SEYCHELLES

Region: Eastern Africa

Income group: High income

Summary: Seychelles has reported 3 metadata sources, which collect information on the international labour migration statistics. There are two survey based sources such as the *Population and Housing Census* and the *Labour Force Survey,* and one administrative record of the *Migration and Tourism Statistics,* which are carried out by the National Bureau of Statistics.

Geographically all of the sources cover whole country, however different population groups. Surveys obtain statistics on five population groups such as:

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country*(covered by the *Population and Housing Census* and the *Labour Force Survey*),
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country*(covered by the *Population and Housing Census* and the *Labour Force Survey*),
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country* (covered by the *Labour Force Survey*), and
- *Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country* (covered by the *Population and Housing Census* and the *Labour Force Survey*).

Administrative record generates statistics from other five population groups:

- *Entry nationals (citizens) returning from residence abroad,*
- *Exit nationals (citizens) going abroad to live,*
- *Exit nationals (citizens) leaving for temporary purposes,*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) entering the country to live, and*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) entering country for temporary purpose.*

Periodicity of data collection varies depending on the type of sources. The *Population Census* in Seychelles was last processed in 2010; the *Labour Force Survey* is carried out every 5 years starting from 1985; the record of *Migration and Tourism Statistics* collects the data on continuously basis.

The *Population Census* and the *Labour Force Survey* are limited to persons aged 15 years and older; all ages are covered in the record of *Migration and Tourism Statistics.*

Both surveys and administrative record collect the data on the following topics, such as demographic characteristics and migration related characteristics. The five essential demographic characteristics covered by the surveys are age, sex, marital status, educational attainment, and household size. In the record of *Migration and Tourism Statistics* the data on age and sex can be found. International migration related characteristics generated through the sources are: country of birth, nationality, country of origin, country of residence, country of previous residence for foreigners, country entering from, destination country, reason for departure, foreign workers in the country, year of arrival, and intended duration of stay.

Labour related characteristics, such as employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, hours usually worked, disability, individual earnings/wages, household income, and months worked in past year are available in the *Population and Housing Census* and the *Labour Force Survey*.

The classifications used for occupation, industry, status in employment, and education in the surveys are internationally adapted classifications, except the classification of industry in the *Labour Force Survey* is nationally adapted.

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 2010	National Bureau of Statistics	-	-	2010
Q2. Household Survey	Labour Force Survey	National Bureau of Statistics	Every 5 years	1985	-
Q3. Border/Admission Statistics	Migration and Tourism Statistics	National Bureau of Statistics	Continuously	-	-

Findings:

The *Population and Housing Census* in Seychelles was carried out in 2010 by the National Bureau of Statistics covering the country's entire population. There are three population groups examined in the *Population and Housing Census*:

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

The *Population and Housing Census* obtains detailed data on demographic characteristics of these population groups. The questions raised in the assessment on the topic of international migration related characteristics, comprise country of birth and country of previous residence for foreigners. The *Population and Housing Census* covers labour related characteristics of current household members aged 15 years and older, such as:

- Employment status,
- Occupation,
- Industry/economic sector,
- Status in employment,
- Hours usually worked,
- Disability, and
- Household income.

To classify occupation, industry, status in employment, and education, internationally and nationally adapted classifications are used such as:

- National adaptation of ISIC;
- ISCO-08;
- ICSE-1993; and
- ISCED-2011.

Micro data are unavailable for research and analysis outside the National Bureau of Statistics.

The *Labour Force Survey* is held every five years starting from 1985 by the National Bureau of Statistics. The sample frame used to develop the sample is Population census. This source covers the population of the entire country, but specific population groups aged 15 years and older such as:

- *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, and*
- *Visitors residing with respondents.*

The ***Labour Force Survey*** retrieves the data on demographic characteristics, of each person in a household. Questions on the international migration characteristics such as nationality and foreign workers in the country are asked. For the population groups assessed in the survey, 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,
- Hours usually worked,
- Wage or earnings rate per time period, and
- Months worked in past year.

"Employment" refers to persons engaged in economic activity for at least one hour in reference period or was temporarily absent from work for work-related reason such as leave, illness etc., provided the person continued to have a job attachment or an enterprise that continued to exist during their absence. The concepts of ***"foreign labour"*** and ***"migrant workers"*** are used to describe ***"international migrant workers"***.

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

- ISCO - 08 (where two digits are used to release the data);
- ISIC Rev 4 (where two digits are used to release the data);
- ICSE – 1993; and
- ISCED – 2011.

Micro data is unavailable for research and analysis outside the National Bureau of Statistics.

