

## LATVIA

**Region:** Europe and Central Asia

**Income group:** High income

**Summary:** Latvia has reported 3 metadata sources, which collect information on international labour migration statistics: the *Population and Housing Census*, the *Labour Force Survey*, and the *EU Statistics on Income and Living Conditions Survey*, which are carried out by the Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia.

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

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country (covered by the Population and Housing Census, the Labour Force Survey, and the EU Statistics on Income and Living Conditions Survey),*
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country (covered by the Population and Housing Census, the Labour Force Survey, and the EU Statistics on Income and Living Conditions Survey),*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country, even if arrived recently (covered by the Population and Housing Census, the Labour Force Survey, and the EU Statistics on Income and Living Conditions Survey),*
- *Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country (covered by the Population and Housing Census, the Labour Force Survey, and the EU Statistics on Income and Living Conditions Survey),*
- *Refugees (covered by the Population and Housing Census),*
- *Asylum seekers (covered by the Population and Housing Census),*
- *Child workers (non-citizens) in the country (covered by the EU-SILC), and*
- *Workers trafficked into the country (covered by the EU-SILC).*

Periodicity of data collection varies depending on the type of sources. The *Population and Housing Census* in Latvia was last processed in 2011; the *Labour Force Survey* is carried out on continuously basis starting from 1995; the *EU Statistics on Income and Living Conditions Survey* is held every year.

The *Population and Housing Census* and the *Labour Force Survey* obtain statistics on persons aged 15 years and older, whereas the *EU Statistics on Income and Living Conditions Survey* covers persons of all ages.

The five essential demographic characteristics covered by the sources are age, gender, marital status, educational attainment, and household size. All three available sources provide statistics on the country of birth and country of citizenship. This information directs to additional questions on international labour migration characteristics of persons such as nationality, country of origin, second country of citizenship, country of previous residence, and remittances. The information on the household members who left to live abroad in the last 12 months is collected in the *Labour Force Survey* and the *EU Statistics on Income and Living Conditions Survey*.

The *Population and Housing Census* and the *Labour Force Survey* generate labour related characteristics of persons examined such as employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, and status in employment. In addition, the *Labour Force Survey* compiles the data on hours usually worked and individual earnings. For the same characteristics the questions on employment status, occupation, status in employment, hours usually worked, household income, wage rate, and months worked in past year are asked in the *EU Statistics on Income and Living Conditions Survey*.

Definitions of “*employment*” and “*nationals living abroad*” are used in the sources. To classify occupation, industry, status in employment, and education, internationally adapted classifications are applied in the sources.

Micro data from the surveys are available for research and analysis with several limitations, depending on the type of source.

## 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	Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia	-	-	2011
Q2. Household Survey	Q2.1. Labour Force Survey	Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia	Continuously	1995	-
	Q2.2. EU Statistics on Income and Living Conditions	Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia	Every year	-	-

## Findings:

The latest *Population and Housing Census* was carried out in 2011 by the Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia covering the country's entire population. There are six population groups examined such as:

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country,*
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country,*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country, even if arrived recently*
- *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 of country of birth, country of citizenship, country of previous residence for foreigners, and country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned. In addition to demographic characteristics, the source covers labour related characteristics of all current household members aged 15 years and over such as:

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

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?'

"*National (citizen) is living abroad*" refers to persons who is living abroad at least 12 months, or left the country within last 12 months before census expecting to stay abroad at least 12 months. "*Employment*" comprise all persons aged 15 years or over who during the reference week: (a) performed at least one hour of work for pay or profit, in cash or in kind, or (b) were temporarily absent from a job in which they had already worked and to which they maintained a formal attachment, or from a self-employment activity.

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

- ISCO - 08 (where four digits are used to release the data);
- NACE,NAICS (where two digits are used to release the data);
- ICSE - 1993; and
- ISCED - 1997.

Population census dataset for research purposes is available at CSB remote access facility. There are no extra costs related to standard dataset. Researcher should pay for use around 100 Euro per month at remote access facility.

