Region: Africa

Income group: Lower-middle income

Summary: Sudan has reported 3 metadata sources, which collect information on international labour migration statistics: the Housing and Population Census carried out by the Central Bureau of Statistics; a household survey of the MICS held by the Central Bureau of Statistics and Ministry of Health; a register of the Migrants and Migrant Workers carried out by the Ministry of Labour and Ministry of Internal Affairs.

Geographically the Housing and Population Census and the register of Migrants and Migrant Workers cover whole country; the MICS collects the data on parts of the country. The sources cover different population groups such as:

- Nationals (citizens) in the country (covered by the Housing and Population Census, the MICS, and the register of Migrants and Migrant Workers),
- Nationals (citizens) employed in the country (covered by the Housing and Population Census, the MICS, and the register of Migrants and Migrant Workers),
- Nationals (citizens) living abroad (covered by the register of Migrants and Migrant Workers),
- Nationals (citizens) living and working abroad (covered by the Housing and Population Census and the register of Migrants and Migrant Workers),
- Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country (covered by the Housing and Population Census, the MICS, and the register of Migrants and Migrant Workers),
- Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country (covered by the Housing and Population Census, the MICS, and the register of Migrants and Migrant Workers),
- Refugees (covered by the Housing and Population Census, the MICS, and the register of Migrants and Migrant Workers), and
- Child workers (non-citizens) in the country (covered by the MICS).

Periodicity of data collection varies depending on the type of sources. The Housing and Population Census in Sudan was last processed in 2008; the MICS is carried out every five years starting from 1995; the register of Migrants and Migrant Workers collects the data on continuously basis. Age coverage for the Housing and Population Census and the MICS is 10 years old and over, and the register of Migrants and Migrant Workers covers all ages.

The four essential demographic characteristics covered by the sources are age, gender, marital status, and educational attainment. In the Housing and Population Census and the MICS, the data on household size also can be found. All three available sources provide statistics on the country of birth, which helps to identify if the person is a citizen of the country or is coming from a foreign state. The register of Migrants and Migrant Workers obtains very detailed migration related characteristics on persons examined. Labour related characteristics, such as employment status, industry/economic sector, and status in employment are available in all three sources.

“International migrant workers” are measured as “foreign workers”, “national living abroad” is measured as “migrant”. “Employment” is defined based on national definition. The classifications used for occupation and industry in the sources are internationally adapted classifications.
Findings:

The latest Housing and Population Census in Sudan was carried out in 2008 by the Central Bureau of Statistics covering the country’s entire population. There are six population groups examined in the Housing and Population Census:

- Nationals (citizens) in the country,
- Nationals (citizens) employed in the country,
- Nationals (citizens) living and working abroad,
- Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country,
- Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country, and
- Refugees.

The Housing and Population 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, 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. In addition, the census 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” are defined as “foreign workers”, “national living abroad” is defined as “migrant”. “Employment” is defined as an agreement between an employer and an employee that the employee will provide certain services on the job, and in the employer’s designated workplace, to facilitate the accomplishment of the employer organization’s goals and mission, in return for compensation. To classify occupation and industry in Sudan, internationally adapted classifications are applied. For example:

- ISCO - 08 (where four digit is used to release the data); and
- ISIC rev 3 (where five digit is used to release the data);
The **MICS** commenced in 1995, and is held every five years by the Central Bureau of Statistics and Ministry of Health. It geographically measures states from north, south, west, and east and amasses information on the following six population groups aged 10 years old and over:

- 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
- Child workers (non-citizens) in country.

The **MICS** retrieves the data on demographic characteristics, of each person in a household. Question on country of birth is asked in order to collect migration related characteristics. The data on labour related characteristics is available, particularly for:

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

“International migrant workers” are defined as “foreign workers”, “national living abroad” is defined as “migrant”. “Employment” is defined as an agreement between an employer and an employee that the employee will provide certain services on the job, and in the employer’s designated workplace, to facilitate the accomplishment of the employer organization’s goals and mission, in return for compensation.

To classify occupation and industry internationally adapted classifications are applied such as ISCO-88, where four digits are used to release the data and ISIC rev 3, where five digits are used to release the data. Classifications of status in employment and education are nationally adapted.

The **Migrants and Migrant Workers** is a continuous population register carried out by the Ministry of Labour and Ministry of Internal Affairs. This geographically calculates the whole country. The information in the register is collected on the following seven population groups of all ages:

- 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,
- Foreigners (non-citizens) living and working in the country, and
- Refugees.

Data on the migration related characteristics are available such as:

- Country of birth,
- Country of citizenship,
- Country of previous residence,
- Year of arrival,
- Time period allowed to stay,
- Year of departure,
- Reason for departure,
- Destination country,
- Nationality,
- Foreign workers in the country,
- Members of household living abroad,
- Members of household working abroad with work permit issued by the destination country,
The register additionally provides labour related information, specifying employment status, industry/economic sector, and status in employment for the population group covered.

