MONGOLIA

Region: Asia and the Pacific

Income group: Lower-middle income

Summary: Mongolia has reported 2 metadata sources, which collect information on international labour migration statistics. One is *Population and Housing Census* carried out by the NSO of Mongolia and the other is an administrative record of *the Legal Foreign Workers* held by the Employment Service, Survey, Information National Center, Ministry of Labour.

Geographically all the sources cover whole country. The statistics on the following population groups are available in the *Population and Housing Census*.

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country,*
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country,*
- *Nationals (citizens) living abroad,*
- *Nationals (citizens) living and working abroad,*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country,*
- *Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country, and*
- *Non-citizens population.*

The *Population and Housing Census* was last processed in 2010 and the *Legal Foreign Workers* has been processed since 2001.

The five essential demographic characteristics covered by the census are age, sex, marital status, educational attainment, and household size.

With regard to international migration characteristics, the *Population and Housing Census* collects country of citizenship, country of previous residence for foreigners, country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned, and information of household members who left to live abroad. The *Legal Foreign Workers* covers nationality and foreign workers in the country.

Labour related characteristics such as employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, and disability are available in the *Population and Housing Census*.

Definition of "*employment*" is applied in the census.

To classify occupation, industry, status in employment, and education, internationally and nationally adapted classifications are used in the census and the administrative record.

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

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	NSO of Mongolia	-	-	2010
Q6. Administrative Sources	Legal Foreign Workers	Employment Service, Survey, Information National Center, Ministry of Labour	-	2001	-

Findings:

The latest *Population and Housing Census* was processed in 2010 by the NSO of Mongolia, covering the whole country. There are seven population groups examined in the Census:

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country,*
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country,*
- *Nationals (citizens) living abroad,*
- *Nationals (citizens) living and working abroad,*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country,*
- *Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country, and*
- *Non-citizens population.*

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 citizenship, country of previous residence for foreigners, and country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned. In addition to the characteristics, the Census asks information about household members who left to live, work or study abroad, such as:

- Name,
- Month/year of departure,
- Sex,
- Main reason for leaving,
- Age at time of leaving household, and
- Age at present.

The *Population and Housing Census covers* labour related characteristics of all current household members aged 15 years and over, such as:

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

In the *Population and Housing Census*, "*employed*" is considered as a person who performed at least one hour work for pay or profit during the reference period in one of the employment status. Persons were considered as

employed if they were on extended absences from work because of illness or injury, holiday or vacation, strike or lockout, educational or training leave.

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

- ISCO-08 (where four digits are used to release the data);
- ISIC Rev 4 (where four 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.

The *Legal Foreign Workers* is a register of work permits issued to foreign workers, which is carried out by the Employment Service, Survey, Information National Center, Ministry of Labour from 2001. In the register, data are not found on demographic characteristics and labour related characteristics, whereas some migration related characteristics such as nationality and foreign workers in the country are available.

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

- ISCO-08 (where four digits are used to release the data);
- ISIC rev 4 (where four digits are used to release the data);
- ICSE-1993; and
- ISCED-F 2013.

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

Q1. Population Census

SOURCE

Title of source: Population and Housing Census

Year of last census: 2010

Agency responsible: NSO of Mongolia

COVERAGE

Geographical coverage: Whole country

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

- **Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered**: Nationals (citizens) in the country, nationals (citizens) employed in the country, nationals (citizens) living abroad, nationals (citizens) living and working abroad, foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country, foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country, non-citizens population

TOPIC COVERED

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

International migration related characteristics: 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
- **Exceptions for international migration related characteristics**: N.A.

Information about household members left to live abroad: Yes (For the last 6 months)

- **Information refers to the last time the person left**: Yes
- **Limited to certain age or work status**: Yes
- **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, month/year of departure, sex, main reason for leaving, age at time of leaving household, age at present

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

- **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: No

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of international migrant workers: N.A.

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

Definition of employment: It refers to a person who performed at least one hour work for pay or profit during the reference period in one of the employment status. Persons were considered as employed if they were on extended absences from work because of illness or injury, holiday or vacation, strike or lockout, educational or training leave.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: ISCO-08

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

Classification used for industry: ISIC rev 4

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

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

Compulsory participation of households: Yes

Official estimate of under-coverage rate: No

Dissemination of results: Printed publications, electronic format (CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, diskettes, etc.), Web site (nso.mn, 1212.mn)

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: Yes

Micro-data availability outside NSO/responsible agency: Yes

- **Limitations**: N.A.
- **Cost of obtaining micro-data**: N.A.

Q6. Administrative Sources

SOURCE

Title of source: Legal foreign workers

Agency responsible: Employment Service, Survey, Information National Center, Ministry of Labour

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

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data release: N.A.

Year the source first started: 2001

Geographical coverage: Whole country

Population coverage: N.A.

- **Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered**: N.A.

Age coverage: N.A.

DATA COLLECTED ON PERSONS IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE SOURCE

Demographic characteristics: N.A.

Migration related characteristics: Nationality, foreign workers in the country

Labour related characteristics: N.A.

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

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of international migrant workers: N.A.

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

Definition of a national living abroad: N.A.

Definition of employment: N.A.

Definition of individual earnings: N.A.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: ISCO-08

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

Classification used for industry: ISIC rev 4

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

Classification used for status in employment: ICSE-1993

Classification used for status in education: ISCED-F 2013

DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION

Compulsory registration for the population groups covered: N.A.

Official estimate of coverage rate: N.A.

Dissemination of results: No

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: Yes

Micro-data availability outside NSO/responsible agency: No