*”, “*country of residence*”, and “*employment*” are used in the sources. To classify occupation, industry, status in employment, and education, all the surveys apply internationally and nationally adapted classifications.

Micro data files from the *Border/Admission Statistics* are available for research and analysis only for competent state bodies.

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 Population and Housing	National Statistical Committee of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan	-	-	2009
Q2. Household Survey	Integrated Sample Survey on Household Budgets and Workforce	National Statistical Committee of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan	Every year on quarterly basis	2002	-
Q3. Border/Admission Statistics		The State Border Service of the Kyrgyz Republic	Continuously at checkpoints, monthly, quarterly or annually in the regional offices and the Central Asian Kyrgyzstan Republic GPS	1999	-
Q6. Administrative Sources	Register of Work Permits issued to Foreign Workers	Department on Work with Foreign Labour Force	Every month	-	-

Findings:

The latest *Census of Population and Housing* in Kyrgyzstan was carried out in March 2009 by the National Statistical Committee covering the country’s entire population. There are four population groups examined in the *Census of Population and Housing*:

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country,*
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country,*
- *Nationals (citizens) living and working abroad, and*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country, even if arrived recently.*

The *Census of Population and Housing* 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 of country of birth, country of citizenship, and country of previous residence for citizens who lived

abroad but returned. Statistics on household members that have left the country to live abroad are collected in the source. The question on temporary absence is raised in the census questionnaire. The following characteristics of temporary absent household members are compiled:

- Sex,
- Main reason for leaving,
- Age at present,
- Marital status at present,
- Education at present,
- Employment status at present, and
- Occupation at present.

In addition to demographic characteristics, the *Census of Population and Housing* covers labour related characteristics of all current household members aged 12 years and older such as:

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

The *Census of Population and Housing* do publish employment data only on persons aged 15 years and older.

“Labour migration” is a temporary movement of the economically active population with a purpose of working in another country. Labour migration is not related to the change of permanent residence, but to the temporary movement with a purpose of employment and return to the country of permanent residence after. **“Emigration”** is a movement of citizens of the Kyrgyzstan Republic to the territory of another country with a purpose of permanent residence. **“Employed”** population are those people who indicated income from employment or self-employment as a source of livelihood.

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

- ISCO - 88 (where one digit is used to release the data);
- National classification of industries based on NACE (where two digits are used to release the data);
- ICSE- 1993; and
- ISCED - 1997.

The *Integrated Sample Survey on the Household Budgets and Workforce* in Kyrgyzstan commenced in 2002, and is held every year on quarterly basis by the National Statistical Committee. A completed sample size of the examination is 5,016 households. It geographically measures the whole country and amasses information on the following three population groups aged 15 years and older:

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country,*
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country, and*
- *Nationals (citizens) living and working abroad.*

The *Integrated Sample Survey on the Household Budgets and Workforce* retrieves the data on demographic characteristics, of each person in a household. Questions on the country of citizenship, household members living abroad, and remittance received from household members living abroad are raised in the survey. For the population groups assessed in the survey, the data on labour related characteristics is available, particularly for:

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

- Household income, and
- Hours usually worked.

The household survey questionnaire includes questions on the following possible benefits that may be received from employer:

- Unemployment benefits,
- Retirement pension,
- Paid vacation, and
- Wages, income from self-employment, income from property and capital, scholarships, allowances for age and disability, the monthly benefits for low-income families.

“Labour migration” means migration for employment. Labour migration is not associated with a change of place of residence. It relates to temporary leave for work purposes, with the return to the country or area of permanent residence. The main attributive sign of migrant worker is a movement to another country (border crossing) to perform work for a period, time or temporarily and return back to the usual place of residence.

“Employment” refers to persons who were, during the reference period, in one of the following categories: 1) were employed (at least one hour per week) for compensation, as well as self-employed for profit or family gain; 2) temporary absent at work due to illness, annual leave or vacation days, maternity leave, education, training, study leave, leave with or without pay by the initiative of administration, strikes or other similar reasons; 3) were employed as contributing family workers; 4) performed household work related to production of goods and services, including production of agricultural products, forestry, hunting, fishing, and processing for at least 10 hours a week, if the goods and services produced were for market realization; 5) engaged in the production of household products related to agriculture, forestry, hunting and fishing for own consumption or consumption in the household for at least 30 hours a week.

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

- National adaptation of occupations based on ISCO - 88 (where one digit is used to release the data);
- National Classification of Industries, revision 3, based on NACE (where two digits are used to release the data);
- ICSE – 1993; and
- ISCED – 1997.

Micro data is unavailable for research and analysis outside agency.

