

SIERRA LEONE

Region: Africa

Income group: Low income

Summary: Sierra Leone has reported 2 metadata sources, which collect information on international labour migration statistics. There are the *Population and Housing Census* and the *Labour Force Survey*, which are carried out by the Statistics Sierra Leone.

Geographically all of the sources cover whole country, however different 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 Population and Housing Census and the Labour Force Survey),*
- *Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country (covered by the Population and Housing Census and the Labour Force Survey),*
- *Refugees (covered by the Population and Housing Census),*
- *Asylum seekers (covered by the Population and Housing Census), and*
- *Workers trafficked into the country (covered by the Labour Force Survey).*

Periodicity of data collection varies depending on the type of source. The *Population and Housing Census* was last processed in 2015. The *Labour Force Survey* is carried out irregularly starting from 1985, and it was last processed in 2014.

The five essential demographic characteristics covered by all sources are age, sex, marital status, educational attainment, and household size. International migration characteristics covered by the *Population and Housing Census* include 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 *Labour Force Survey* covers nationality and foreign workers in the country, and asks information about household members and their characteristics who left to live, work or study abroad for the last 12 months.

Labour related characteristics such as employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, and disability are available in the both sources. The *Labour Force Survey* also generates data on individual earnings per month, wage or earnings rate per time period, hours usually worked, months worked in past year, and whether person has had an occupational injury.

Definitions of “*international migrant workers*”, “*nationals living abroad*”, and “*employment*” are applied in the sources.

To classify occupation, industry, status in employment, and education, nationally and internationally adapted classifications are used in the sources.

Micro data 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	Population and Housing Census	Statistics Sierra Leone	-	-	2015
Q2. Household Survey	Labour Force Survey	Statistics Sierra Leone	Irregularly	1985	2014

Findings:

The latest *Population and Housing Census* was processed in 2015 by the Statistics Sierra Leone covering the whole country. There are six population groups examined in the census:

- *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,*
- *Refugees, and*
- *Asylum seekers.*

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 *2015 Population and Housing Census* covers labour related characteristics of all current household members aged 10 years and over, such as:

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

"International migrant workers" are those who should be in the country for a period exceeding one year. *"National living abroad"* is a Sierra Leone diaspora. *"Employment"* refers to either a paid employed or self-employed.

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

- ISCO-88 (where 4 digits are used to release the data);

- National adaptation of ISIC; and
- National adaptation of ISCED.

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The **Labour Force Survey** commenced in 1985, and is held irregularly. The last was carried out in August, 2014 by the Statistics Sierra Leone. A completed sample size of the examination is 12,000 households. It geographically measures the whole country and amasses information on the following five 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, and*
- *Workers trafficked into the country.*

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 international migration related characteristics presented through the source are nationality and foreign workers in the country.

In addition to the characteristics, the survey asks information about household members who left to live, work or study abroad for the last 12 months, such as:

- Name,
- Month/year of departure,
- Main reason for leaving,
- Age at present,
- Marital status at present,
- Education at time of leaving,
- Education at present,
- Employment status at present, and
- Occupation at present.

The data on labour related characteristics are available, particularly for:

- Employment status,
- Occupation,
- Industry/economic sector,
- Status in employment,
- Individual earnings per month,
- Wage or earnings rate per time period,
- Hours usually worked,
- Months worked in past year,
- Whether person has had an occupational injury, and
- Whether person has had disability.

"International migrant workers" are those who should not be in the country for a period not exceeding one year. **"National living abroad"** is a Sierra Leone diaspora. **"Employment"** refers to either a paid employed or self-employed.

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

- National adaptation of ISCED.

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

Q1. Population Census

SOURCE

Title of source: 2015 Population and Housing Census

Year of last census: 2015

Agency responsible: Statistics Sierra Leone

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, refugees, asylum seekers, all foreigners

- **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, refugees, asylum seekers, all foreigner

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:**
 - **Country of birth and Country of citizenship:** All persons
- **Exceptions for international migration related characteristics:**
 - **Exceptions for country of previous residence for foreigners:** We ask the place of birth of respondent and the country of residence 1 year and 5 years before Census day for the respondent. Information about household members left to live abroad
 - **Exceptions for country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned:** We ask the place of birth of respondent and the country of residence 1 year and 5 years before Census day for the respondent

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:** 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: Migrant Workers should in the country for a period exceeding one year.

Definition of national (citizen) living abroad: It refers to a Sierra Leone diaspora

Definition of employment: It is either a paid employed or self employed

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: ISCO-88

- **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:** N.A.

Classification used for status in employment: N.A.

Classification used for status in education: National adaptation of ISCED

DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION

Data collection method: Face-to-face computer assisted interview by census enumerator (CAPI)

Compulsory participation of households: Yes

Official estimate of under-coverage rate: No

Dissemination of results: Printed publications

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: No

Micro-data availability outside NSO/responsible agency: No

Q2. Household Survey

SOURCE

Title of survey: Labour Force Survey

Agency responsible: Statistics Sierra Leone

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data collection: Irregularly or only once (The last was carried out in 08.2014)

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, workers trafficked into 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, workers trafficked into the country

Age coverage: All ages

TOPIC COVERED

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

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: Yes (For the last 12 months)

- **Information refers to the last time the person left:** Yes
- **Limited to certain age or work status:** Yes (ILO international standard for working age)
- **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, main reason for leaving, age at present, marital status at present, education at time of leaving, 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, wage or earnings rate per time period, hours usually worked, months worked in past year, whether person has had an occupational injury, 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: Yes

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 those who should not work in the country for a period not exceeding one year

Definition of national (citizen) living abroad: A Sierra Leonean diaspora

Definition of employment: A paid employee or self employed

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: National adaptation of ISCED

DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION

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

Compulsory participation of households: No

Dissemination of results: Printed publication, Web site (www.statistics.sl)

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: N.A.

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

SAMPLE DESIGN

Sample frame used: Population census

Completed sample size: Yes

- **Total household:** 12,000 households

Evaluation of the overall response rate or refusal rate: Yes