The **Labour Force Survey** commenced in 1995, and is held continuously by the Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia. A completed sample size of the examination is 29,952 households. It geographically measures the whole country and amasses information on the following four population groups aged between 15 to 74 years:

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country,*
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country,*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country, even if arrived recently*
- *Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country*

The source retrieves the data on demographic characteristics, of each person in a household, such as age, marital status, sex, and household size. Questions on international migration characteristics raised in the survey include country of birth, country of citizenship, and nationality. Information on the household members aged 15 to 74 years old who left to life abroad in the last 12 months is collected. The following characteristics of these persons are compiled:

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

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, and
- Hours usually worked.

The survey includes questions on the possible benefits that may be received from employer such as material benefit/compensation paid by the employer.

**“Employment”** refers to persons who during the reference week did any work for cash payment or compensation in goods or services according to the International Labour Organisation’s definition. To classify occupation, industry, status in employment, and education in the survey, internationally adapted classifications are applied. For example:

- ISCO - 08;
- NACE, NAICS;
- ICSE – 1993; and
- ISCED – 2011.

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

The **EU – Statistics on Income and Living Conditions Survey** in Latvia is held every year by the Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia. A completed sample size of the examination is 6,125 households with 14,054 individuals. It geographically measures the whole country and amasses information on the following six population groups aged between 15 to 74 years:

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country,*

- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country,*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country, even if arrived recently,*
- *Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country,*
- *Child workers (non-citizens) in country, and*
- *Workers trafficked into the country.*

The *EU-SILC* retrieves the data on demographic characteristics, of each person in a household. Questions on international migration characteristics raised in the survey include country of birth, country of citizenship, second country of citizenship, and remittances. Information on the household members who left to life abroad within the last 12 months is collected. The following characteristics of these persons are compiled:

- Name,
- Sex,
- Month/year of departure,,
- Age at time of leaving,
- Age at present, and
- Employment status at time of leaving.

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

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

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

- Retirement pension,
- Unemployment benefits,
- Subsidized housing,
- Health insurance or subsidized health care,
- Family/children-related allowances,
- Social exclusion not elsewhere classified,
- Alimonies received (compulsory + voluntary),
- Pension from individual private plans,
- Survivor` benefits,
- Sickness benefits,
- Disability benefits, and
- Education – related allowances.

The *EU-SILC* 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**” means self-declaration for current main activity status. The self-declared main activity status is, in principle, determined on the basis of how most time is spent. To classify occupation, industry, status in employment, and education in the survey, internationally adapted classifications are applied. For example:

- ISCO - 08;
- NACE, NAICS;
- ICSE – 1993; and

- ISCED – 2011.

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

## Q1. Population Census

### *SOURCE*

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

**Year of last census:** 2011

**Agency responsible:** Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia

### *COVERAGE*

**Geographical coverage:** Whole country

**Population groups covered:** Nationals (*citizens*) in the country; nationals (*citizens*) employed in the country; refugees; asylum seekers; foreigners living in the country, even if arrived recently; foreign workers living in the country.

- **Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered:** Nationals (*citizens*) in the country; nationals (*citizens*) employed in the country; refugees; asylum seekers; foreigners living in the country, even if arrived recently; foreign workers living in the country.

### *TOPICS 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, country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned.

- **Coverage for international migration related characteristics:**
  - All persons - country of birth, country of citizenship;
  - Not for all - country of previous residence for foreigners, country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned.
- **Exceptions for international migration related characteristics:** Country of previous residence for foreigners, country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned – for persons who arrived to Latvia during 12 months prior to Census date.

**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:** 15+

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

**Information on immigrants and return migrants:** Persons who ever lived outside that country, period of arrival to that 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:** N.A.

**Definition of national (citizen) living abroad:** refers to persons who is living abroad at least 12 months, or left the country within last 12 months before census expecting to stay abroad at least 12 months.

