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Region: Arab States

Income group: High income

Summary: QATAR has reported 2 metadata sources, which collect information on international migration statistics, such as the *Simplified Census* and the *Labour Force Survey* held by Ministry of Development Planning and Statistics (MDPS).

Geographically all the sources cover whole country and the following population groups such as:

- *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*
- *Refugees.*

Periodicity of data collection varies depending on the type of source. The *Simplified Census* in Qatar was last processed in 2015 and the *Labour Force Survey* is carried out on continuously basis. Age coverage of the *Labour Force Survey* is 15 years old and over.

The five essential demographic characteristics covered by the *Census* and the *Labour Force Survey* are age, sex, marital status, educational attainment, and household size.

International migration characteristic covered by the both survey based sources is country of citizenship. The *Labour Force Survey* additionally collects data on nationality. The two sources ask the same information of household members who left to live abroad, such as name, month/year of departure, sex, age at present, marital status at present, education at present, employment status at present, and occupation at present.

Labour related characteristics that can be found in the *Simplified Census* and the *Labour Force Survey* include employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment. The questions on individual earnings per month, household income, wage or earnings rate per time period, hours usually worked, and benefits of retirement pension is added to the *Labour Force Survey*.

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

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	Simplified Census	Ministry of Development Planning and Statistics	-	-	2015
Q2. Household Survey	Labour Force Survey	Ministry of Development Planning and Statistics	Continuously	-	-

Findings:

The latest *Simplified Census* in Qatar was processed in 2015 by the Ministry of Development Planning and Statistics, 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*
- *Refugees.*

The census obtains detailed data on demographic characteristics of these population groups, such as age, sex, marital status, educational attainment, and household size. The question raised in the assessment on the topic of international migration related characteristics is country of citizenship. 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,
- Age at present,
- Marital status at present,
- Education at present,
- Employment status at present, and
- Occupation at present.

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 definition of “*international migrant workers*” and “*nationals living abroad*” are can be found at the Web page (<http://www.qsa.gov.qa/QatarCensus/Default.aspx>). To classify occupation, industry, and education, internationally adapted classifications are applied. For example:

- ISCO-88;
- ISIC Rev 4; and
- ISCED-1997.

The *Labour Force Survey* in Qatar is held continuously by the Ministry of Development Planning and Statistics. It geographically measures the whole country and amasses information on the following seven population groups aged 15 years and over:

- *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*
- *Refugees.*

The survey 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 following international migration related characteristics presented through the source are country of citizenship and nationality. In addition to the characteristics, the survey asks information about household members who left to live, work or study abroad, such as:

- Name,
- Month/year of departure,
- Sex,
- Age at present,
- Marital status at present,
- Education at present,
- Employment status at present, and
- Occupation at present.

For the population groups assessed in the *Labour Force Survey*, the data on labour related characteristics of all household members aged 15 years and over is available, particularly for:

- Employment status,
- Occupation,
- Industry/economic sector,
- Status in employment,
- Individual earnings per month,
- Household income,
- Wage or earnings rate per time period,
- Hours usually worked

The survey also includes questions on the possible benefits received from the employer such as retirement pension.

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Q1. Population Census

SOURCE

Title of source: Simplified Census 2015

Year of last census: 2015

Agency responsible: Ministry of Development Planning and Statistics

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, refugees

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

TOPIC COVERED

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

International migration related characteristics: Country of citizenship

- **Coverage for international migration related characteristics:** All person
- **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:** No
- **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:** N.A.
- **Characteristics of persons who left to live abroad:** Name, month/year of departure, sex, 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

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: N.A.

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of international migrant workers: <http://www.qsa.gov.qa/QatarCensus/Default.aspx>

Definition of national living (citizen) abroad: <http://www.qsa.gov.qa/QatarCensus/Default.aspx>

Definition of employment: N.A.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: ISCO-88

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

Classification used for industry: ISIC Rev 4

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

Classification used for status in employment: N.A.

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), telephone interview by enumerator (caller completes paper questionnaire), self-administered online (web) census questionnaire /Computer Assisted Web Interview (CAWI)

Compulsory participation of households: N.A.

Official estimate of under-coverage rate: N.A.

Dissemination of results: Printed publications,
Web site (<http://www.qsa.gov.qa/QatarCensus/Default.aspx>)

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: N.A.

Micro-data availability outside NSO/responsible agency: N.A.

Q2. Household Survey

SOURCE

Title of survey: Labour Force Survey

Agency responsible: Ministry of Development Planning and Statistics

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data collection: Continuously

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, 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, refugees

- **Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered:** Nationals (citizens) in the country, nationals (citizens) employed in the country

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

- **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: Yes

- **Information refers to the last time the person left:** No
- **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:** N.A.
- **Characteristics of persons who left to live abroad:** Name, month/year of departure, sex, 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, household income, wage or earnings rate per time period, hours usually worked

Benefits received from the employer: Retirement pension

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: N.A.

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

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SAMPLE DESIGN

Sample frame used: Population census, area sample

Completed sample size: N.A.

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