

OMAN

Region: Arab States

Income group: High income

Summary: Oman has reported 4 metadata sources, which collect information on international migration statistics. There are three survey based sources such as the *General Census of Population, Housing and Establish*; the *Multiple Cluster Indicator Survey*; and the *Annual Economic Survey*. There is also one administrative record such as the *Continuous Population Register*. All of the sources are carried out by National Center for Statistical and Information.

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

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country (covered by the General Census of Population, Housing and Establish; the Multiple Cluster Indicator Survey; and the Continuous Population Register),*
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country (covered by the General Census of Population, Housing and Establish; the Multiple Cluster Indicator Survey; and the Continuous Population Register),*
- *Nationals (citizens) living abroad (covered by the Multiple Cluster Indicator Survey),*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country (covered by the General Census of Population, Housing and Establish; the Multiple Cluster Indicator Survey; and the Continuous Population Register),and*
- *Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country (covered by the General Census of Population, Housing and Establish; the Multiple Cluster Indicator Survey; and the Continuous Population Register).*

Periodicity of data collection varies depending on the type of sources. The *General Census of Population* was last processed in 2010; the *Multiple Cluster Indicator Survey* is held irregularly starting from 2014; the *Annual Economic Survey* is carried out annually; and the *Continuous Population Register* is published every year.

Age coverage also varies depending on the type of sources. In the *Multiple Cluster Indicator Survey* persons aged 15 years and older are examined. The *Continuous Population Register* is applied to persons of all ages.

The four essential demographic characteristics covered by the *General Census of Population*, the *Multiple Cluster Indicator Survey*, and the *Continuous Population Register* are age, sex, marital status, and educational attainment. Additionally data on household size can be found in the *General Census of Population* and the *Multiple Cluster Indicator Survey*.

International migration characteristic such as country of citizenship is covered by the *General Census of Population* and the *Multiple Cluster Indicator Survey*. The *General Census of Population* also asks question on country of birth. Nationality is covered in the *Multiple Cluster Indicator Survey* and the *Annual Economic Survey*. Data on foreign workers in the country is generated in the *Multiple Cluster Indicator Survey* and the *Continuous Population Register*.

Labour related characteristics are compiled in all the sources. The *General Census of Population* and the *Multiple Cluster Indicator Survey* contain various questions related to labour characteristics, such as employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, and disability. Questions on individual earnings per month and household income are added to the *Multiple Cluster Indicator Survey*. Data on wage rate can be found in the *Annual Economic Survey* and occupation is collected in the *Continuous Population Register* record.

Definitions of “*international migrant workers*” and “*employment*” are applied in the surveys and administrative records.

Micro data files from the surveys and administrative records are unavailable 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	General Census of Population, Housing and Establish	National Center for Statistical and Information	-	-	2010
Q2. Household Survey	Multiple Cluster Indicator Survey	National Center for Statistical and Information	Irregularly	2005	2012
Q5. Establishment Survey	Annual Economic Survey	National Center for Statistical and Information	Annually		-
Q6. Administrative Sources	Continuous Population Register	National Center for Statistical and Information	Annually	-	-

Findings:

The latest *General Census of Population, Housing and Establish* was processed in 2010 by the National Center for Statistical and Information, covering the whole country. There are four population groups examined in the Census:

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country,*
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country,*
- *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, household size. The questions raised in the assessment on the topic of international migration related characteristics are country of birth and country of citizenship. The source covers labour related characteristics of all current household members, such as:

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

"International migrant workers" refer to all non-citizen worker considered as expatriates workers. **"Employment"** refers to a person aged 10 years or above who performs an economically valued work in or outside his/her house, even for one hour during the week preceding the census moment (reference time), whether the work is for his/her own benefit or others. A person shall be deemed an employed even if he/she did not practice any productive work during the week preceding the census moment (reference time) because of holiday, vacation, sick leave or other contingent. To classify occupation, industry, status in employment, and education, both internationally and nationally adapted classifications are applied. For example:

- GCC Arab Unified Occupation (where one digit is used to release the data);
- ISIC rev 3 (where one digit is used to release the data);
- National adaptation of ICSE; and
- ISCED-1997.

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

The **Multiple Cluster Indicator Survey** commenced in 2014, and is held irregularly. The last was carried out in March 2014 by the National Center for Statistical and Information. It geographically measures the whole country and amasses information on the following five population groups aged 15 years and over.

