

SURINAME

Region: Americas

Income group: Upper-middle income

Summary: Suriname has reported 3 metadata sources, which collect information on international labour migration statistics: a survey of the **Labour Force Survey** carried out by the General Bureau of Statistics Suriname; two administrative records such as the record of **Border Management System** held by the Military Police of the Ministry of Defence, and **Continuous Population Register** carried out by the Central Registry Office of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Geographically the **Labour Force Survey** covers urban districts of Paramaribo and Wanica, and the **Continuous Population Register** covers whole country. The statistics on the following population groups are available:

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country* (covered by the **Labour Force Survey** and the **Continuous Population Register**)
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country* (covered by the **Labour Force Survey**)
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country* (covered by the **Continuous Population Register**)
- *Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country* (covered by the **Labour Force Survey**)
- *Refugees* (covered by the **Border Management System**)
- *Entry nationals returning from residence abroad* (covered by the **Border Management System**)
- *Foreigners entering country to live* (covered by the **Border Management System**)
- *Transit migrants* (covered by the **Border Management System**)

Periodicity of data collection varies depending on the type of sources. The **Labour Force Survey** is carried out on continuously basis starting from 1986; the **Border Management System** is held continuously since 2012; and the **Continuous Population Register** is released every one to two years.

Age coverage also varies depending on the type of sources. In the **Labour Force Survey** persons aged 15 to 64 years old are examined. The administrative records are applied to persons of all ages.

The two essential demographic characteristics covered by all the sources are age and sex. Data on marital status, educational attainment, and household size also can be found in the **Labour Force Survey**. Marital status is also covered in the **Continuous Population Register**.

International migration characteristic covered by all the sources is country of citizenship. Other international migration statistics that can be found in the sources include nationality, country of birth, country of residence, reason for coming to country, intended duration of stay, year of arrival, country of origin, country of transit, and country of previous residence.

Labour related characteristics such as employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, individual earnings per month, and hours usually worked are available in the **Labour Force surveys**.

Definitions of “**employment**”, “**overseas visitor**”, and “**country of residence**” are applied in the sources.

To classify occupation, industry, status in employment, and education internationally adapted classifications are used in the **Labour Force Survey**, whereas the classifications are not recorded in the administrative records.

Micro data files from the **Labour Force Survey** are unavailable 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
Q2. Household Survey	Labour Force Survey	General Bureau of Statistics Suriname	Continuously	1986	-
Q3. Border/Admission Statistics	Border Management System	Military Police of the Ministry of Defence	Continuously	2012	-
Q6. Administrative Sources	Continuous Population Register	Central Registry Office of the Ministry of Home Affairs	Every one to two years	-	-

Findings:

The **Labour Force Survey** in Suriname commenced in 1986, and is held continuously by the General Bureau of Statistics Suriname. It geographically measures urban districts of Paramaribo and Wanica, which consist of 66% of total population and amasses information on the following three population groups aged 15 to 64 years old.

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country,*
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country, and*
- *Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in 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 international migration related characteristics presented through the source are country of citizenship and nationality. For the population groups assessed in the **Labour Force Survey**, the data on labour related characteristics is available, particularly for:

- Employment status,
- Occupation,
- Industry/economic sector,
- Status in employment,
- Individual earnings per month, and
- Hours usually worked.

"**Employment**" refers to all persons who, during the reference period (3 months), performed an activity for wage or salary in cash or in kind, or profit from own account working. To classify occupation, industry, status in employment, and education, internationally adapted classifications are applied. For example:

- ISCO-88 (where four digits are used to release the data);
- ISIC rev 4 (where six digits are used to release the data);
- ICSE-1993; and
- ISCED-1997.

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

Border/Admission Statistics are covered by the **Border Management System** from the Military Police of the Ministry of Defence. Since 2012, data collection has been carried out continuously. It processes the following four population groups of all ages.