The ***Border/Admission Statistics*** are covered by the ***Migration and Tourism Statistics*** from the National Bureau of Statistics. The data collection is continuously carried out by the agency. It processes the following five population groups of all age groups:

- *Entry nationals,*
- *Exit nationals,*
- *Exit nationals leaving for temporary purposes,*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) entering country to live, and*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) entering country for temporary purposes.*

The statistics cover demographic related characteristics such as age and sex. Migration related characteristics generated in the source include country of residence, country entering from, reasons for departure, intended duration of stay, country of destination, country of origin, and year of arrival.

Q1. Population Census

SOURCE

Title of source: Population and Housing Census 2010

Year of last census: 2010

Agency responsible: National Bureau of Statistics

COVERAGE

Geographical coverage: Whole country

Population groups covered: Nationals *(citizens)* in the country, nationals *(citizens)* employed 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, foreign workers *(non-citizens)* living in the country.

TOPICS COVERED

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

International migration related characteristics: Country of birth, country of previous residence for foreigners.

- **Coverage for international migration related characteristics:** Not for all persons – country of birth, all persons - country of previous residence for foreigners.
- **Exceptions for international migration related characteristics:** Country of birth for Seychelles born only.

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, hours usually worked, disability, household income.

- **Age coverage:** 15 years and older

Remittances related characteristics: N.A.

Information on immigrants and return migrants: No

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: N.A.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: ISCO-08

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

Classification used for industry: National adaptation of ISIC

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

Classification used for status in employment: ICSE-1993

Classification used for status in education: ISCED-2011

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: 2% of total population

Dissemination of results: Printed publications – Population and Housing Census Report; Electronic format; Web site – www.nbs.gov.sc

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: Yes

Micro-data is available outside NSO/responsible agency: No

Q2. Household Survey

SOURCE

Title of survey: Labour Force Survey

Agency responsible: National Bureau of Statistics

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data collection: Every 5 years

Year the survey first started: 1985

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

Age coverage: 15+

TOPICS COVERED

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

International migration related characteristics: Nationality, foreign workers in the country.

- **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, individual earnings per month, household income, wage or earnings rate per time period, hours usually worked, months worked in past year.

Benefits received from the employer: N.A.

Remittances related characteristics: No

Information on immigrants and return migrants: No

Data collected and not published/disseminated: No

Information on persons who left to live or work abroad *(recruitment, communication, assistance etc.)***:** N.A.

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of international migrant workers: It refers to foreign labour and migrant workers.

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

Definition of employment: It refers to persons engaged in economic activity for at least one hour in reference period or was temporarily absent from work for work-related reason such as leave, illness etc., provided the person continued to have a job attachment or an enterprise that continued to exist during their absence.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: ISCO-08

- **Number of digits used to release occupation data:** 2

Classification used for industry: ISIC Rev 4

- **Number of digits used to release industry data:** 2

Classification used for status in employment: ICSE-1993

Classification used for status in education: ISCED-2011

DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION

Data collection method: Face-to-face interview by interviewer using paper questionnaire (PAPI)

Compulsory participation of households: No

Dissemination of results: Printed publications – Labour Force Survey 2011/2012 Report; Web site – www.nbs.gov.sc

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: Yes

Micro-data is available outside NSO/responsible agency: No

SAMPLE DESIGN

Sample frame used: Population census

Completed sample size: N.A.

Evaluation of the overall response rate or refusal rate: Yes

Q3. Border/Admission Statistics

SOURCE

Title of source: Migration and Tourism Statistics

Agency responsible: National Bureau of Statistics

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data collection: Continuously

Year the statistics first started: N.A.

Population coverage: Entry nationals *(citizens)* returning from residence abroad, exit nationals *(citizens)* going abroad to live, exit nationals *(citizens)* leaving for temporary purposes, foreigners *(non-citizens)* entering country to live, foreigners *(non-citizens)* entering country for temporary purposes.

- **Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered:** Entry nationals *(citizens)* returning from residence abroad, exit nationals *(citizens)* going abroad to live, exit nationals *(citizens)* leaving for temporary purposes, foreigners *(non-citizens)* entering country to live, foreigners *(non-citizens)* entering country for temporary purposes.

Age coverage: All ages

CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS COVERED

Demographic characteristics: Age, sex.

Migration related characteristics: Country of residence, country entering from, reason for departure, intended duration of stay, country of destination, country of origin, year of arrival.

Labour related characteristics: N.A.

Data collected and not published/disseminated: No

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of overseas visitor: N.A.

Definition of country of residence: N.A.

Definition of international migrant workers: 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

Data collection method: Self-administrated form

Dissemination of results: Printed publications – Migration and Tourism Statistics; Electronic format; Web site – www.nbs.gov.sc

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: No

Micro-data is available outside NSO/responsible agency: No