- *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.*

The source obtains detailed data on demographic characteristics of each person in a household, such as age, sex, marital status, educational attainment, and household size. Statistics on the international migration related characteristics presented through the source are country of citizenship, nationality, and foreign workers in the country. For the population groups assessed in the source, 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
- Whether person has had disability.

In the **Multiple Cluster Indicator Survey**, "*international migrant workers*" refer to all non-citizen worker considered as expatriates workers. "*Employment*" refers to a person 10 years of age or above who performs an economically valued work in or outside his/her house, even for one hour during the week preceding the census moment (reference time), whether the work is for his/her own benefit or others. A person shall be deemed an employed even if he/she did not practice any productive work during the week preceding the census moment (reference time) because of holiday, vacation, sick leave or other contingent.

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

- GCC Arab Unified Occupation Classification (where one digit is used to release the data);
- ISIC rev 3 (where one digit is used to release the data);
- ICSE-1993; and
- ISCED-1997.

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

The **Annual Economic Survey** is carried out annually by the National Center for Statistical and Information. The survey covers all economic establishments of any size and geographically whole country. The **Annual Economic Survey** measures the following topics for the establishment:

- Industry/economic sector,
- Number of employees, and
- Total sales revenue or gross receipts in most recent year available (201x)

The question raised in the assessment on the topic of demographic and international migration related characteristics is nationality. The survey covers labour related characteristic, such as wage rate.

To classify occupation, industry, status in employment, and education, national adaptations of international classifications are applied. For example:

- National adaptation of ISCO (where four digits are used to release the data);
- National adaptation of ISIC (where four digits are used to release the data); and
- National adaptation of ICSE.

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

The *Continuous Population Register* in the Annual Statistic Book is carried out by the National Center for Statistical and Information, data of which are released annually. The source appraises whole country and collects data on the following four population groups of all ages.

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

In the register, data can be found on demographic characteristics such as age, sex, marital status, educational attainment. International migration related characteristic accessible through the source is foreign workers in the country. For the population groups assessed in the Register, the data on labour related characteristics is available, particularly for occupation.

In the *Register*, "*international migrant workers*" are all expatriate residents in the country who hold work visa (work permits). "*Employment*" refers to expatriate workers and Omani workers. Expatriate workers are all Expatriate residents in the country who hold work visa (work permits). Omani workers (National workers) are all national workers in the private and public sectors excluding the military Sectors.

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

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

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

Q1. Population Census

SOURCE

Title of source: The General Census of Population, Housing and Establish

Year of last census: 2010

Agency responsible: National Center for Statistical and Information

COVERAGE

Geographical coverage: Whole country

Population groups covered: Nationals (citizens) in the country, nationals (citizens) employed in the country, 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, 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 citizenship

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

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, disability

- **Age coverage:** N.A.

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: It refers to all non-citizen workers considered as expatriates workers.

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

Definition of employment: It refers to a person aged 10 years or above who performs an economically valued work in or outside his/her house, even for one hour during the week preceding the census moment (reference time), whether the work is for his/her own benefit or others. A person shall be deemed an employed even if he/she did not practice any productive work during the week preceding the census moment (reference time) as follows:

1. He/she has been committed to work for others even he/she did not perform this work due to certain reason such as: holiday, vacation, sick leave or other contingent.
2. He/she has been committed to his/her private work (work for him/herself or an employer), but did not practice the work due to unanticipated seasons. This is categorized an employed person provided that he/she is not seeking another job during that period. This definition applies to the family members who permanently work for him. The housewife is excluded and shall not be considered an employed person unless she has exercised work during the week of the moment (reference time).

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: GCC Arab Unified Occupation Classification

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

Classification used for industry: ISIC rev 3

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

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 computer assisted interview by census enumerator (CAPI)

Compulsory participation of households: No

Official estimate of under-coverage rate: No

Dissemination of results: Printed publications, electronic format (CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, diskettes, etc.), Web site (www.ncsi.gov.om)

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: No

Micro-data availability outside NSO/responsible agency: No

Q2. Household Survey

SOURCE

Title of survey: Multiple Cluster Indicator Survey

Agency responsible: National Center for Statistical and Information

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data collection: Irregularly or only once (The last was carried out in March 2014)

Year the survey first started: 2014

Geographical coverage: Whole country

Population groups covered: 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: 15 years old and over

TOPIC COVERED

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

International migration related characteristics: Country of citizenship, nationality, foreign workers in the country

- **Coverage for international migration related characteristics:**
 - **Country of citizenship:** All persons
- **Exceptions for international migration related characteristics:** N.A.