- *Entry nationals returning from residence abroad,*
- *Foreigners entering country to live,*
- *Refugees, and*
- *Transit migrants.*

The Statistics cover data on demographic characteristics such as age and sex. Statistics on the following international migration related characteristics are presented through the source:

- Country of birth,
- Country of citizenship,
- Country of residence,
- Reason for coming to country,
- Intended duration of stay, and
- Year of arrival.

"**Overseas visitor**" refers to visitors from abroad. "**Country of residence**" is the country in which you currently reside.

The **Continuous Population Register** is carried out by the Central Registry Office (CBB) of the Ministry of Home Affairs and released every one to two years. The source appraises whole country and collects data on the following two population groups of all ages.

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country and*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country.*

In the register, data can be found on demographic characteristics such as age, sex, and marital status. International migration related characteristics accessible through the source are:

- Country of citizenship,
- Nationality,
- Country of origin,
- Country of transit, and
- Country of previous residence.

Q2. Household Survey

SOURCE

Title of survey: Labour Force Survey

Agency responsible: General Bureau of Statistics Suriname

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data collection: Continuously

Year the survey first started: 1986

Geographical coverage: Parts of country

- **Areas covered:** Urban districts (Paramaribo and Wanica, consist of 66% of total population)

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

Age coverage: 15 to 64 years old

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:** Not for all
- **Exceptions for international migration related characteristics:**
 - **Exceptions for country of citizenship:** Only for the usual residents and those planning to live in the country for longer than 6 months after the reference date

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, hours usually worked

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

- **Number and name of question not published:** Income data
- **Reason not published:** Because of low response

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

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of international migrant workers: N.A.

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

Definition of employment: It refers to all persons who, during the reference period (3 months), performed an activity for wage or salary, in cash or in kind, profit or from own account working.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: ISCO-88

- **Number of digits used to release occupation data:** 4

Classification used for industry: ISIC rev 4

- **Number of digits used to release industry data:** 6

Classification used for status in employment: ICSE-1993

Classification used for status in education: ISCED-1997

DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION

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

Compulsory participation of households: No

Dissemination of results: Printed publication (Households in Suriname, 2009-2014. published July 15th 2015)

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: Yes

Micro-data availability 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: No

Q3. Border/Admission Statistics

SOURCE

Title of source: Border Management System

Agency responsible: Military Police of the Ministry of Defence

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data collection: Continuously

Year the statistics first started: 2012

Population coverage: Entry nationals returning from residence abroad, foreigners entering country to live, refugees, transit migrants

- **Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered:** Entry nationals returning from residence abroad, foreigners entering country to live, refugees, transit migrants

Age coverage: All ages

CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS COVERED

Demographic characteristics: Age, sex

Migration related characteristics: Country of birth, country of citizenship, country of residence, reason for coming to country, intended duration of stay, year of arrival

Labour related characteristics: N.A.

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

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of overseas visitor: It refers to visitors from abroad

Definition of country of residence: It refers to the country in which you currently reside.

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 administration form

Dissemination of results: On request, the data is shared with the general bureau of statistics

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: No

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

Q6. Administrative Sources

SOURCE

Title of source: Central Registry Office (CBB)

Agency responsible: CBB is a department of the Ministry of Home Affairs

Kind of source: Continuous population register

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data release: Every one to two year(s)

Year the source first started: N.A.

Geographical coverage: Whole country

Population coverage: Nationals (citizens) in the country, foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country

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

Age coverage: All ages

DATA COLLECTED ON PERSONS IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE SOURCE

Demographic characteristics: Age, sex, marital status

Migration related characteristics: Country of citizenship, nationality, country of origin, country of transit, country of previous residence

Labour related characteristics: N.A.

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

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of international migrant workers: N.A.

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

Definition of a national living abroad: N.A.

Definition of employment: N.A.

Definition of individual earnings: 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

Compulsory registration for the population groups covered: Yes

Official estimate of coverage rate: N.A.

Dissemination of results: Printed publications (In November 2014 data over 2013 was published)

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: No

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