

PAKISTAN

Region: Asia and the Pacific

Income group: Lower-middle income

Summary: Pakistan has reported the *Population and Housing Census* as a metadata source collecting information on international labour migration statistics. The Pakistan Bureau of Statistics carries out it.

Geographically the census covers whole country, and various population groups such as:

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country, and*
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country.*
- *Migrant from other country.*

The *Population and Housing Census* was last processed in 1998. The five essential demographic characteristics covered by the census are age, sex, marital status, educational attainment, and household size. International migration characteristics covered by the census are country of birth, country of citizenship, second country of citizenship, country of previous residence for foreigners, and country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned. Labour related characteristics that can be found in the census include employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, and disability. Definitions of “*nationals living abroad*” and “*employment*” are applied in the census. To classify occupation, nationally adapted classification is applied in the census.

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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	Pakistan Bureau of Statistics	-	-	1998

Findings:

The latest *Population and Housing Census* was processed in 1998 by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS), covering the whole country. There are three population groups examined in the Census:

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country,*
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country, and*
- *Migrant from other 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 citizenship,
- Second country of citizenship,
- Country of previous residence for foreigners, and
- Country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned.

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

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

In the *Population and Housing Census*, "*national living abroad*" is persons who have gone out of the country for five month or more. "*Employment*" refers to persons who are one of the following categories; engage in some work for pay or profit including unpaid family helpers; do not work but look for work as well as those laid off during the reference period. To classify occupation, national adaptation of ISCO (ISCO-1994 based on ISCO-88), where three digits are used to release the data, is applied.

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Q1. Population Census

SOURCE

Title of source: Population and Housing Census

Year of last census: 1998

Agency responsible: Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS)

COVERAGE

Geographical coverage: Whole country

Population groups covered: Nationals (citizens) in the country, nationals (citizens) employed in the country, migrant from other country

- **Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered:** Nationals (citizens) in the country, Nationals (citizens) employed 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, second 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: No

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

- **Age coverage:** Five 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: It refers to persons who have gone out of country for five month or more.

Definition of employment: It refers to persons who are in one of the following categories: engage in some work for pay or profit including unpaid family helpers; do not work but look for work as well as those laid off during the reference period.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: National adaptation of ISCO (ISCO-1994 based on ISCO-88)

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

Classification used for industry: N.A.

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

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 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 (National, Provincial and District Census Reports by December 2001); electronic format (CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, diskettes, etc.); Web site (www.pbs.gov.pk); info@pbs.gov.pk

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: Yes

Micro-data availability outside NSO/responsible agency: No