MYANMAR

Region: Asia and the Pacific

Income group: Lower-middle income

Summary: Myanmar has reported 2 metadata sources, which collect information on international labour migration statistics. There are the ***Population and Housing Census*** and ***Estimation of International Migrant Workers in the Country***, which are carried out by the Department of Population, Ministry of Immigration and Population.

Geographically the sources cover whole country excluding some areas and the following population groups.

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country (covered by the **Population and Housing Census** and the **Estimation of International Migrant Workers in the Country**)*
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country (covered by the **Population and Housing Census** and the **Estimation of International Migrant Workers in the Country**)*
- *Nationals (citizens) living abroad (covered by the **Population and Housing Census** and the **Estimation of International Migrant Workers in the Country**)*
- *Nationals (citizens) living and working abroad (covered by the **Population and Housing Census**)*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country (covered by the **Population and Housing Census** and the **Estimation of International Migrant Workers in the Country**)*
- *Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country (covered by the **Population and Housing Census** and the **Estimation of International Migrant Workers in the Country**)*

The ***Population and Housing Census*** was last processed in 2014. The ***Estimation of International Migrant Workers in the Country*** applied to persons of all ages.

The five essential demographic characteristics covered by the census and the estimation are age, sex, marital status, educational attainment, and household size. In the estimation, the data on household composition also can be found.

International migration characteristic covered by all the sources is country of birth. In addition, the questions on country of previous residence for foreigners, country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned, information on household members who left to live, work or study abroad are asked in the census; and the estimation generates statistics on country of previous residence, household members living abroad, and nationality.

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

Definitions of "***international migrant workers***", "***nationals living abroad***", and "***employment***" are applied in the census and the estimation.

To classify occupation, industry, status in employment, and education internationally and nationally adapted classifications are used in the ***Population and Housing Census***.

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

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	Department of Population, Ministry of Immigration and Population	-	-	2014
Q7. Estimation of International Migrant Workers in the Country	Estimation	Department of Population, Ministry of Immigration and Population	-	-	-

Findings:

The latest *Population and Housing Census* was processed in 2014 by the Department of Population, Ministry of Immigration and Population, covering the whole country excluding some areas. There are six 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, and*
- *Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country.*

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. 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, and
- Age 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.

"*International migrant workers*" refer to persons who have moved from places of usual residence (country) for at least 6 months or intend to live in that country for the next 6 months or more. "*National living abroad*" is a former household member who has moved to a foreign country and was not present during the census.

"*Employment*" covers employed person who did any work during the time of week before the census date or worked for more than 6 months in the 12 months before the census date for pay or profit, such as wage, salary, allowance, business profit, etc.

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

- ISCO-08 (where three digits are used to release the data);
- ISIC rev 4 (where two digits are used to release the data);
- National adaptation of ICSE; and
- National adaptation of ISCED.

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

The Estimation of International Migrant Workers is covered in the Migration and Urbanization thematic reports by the Department of Population, Ministry of Immigration and Population for the first time. There are five following population groups of all ages:

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

It accumulates data on demographic characteristics of people, such as age, sex, marital status, educational attainment, household size, and household composition. Statistics on international migration related characteristics are also obtained, precisely on:

- Country of birth,
- Country of previous residence,
- Household members living abroad, and
- Nationality.

"*International migrant workers*" refer to persons who have moved from places of usual residence (country) for at least 6 months or intend to live in that country for the next 6 months or more. "*National living abroad*" is a former household member who has moved to a foreign country and was not present during the census. "*Employment*" covers employed person who did any work during the time of week before the census date or worked for more than 6 months in the 12 months before the census date for pay or profit, such as wage, salary, allowance, business profit, etc.

Q1. Population Census

SOURCE

Title of source: Population and Housing Census

Year of last census: 2014

Agency responsible: Department of Population, Ministry of Immigration and Population

COVERAGE

Geographical coverage: Whole country excluding some areas of northern Rakhine, Kachin and Kayin States.

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

- **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

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

Information about household members left to live abroad: Yes (There was no time limit, so long as former household member was residing in a foreign country was captured)

- **Information refers to the last time the person left**: Yes
- **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, month/year of departure, sex, age 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: A person who has moved from places of usual residence (country) for at least 6 months or intend to live in that country for the next 6 months or more.

Definition of national (citizen) living abroad: A former household member who has moved to a foreign country and was not present during the census. The duration of stay abroad may from months to year.

Definition of employment: Employed person refer to those who did any work during the time of week before the census date or worked for more than 6 months in the 12 months before the census date for pay or profit, such as wage, salary, allowance, business profit, etc. Also included in this category were persons working in family business, on a farm, in a store, in a private hospital, etc., even though they were not paid any wages.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: ISCO-08

- **Number of digits used to release occupation data**: 3

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: National adaptation of ISCED (The education clarification was used as design by Ministry of Education)

DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION

Data collection method: Face-to-face interview by census enumerator using paper questionnaire (PAPI), canvasser method

Compulsory participation of households: Yes

Official estimate of under-coverage rate: No

Dissemination of results: Printed publications (- Census Report Volume (1)- Provisional Results; - Union Report (Main Census Report- Volume -2); - State/Region Report - Census Report- Volume-3; - Tables are in MS excel sheet); electronic format (CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, diskettes, etc.); Web site (http://www.dop.gov.mm , http://myanmar.unfpa.org/census); National and Regional Launches; Dissemination workshop at Union; State/Region and Districts, providing additional data based on region

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: No

Micro-data availability outside NSO/responsible agency: Yes

- **Limitations**: The thematic analysis is currently in process, once computed metadata
- **Cost of obtaining micro-data**: So far it would be free as census has been funded by development partners and UNFPA

Q7. Estimation of International Migrant Workers in the Country

SOURCE

Title of source: Migration and Urbanization thematic reports

Agency responsible: Department of Population, Ministry of Immigration and Population

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data release: Done in the census for the first time

Year the source first started: N.A.

Geographical coverage: Part(s) of the country

Population coverage: Nationals (citizens) in the country, nationals (citizens) employed in the country, nationals (citizens) living abroad, foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country, foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country

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

Age coverage: All ages

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

International migration related characteristics: Country of birth, country of previous residence, household members living abroad, nationality

Labour related characteristics: N.A.

Remittances related characteristics: N.A.

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of migrant workers: A person who has moved from place of usual residence (country) for at least 6 months or intend to live in that country for the next 6 months or more.

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

Definition of a national (citizen) living abroad: A former household member who has moved to a foreign country and was not present during the census, the duration of stay abroad many from months to year.

Definition of employment: Employed person refer to those who did any work during the time of week before the census date or worked for more than 6 months in the 12 months before the census date for pay or profit, such as wage, salary, allowance, business profit, etc. Also included in this category were persons working in family business, on a farm, in a store, in a private hospital etc., even though they were not paid any wages.

Definition of household income: 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

Dissemination of results: No

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: No