Border/Admission Statistics are obtained from the State Border Service of the Kyrgyzstan Republic. The data collection is carried out continuously at checkpoints, monthly, quarterly, and annually at the regional offices and the Central Asian Kyrgyzstan Republic’s GPS, starting from 1999. It processes the following seven population groups of all age groups:

- *Entry nationals (citizens) returning from residence abroad,*
- *Exit nationals (citizens) going abroad to live,*
- *Exit nationals (citizens) leaving for temporary purposes,*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) entering country to live,*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) entering country for temporary purposes,*
- *Transit migrants, and*
- *Individuals without citizenship.*

The statistics cover demographic characteristics such as age and sex. The following migration related topics are covered:

- Country of citizenship,
- Country entering from,
- Reason for departure,

- Reason for coming to country, and
- Country of destination.

“*Overseas visitors*” are persons crossing the state border of the Kyrgyzstan Republic and are not citizens of the country. “*Country of residence*” is a place of actual residence of persons permanently (over one year) or temporary (less than one year). “*International migrant workers*” are citizens of another state or stateless persons engaged in employment in the territory of Kyrgyzstan.

Micro data files are available outside the agency for research and analysis, however the State Border Service only provides this data to competent state bodies.

The *Register of Work Permits Issued to Foreign Workers* is carried out by Department on Work with Foreign Labour Force, the Ministry of Labour, Migration and Youth. The source is held every month and geographically appraises the whole country. It collects data on the *foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country*.

In the register, data can be found on demographic characteristics such as age, sex, educational attainment, and marital status. Migration related characteristics accessible through the source are:

- Country of birth,
- Country of citizenship,
- Nationality,
- Country of origin,
- Second country of citizenship,
- Country of previous residence,
- Year of arrival,
- Year of departure,
- Time period allowed to stay,
- Reason for coming to country,
- Reason for departure,
- Destination country, and
- Foreign workers in the country.

Q1. Population Census

SOURCE

Title of source: Census of Population and Housing

Year of last census: March 2009

Agency responsible: National Statistical Committee of the Kyrgyzstan Republic

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, 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, nationals (*citizens*) living and working abroad, foreigners (*non-citizens*) 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 citizens who 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: The question “temporary” absent is included.

- **Information refers to the last time the person left:** No – absence at the time of the census.
- **Limited to certain age and work status:** Employment in the main job was filled by persons aged 12 and over
- **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:** Sex, main reason for leaving, 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.

- **Age coverage:** 12+

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: C3.1. Age coverage – employment data is published on persons aged 15 and over.

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of international migrant workers: Labour migration - this is a temporary movement of the economically active population with a purpose of working in another country. Labour migration is not related to the change of permanent residence, but to the temporary movement with a purpose of employment and return to the country of permanent residence after.

Definition of national (citizen) living abroad: Emigration - movement of citizens of the Kyrgyzstan Republic to the territory of another country with a purpose of permanent residence.

Definition of employment: Employed population are those people who indicated income from employment or self-employment as a source of livelihood.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: ISCO - 88

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

Classification used for industry: National Classification of Industries based on NACE

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

Classification used for status in employment: ICSE - 1993

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; electronic format; Web site - www.stat.kg
/Статистика/Статистические переписи/

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: Yes

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

Q2. Household Survey: Integrated Sample Survey on the Household Budgets and Workforce

SOURCE

Title of survey: Integrated Sample Survey on the Household Budgets and Workforce

Agency responsible: National Statistical Committee

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data collection: Every year on quarterly basis

Year the survey first started: 2002

Geographical coverage: Whole country

Population groups covered: Nationals (*citizens*) in the country, nationals (*citizens*) employed in the country, nationals (*citizens*) living and working abroad.

- **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.

Age coverage: All household members aged 15+

TOPICS COVERED

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

International migration related characteristics: Country of citizenship, household members living abroad, remittances sent/received.

- **Coverage for international migration related characteristics:** Not for all
- **Exceptions for international migration related characteristics:** Persons aged 15+

Information about household members left to live abroad: Yes

- **Information refers to the last time the person left:** N.A.
- **Limited to certain age and work status:** All household members aged 15+
- **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:** Sex, 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, individual earnings per month, household income, hours usually worked.

Benefits received from the employer: Unemployment benefits, retirement pension, paid vacation, wages, income from self-employment, income from property and capital, scholarships, allowances for age and disability, monthly benefits for low-income families.