**Definition of employment:** It refers to persons aged 15 years or over who during the reference week: (a) performed at least one hour of work for pay or profit, in cash or in kind, or (b) were temporarily absent from a job in which they had already worked and to which they maintained a formal attachment, or from a self-employment activity.

## *CLASSIFICATION*

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

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

**Classification used for industry:** NACE, NAICS

- **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 computer assisted interview by census enumerator (CAPI), Self-administered online (web) census questionnaire /Computer Assisted Web Interview (CAWI), Methodology worked out by the CSB of Latvia to recognize person as usual resident or not on base of administrative data.

**Compulsory participation of households:** Yes

**Official estimate of under-coverage rate:** 0.7% of total population

**Dissemination of results:** Printed publications - In preparation. Planned for IV quarter 2015; Web site - [www.csb.gov.lv](http://www.csb.gov.lv); Census Hub of the European Commission (data and Meta data).

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

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

- **Limitations:** Population census dataset for research purposes is available at CSB remote access facility.
- **Cost of obtaining micro-data:** There are no extra costs related to standard dataset. Researcher should pay for use around 100 Euro per month at remote access facility.

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

#### *SOURCE*

**Title of survey:** Labour Force Survey

**Agency responsible:** Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia

#### *PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE*

**Periodicity of data collection:** Continuously

**Year the survey first started:** 1995

**Geographical coverage:** Whole country

**Population groups covered:** Nationals (*citizens*) in the country; nationals (*citizens*) employed in the country; foreigners living in the country, even if arrived recently, expecting to stay at least 12 months; foreign workers living in the country expecting to stay at least 12 months, except foreign diplomatic, naval and military staff and their families.

- **Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered:** Nationals (*citizens*) in the country; nationals (*citizens*) employed in the country; foreigners living in the country, even if arrived recently, expecting to stay at least 12 months; foreign workers living in the country expecting to stay at least 12 months, except foreign diplomatic, naval and military staff and their families.

**Age coverage:** 15-74

### TOPICS COVERED

**Demographic characteristics:** Age, marital status, sex, household size.

**International migration related characteristics:** Country of birth, country of citizenship, nationality, country of origin.

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

**Information about household members left to live abroad:** Last 12 months

- **Information refers to the last time the person left:** Yes
- **Limited to certain age and work status:** Persons aged 15-74.
- **Limited to those who left the household abroad within the last X years and have not returned:** 1 year
- **Characteristics of persons who left to live abroad:** Sex, main reason for leaving this country, 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, individual earnings per month, hours usually worked.

**Benefits received from the employer:** Material benefits/compensation paid by the employer.

**Remittances related characteristics:** No

**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:** No

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

**Definition of employment:** According to the International Labour Organisation's definition employed persons are all persons who during the reference week did any work for cash payment or compensation in goods or services.

Self-employed persons with a business, farm or those who are undergoing professional practice are also considered as employed.

Persons, who are in temporary absence from work due to the prenatal or maternity leave, as well as due to the childcare leave are classified as employed, if after the end of the leave their return to the previous work is guaranteed.

The number of employed includes also those persons who are working on own agricultural holding (peasant farm or kitchen garden) to produce goods for own consumption or sale.

#### *CLASSIFICATION*

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

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

**Classification used for industry:** NACE, NAICS

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

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

**Classification used for status in education:** ISCED - 2011

#### *DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION*

**Data collection method:** Face-to-face computer assisted interview (CAPI), Computer assisted telephone interview, with data recorded by interviewer on computer (CATI).