“International migrant workers” are defined as “foreign workers”, “national living abroad” is defined as “migrant”. “Employment” is defined as an agreement between an employer and an employee that the employee will provide certain services on the job, and in the employer’s designated workplace, to facilitate the accomplishment of the employer organization’s goals and mission, in return for compensation. The following classifications are used to classify occupation and industry:

- ISCO - 88 (where four digits are used to release the data); and
- ISIC rev 3 (where five digits are used to release the data).

Q1. Population Census

**SOURCE**

- **Title of source:** Housing and Population Census
- **Year of last census:** 2008
- **Agency responsible:** Central Bureau of Statistics

**COVERAGE**

- **Geographical coverage:** Whole country
- **Population groups covered:** Nationals (citizens) in the country, nationals (citizens) employed in the country, nationals (citizens) living and working abroad, foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country, foreigners (non-citizens) living and working in the country, refugees.

**TOPICS COVERED**

- **Demographic characteristics:** Age, marital status, household size, sex, educational attainment.
- **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.
- **Labour related characteristics of all current household members:** Employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, disability.
- **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 foreign workers.

Definition of national (citizen) living abroad: It refers to migrants.

Definition of employment: Employment is an agreement between an employer and an employee that the employee will provide certain services on the job, and in the employer’s designated workplace, to facilitate the accomplishment of the employer organization’s goals and mission, in return for compensation.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: ISCO-88

• Number of digits used to release occupation data: 4

Classification used for industry: ISIC rev 3

• Number of digits used to release industry data: 5

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: No

Official estimate of under-coverage rate: No

Dissemination of results: Printed publications; Electronic format; Web site.

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: Yes

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

Q2. Household Survey

SOURCE

Title of survey: MICS

Agency responsible: Central Bureau of Statistics and Ministry of Health

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data collection: Every 5 years

Year the survey first started: 1995

Geographical coverage: States from north, south, west, east.

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, child workers (non-citizens) in 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, refugees, child workers (non-citizens) in country.

Age coverage: 10 years and over

TOPICS COVERED

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

International migration related characteristics: Country of birth

• Coverage for international migration related characteristics: All persons
• Exceptions for international migration related characteristics: No

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.

Benefits received from the employer: 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 country of residence 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

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

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

Definition of national (citizen) living abroad: It refers to migrants.

Definition of employment: Employment is an agreement between an employer and an employee that the employee will provide certain services on the job, and in the employer’s designated workplace, to facilitate the accomplishment of the employer organization’s goals and mission, in return for compensation.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: ISCO-08

• Number of digits used to release occupation data: 4

Classification used for industry: ISIC rev 3

• Number of digits used to release industry data: 5

Classification used for status in employment: N.A.

Classification used for status in education: N.A.

DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION

Data collection method: N.A.
Compulsory participation of households: No

Dissemination of results: Printed publications; Electronic format; Web site.

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: N.A.

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

SAMPLE DESIGN

Sample frame used: Population census, area sample.

Completed sample size: Total households

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

Q6. Administrative Sources

SOURCE

Title of source: Migrants and Migrant Workers

Agency responsible: Ministry of Labour and Ministry of Internal Affairs

Kind of source: Continuous population register

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data release: Continuously

Year the source first started: N.A.

Geographical coverage: Whole country

Population coverage: National (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, foreigners (non-citizens) living and working in the country, refugees.

- Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered: No

Age coverage: All ages

DATA COLLECTED ON PERSONS IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE SOURCE

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

Migration related characteristics: Country of birth, country of citizenship, country of previous residence, year of arrival, time period allowed to stay, year of departure, reason for departure, destination country, nationality, foreign workers in the country, members of household living abroad, members of household working abroad with work permits issued by the destination country, country of origin, country of transit.

Labour related characteristics: Employment status, industry/economic sector, status in employment.

Data collected and not published/disseminated: N.A.

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

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

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

Definition of a national (citizen) living abroad: It refers to migrants.
**Definition of employment:** Employment is an agreement between an employer and an employee that the employee will provide certain services on the job, and in the employer’s designated workplace, to facilitate the accomplishment of the employer organization’s goals and mission, in return for compensation.

**Definition of individual earnings:** N.A.

**CLASSIFICATION**

- **Classification used for occupation:** ISCO-88
  - Number of digits used to release occupation data: 4
- **Classification used for industry:** ISIC rev 3
  - Number of digits used to release industry data: 5
- **Classification used for status in employment:** N.A.
- **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; Web site.
- **Metadata has been prepared and disseminated:** N.A.
- **Micro-data is available outside NSO/responsible agency:** N.A.