Remittances related characteristics: Remittances received and total amount received in the last 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

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

Definition of employment: It refers to persons who were, during the reference period, in one of the following categories: 1) were employed (at least one hour per week) for compensation, as well as self-employed for profit or family gain; 2) temporary absent at work due to illness, annual leave or vacation days, maternity leave, education, training, study leave, leave with or without pay by the initiative of administration, strikes or other similar reasons; 3) were employed as contributing family workers; 4) performed household work related to production of goods and services, including production of agricultural products, forestry, hunting, fishing, and processing for at least 10 hours a week, if the goods and services produced were for market realization; 5) engaged in the production of household products related to agriculture, forestry, hunting and fishing for own consumption or consumption in the household for at least 30 hours a week.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: National Classification of Occupations based on ISCO-88

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

Classification used for industry: National Classification of Industries, revision 3, based on NACE

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

Classification used for status in employment: ICSE - 1993

Classification used for status in education: ISCED - 1997

DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION

Data collection method: Face to face interview with census enumerator using paper questionnaire (PAPI).

Compulsory participation of households: Yes

Dissemination of results: Printed publications, Web site(www.stat.kg /Публикации/)

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: No

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

SAMPLE DESIGN

Sample frame used: Population census

Completed sample size: 5,016 households

Evaluation of the overall response rate or refusal rate: No

Q3. Border/Admission Statistics

SOURCE

Title of source: N.A.

Agency responsible: The State Border Service of the Kyrgyzstan Republic

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data collection: Continuously at checkpoints; monthly, quarterly, or annually in the regional offices and the Central Asian Kyrgyzstan Republic GPS.

Year the statistics first started: 1999

Population coverage: Entry nationals (*citizens*) returning from residence abroad, exit nationals (*citizens*) going abroad to live, exit nationals (*citizens*) leaving for temporary purposes, foreigners (*non-citizens*) entering country to live, foreigners (*non-citizens*) entering country for temporary purposes, transit migrants, individuals without citizenship.

- **Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered:** Entry nationals (*citizens*) returning from residence abroad, exit nationals (*citizens*) going abroad to live, exit nationals (*citizens*) leaving for temporary purposes, foreigners (*non-citizens*) entering country to live, foreigners (*non-citizens*) entering country for temporary purposes, transit migrants, individuals without citizenship.

Age coverage: All ages. The database of the automated system has identity data (Family name, name and father`s name, date of birth, citizenship, passport number and expire date), reason for travel, but due to the limited capabilities of the software it is not possible to provide data by age groups.

CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS COVERED

Demographic characteristics: Age, sex.

Migration related characteristics: Country of citizenship, country entering from, reason for departure, reason for coming to country, country of destination.

Labour related characteristics: N.A.

Data collected and not published/disseminated: No

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of overseas visitor: Persons crossing the state border of the Kyrgyzstan Republic and are not citizens of the Kyrgyzstan Republic.

Definition of country of residence: Place of actual residence of persons permanently (over 1 year) or temporary (less than 1 year).

Definition of international migrant workers: Citizens of another state or stateless persons engaged in employment in the territory of the Kyrgyzstan Republic.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: N.A.

- **Number of digits used to release occupation data:** N.A.

Classification used for industry: N.A.

- **Number of digits used to release industry data:** N.A.

Classification used for status in employment: N.A.

Classification used for status in education: N.A.

DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION

Data collection method: Face-to-face computer assisted interview.

Dissemination of results: Printed publications, electronic format.

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: No

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

- **Limitations:** State Border Service of Kyrgyzstan provides statistical data only to competent state bodies.
- **Cost of obtaining micro-data:** N.A.

Q6. Administrative Sources: Register of Work Permits Issued to Foreign Workers

SOURCE

Title of source: The register of work permits issued to foreign workers

Agency responsible: Department on Work with Foreign Labour Force, The Ministry of Labour, Migration and Youth of the Kyrgyzstan Republic

Kind of source: Register of work permits issued to foreign workers

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data release: Every month

Year the source first started: N.A.

Geographical coverage: Whole country

Population coverage: Foreigners (*non-citizens*) living and working in the country.

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

Age coverage: N.A.

DATA COLLECTED ON PERSONS IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE SOURCE

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

Migration related characteristics: Country of birth, country of citizenship, previous country of citizenship, previous country of residence, year of arrival, time period allowed to stay, reason for

migration to country, year of departure, reason for departure, destination country, nationality, foreign workers in the country, country of origin.

Labour related characteristics: N.A.

Data collected and not published/disseminated: N.A.

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of international migrant workers: It refers to foreign labour force.

Definition of short-term migrant worker: N.A.

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

Definition of employment: N.A.

Definition of individual earnings: N.A.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: N.A.

- **Number of digits used to release occupation data:** N.A.

Classification used for industry: N.A.

- **Number of digits used to release industry data:** N.A.

Classification used for status in employment: N.A.

Classification used for status in education: N.A.

DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION

Compulsory registration for the population groups covered: Yes

Official estimate of coverage rate: Foreign migrants living in the country, foreign migrant workers living in the country.

Dissemination of results: N.A.

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: N.A.

Micro-data is available outside NSO/responsible agency: N.A.