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, individual earnings per month, household income, whether person has had disability

Benefits received from the employer: N.A.

Remittances related characteristics: No

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

Information on persons who left to live or work abroad (recruitment, communication, assistance etc.): No

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of international migrant workers: It refers to all non-citizen workers considered as expatriates workers.

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

Definition of employment: It refers to a person aged 10 years or above who performs an economically valued work in or outside his/her house, even for one hour during the week preceding the census moment (reference time), whether the work is for his/her own benefit or others. A person shall be deemed an employed even if he/she did not practice any productive work during the week preceding the census moment (reference time) as follows:

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2. He/she has been committed to his/her private work (work for him/herself or an employer), but did not practice the work due to unanticipated seasons. This is categorized an employed person provided that he/she is not seeking another job during that period. This definition applies to the family members who permanently work for him. The housewife is excluded and shall not be considered an employed person unless she has exercised work during the week of the moment (reference time).

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: GCC Arab Unified Occupation Classification

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

Classification used for industry: ISIC rev 3

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

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 computer assisted interview by census enumerator (CAPI)

Compulsory participation of households: No

Dissemination of results: None to date

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: No

Micro-data availability outside NSO/responsible agency: No

SAMPLE DESIGN

Sample frame used: N.A.

Completed sample size: N.A.

Evaluation of the overall response rate or refusal rate: N.A.

Q5. Establishment Survey

SOURCE

Title of survey: Annual Economic Survey

Agency responsible: National Center for Statistical and Information

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data collection: Every year

Year the survey first started: N.A.

Geographical coverage: Whole country

Establishment coverage (size and type): All economic establishments of any size

Sector/Industry coverage: Agriculture, forestry and fishing; mining and quarrying; electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply; water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities; construction; wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles; transportation and storage; accommodation and food service activities; information and communications; financial and insurance activities; real estate activities; professional, scientific and technical activities; administrative and support service activities; public administration and defence, compulsory social security; education; human health and social work activities; arts, entertainment and recreation; other service activities

DATA COLLECTED ON WORKERS IN THE ESTABLISHMENT SURVEY

Demographic and migration related characteristics: Nationality

Labour related characteristics: Wage rate

Topics for the establishment: Industry/economic sector, number of employees, total sales revenue or gross receipts in most recent year available (201x)

Data collected and not published/disseminated: Yes

- **Name and reason:** N.A.

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of international migrant workers: No

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

Definition of employment: N.A.

Definition of wages: N.A.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: National adaptation of ISCO

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

Classification used for industry: National adaptation of ISIC

- **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: N.A.

DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION

Data collection method: N.A.

Compulsory participation of respondents: N.A.

Dissemination of results: No

Preparation and dissemination of metadata: No

Micro-data availability outside responsible agency: Yes

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

SAMPLE DESIGN

Sample frame used: Administrative register (Based on Establishment census and Administrative record)

Completed sample size: N.A.

Q6. Administrative Sources

SOURCE

Title of source: Continuous Population Register in Annual Statistic Book

Agency responsible: National Center for Statistical and Information

Kind of source: Continuous Population Register

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data release: Every year

Year the source first started: N.A.

Geographical coverage: Whole country

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

Age coverage: All ages

DATA COLLECTED ON PERSONS IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE SOURCE

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

Migration related characteristics: Foreign workers in the country

Labour related characteristics: Occupation

Data collected and not published/disseminated: No

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of international migrant workers: It refers to all expatriate residents in the country who hold work visa (work permits).

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

Definition of a national living abroad: N.A.

Definition of employment: It comprises expatriate workers and Omani workers.

- Expatriate Workers: All expatriate residents in the country who hold work visa (work permits).
- Omani Workers (National Workers): All national workers in the private and public sectors excluding the military sectors.

Definition of individual earnings: N.A.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: National adaptation of ISCO

- **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: N.A.

DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION

Compulsory registration for the population groups covered: No

Official estimate of coverage rate: N.A.

Dissemination of results: Printed publications, Electronic format (CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, diskettes, etc.), Web site (www.ncsi.gov.om)

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: No

Micro-data availability outside NSO/responsible agency: Yes

- **Limitations:** N.A.

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