**Compulsory participation of households:** No

**Dissemination of results:** Web site - [www.csb.gov.lv](http://www.csb.gov.lv)

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

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

- **Limitations:** <http://www.csb.gov.lv/en/dati/anonymized-individual-data-30927.html>
- **Cost of obtaining micro-data:** [http://www.csb.gov.lv/sites/default/files/dokumenti/contract\\_data.doc](http://www.csb.gov.lv/sites/default/files/dokumenti/contract_data.doc)

#### *SAMPLE DESIGN*

**Sample frame used:** Population census, Population register, The National Real Estate Cadastre Information System.

**Completed sample size:** 29,958 households

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

### **Q2.2. Household Survey: EU – Statistics on Income and Living Conditions**

#### *SOURCE*

**Title of survey:** EU – Statistics on Income and Living Conditions

**Agency responsible:** Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia

#### *PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE*

**Periodicity of data collection:** Every year

**Year the survey first started:** N.A.



**Geographical coverage:** Whole country

**Population groups covered:** Nationals (*citizens*) in the country; nationals (*citizens*) employed in the country; child workers (*non-citizens*) in country; workers trafficked to other countries; foreigners living in the country, even if arrived recently, expecting to stay at least 12 months; foreign workers living in the country expecting to stay at least 12 months, except foreign diplomatic, naval and military staff and their families.

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

**Age coverage:** All ages

### *TOPICS COVERED*

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

**International migration related characteristics:** Country of birth, country of citizenship, second country of citizenship, remittances.

- **Coverage for international migration related characteristics:** Not for all - country of birth, country of citizenship, second country of citizenship.
- **Exceptions for international migration related characteristics:** Country of birth, country of citizenship, second country of citizenship – age group 16+.

**Information about household members left to live abroad:** Yes

- **Information refers to the last time the person left:** Membership status ("Moved out since previous wave or last interview if not contacted in previous wave" or "Lived in the household at least three months during the income reference period and was not recorded in the register of this household").
- **Limited to certain age and work status:** To all not current household members
- **Limited to those who left the household abroad within the last X years and have not returned:** 1 year
- **Characteristics of persons who left to live abroad:** Name, sex, month/year of departure, age at time of leaving household, age at present, employment status at time of leaving.

**Labour related characteristics of all current household members:** Employment status, occupation, status in employment, household income, wage or earnings rate per time period, hours usually worked, months worked in past year.

**Benefits received from the employer:** Unemployment benefits, health insurance or subsidized health care, retirement pension, subsidized housing, family/children-related allowances, social exclusion not elsewhere classified, alimonies received (compulsory + voluntary), pension from individual private plans, survivor` benefits, disability benefits, education-related allowances.

**Remittances related characteristics:** No

**Information on immigrants and return migrants:** Persons who ever lived outside that country, period of arrival to that country.

- **Information on the situation of the person prior to leaving the country of residence is obtained:** Employment status

**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 means self-declaration for current main activity status. The self-declared main activity status is, in principle, determined on the basis of how most time is spent.

## CLASSIFICATION

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

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

**Classification used for industry:** NACE, NAICS

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

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

**Classification used for status in education:** ISCED - 2011

## DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION

**Data collection method:** Face-to-face interview by interviewer using paper questionnaire (PAPI), Face-to-face computer assisted interview (CAPI), Computer assisted telephone interview, with data recorded by interviewer on computer (CATI).

**Compulsory participation of households:** No

**Dissemination of results:** Printed publications - Income and Living Conditions in Latvia, <http://www.csb.gov.lv/en/dati/e-publikacijas/income-and-living-conditions-latvia-2014-40583.html>;  
Web site - <http://www.csb.gov.lv/en/dati/statistics-database-30501.html> -> "Housing Conditions", "Material Deprivation", "Monetary poverty and income inequality", "Personal Income (annual data)" and "Self-perceived health status".

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

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

- **Limitations:** Information about data dissemination: <http://www.csb.gov.lv/en/dati/anonymized-individual-data-30927.html>
- **Cost of obtaining micro-data:** Information about data dissemination: <http://www.csb.gov.lv/en/dati/anonymized-individual-data-30927.html>

## SAMPLE DESIGN

**Sample frame used:** Population census, previous sample of same survey (panel survey).

**Completed sample size:**

- Total households – 6,125;
- Total individuals – 14,054.

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