

TAJIKISTAN

Region: Europe and Central Asia

Income group: Lower-middle income

Summary: Tajikistan has reported 3 metadata sources, which collect information on international labour migration statistics. The Statistics Agency under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan conducts the *Census of Population and Housing* and *Labour Force Survey*. The Migration Service of the Ministry of Labour, Migration and Employment collects the *Border/Admission Statistics*.

Geographically all of the sources cover whole country, however different population groups, such as:

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country* (covered by the *Census of Population and Housing* and *Labour Force Survey*),
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country* (covered by the *Census of Population and Housing* and *Labour Force Survey*),
- *Nationals (citizens) living and working abroad* (covered by the *Census of Population and Housing* and *Labour Force Survey*),
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country* (covered by the *Census of Population and Housing*),
- *Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country* (covered by the *Census of Population and Housing*),
- *Refugees* (covered by the *Census of Population and Housing* and the *Border/Admission Statistics*),
- *Asylum seekers* (covered by the *Census of Population and Housing*),
- *Entry nationals (citizens) returning from residence abroad* (covered by the *Border/Admission Statistics*),
- *Exit nationals (citizens) going abroad to live* (covered by the *Border/Admission Statistics*),
- *Exit nationals (citizens) leaving for temporary purposes* (covered by the *Border/Admission Statistics*),
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) entering country to live* (covered by the *Border/Admission Statistics*), and
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) entering country for temporary purposes* (covered by the *Border/Admission Statistics*).

Periodicity of data collection varies depending on the type of source. The *Census of Population and Housing* was last processed in 2010; the *Labour Force Survey* was last carried out in July-August 2009 and started in 2004. The *Border/Admission Statistics* collect the data twice per year starting from 2005.

All three sources cover persons aged 15 years and older. The five essential demographic characteristics covered by the surveys are age, gender, marital status, educational attainment, and household size. In the *Border/Admission Statistics*, the data on age, sex, and education also can be found. All available sources provide statistics on the country of citizenship. The other migration related characteristics accessible through sources include country of birth, second country of citizenship, country of previous residence for foreigners, destination country, reason for departure, household members living abroad, intended duration of stay, time period allowed to stay, and estimated duration of stay in the country assigned to migrant workers.

Labour related characteristics collected in the surveys comprise of employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, and occupation. In the *Border/Admission Statistics* the data on industry/economic sector is available. The *LFS* obtains statistics on immigrants and return migrants, including the situation of these persons.

“*International migrant workers*” are measured as “*migrant workers*” in the *Census of Population and Housing* and the *Border/Admission Statistics*. “*Nationals living abroad*” are defined as “*external labour migration*” in the *Labour Force Survey*. Lastly, agency adapted definition of “*employment*” is applied in the surveys.

To classify industry, status in employment, and occupation internationally and nationally adapted classifications are applied.

Micro data files are not available for research and analysis outside the agencies.

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	Census of Population and Housing	Statistics Agency under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan	-	-	2010
Q2. Household Survey	Labour Force Survey	Statistics Agency under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan	Last time was in 2009	2004	2009
Q3. Border/Admission Statistics	-	Migration Service of the Ministry of Labour, Migration and Employment	Two times per year	2005	-

Findings:

The latest *Census of Population and Housing* was carried out in 2010 by the Statistics Agency under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan covering the country's entire population. There are eight population groups examined in the *Census of Population and Housing*:

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country,*
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country,*
- *Nationals (citizens) living and working abroad,*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country, even if arrived recently,*
- *Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country,*
- *Refugees,*
- *Asylum seekers, and*
- *Stateless persons.*

The *Census of Population and Housing* 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 of country of birth, country of citizenship, second country of citizenship, and country of previous residence for foreigners. Statistics on household members that have left the country to live abroad in the last 12 months are collected and limited to persons aged 15 years and older. The following characteristics of these persons are compiled:

- Name,
- Sex,
- Main reason for leaving,
- Age at present,
- Marital status at present,
- Education at present,
- Employment status at present, and
- Occupation.

In addition to demographic characteristics, the *Census of Population and Housing* covers labour related characteristics of all current household members such as:

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

The *Census of Population and Housing* contains questions on remittances received from household members living abroad.

“Migrant worker” in the census is defined as a person, who was engaged, is engaged or will be engaged into paid labour activities in the country of which he/she is not a citizen. **“Employed”** are persons aged between 15-75 years were in one of the following categories during the reference period; 1) were employed (at least one hour a week) for profit in cash or in kind, also were self-employed for profit or family gain not depending on the term remuneration or profit for its activities; 2) were temporary absent at work due to illness or injury, care for sick people, annual leave or holidays, compensatory leave or days off, compensation for overtime or work on holidays (days off), special plan work, being in reserve, maternity leave, child care up to 1.5 years, education, training, educational leave, paid leave by the initiative of administration, unpaid leave by the initiative of administration, other reasons; 3) were contributing at the business owned by family member; 4) were engaged in production of services and goods at the household, including agriculture, forestry, hunting, fishing and re-production, if products are designed for placing at the market or for own consumption, with the term of spending more than 20 hours a week for its production.

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

- ISCO - 88;
- National adaptation of ISIC rev 3;
- ICSE - 1993; and
- ISCED - 1997.

The *Labour Force Survey* in Tajikistan was carried out twice in 2004 and 2009 by the Statistics Agency under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan. A completed sample size of the examination is 4,000 households and 17,177 individuals. It geographically measures all five main regions of the country, excluding one-two areas, which do not affect the results and amasses information on the following three population groups aged between 12 to 75 years old:

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country,*
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country, and*
- *Nationals (citizens) living and working abroad.*

The *Labour Force Survey* retrieves the data on demographic characteristics, of each person in a household. Questions on the international migration characteristics raised in the survey include country of citizenship, second country of citizenship, and household members living abroad. Information on the migrant workers who left in the last 12 months or more is collected and is limited to those aged 15 years and older. The following characteristics of these persons are obtained:

- Name,
- Sex,
- Main reason for leaving,
- Age at present,
- Marital status at present,
- Education at present,
- Employment status at present,
- Occupation at present.

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, and
- Hours usually worked.

The household survey questionnaire includes questions on the following possible benefits that may be received from employer: health insurance or subsidized health care and paid vacation.

The **Labour Force Survey** contains questions, which help to collect information on immigrants and return migrants such as: ‘*Have you ever lived outside this country?*’ If the answer is positive, the situation of these persons is studied including employment status, status in employment, occupation, and industry/economic sector. “**External labour migration**” is a temporary migration related to employment outside the country. The same definition of “**employment**” as in the census is applied in the survey.

To classify occupation, industry, and education in the **Labour Force Survey**, internationally and nationally adapted classifications are applied. For example:

- ISCO - 88 (where level one digits are used to release the data);
- ISIC rev 3 adapted and approved by the Resolution from the Statistics Agency of the RT from 23 April 1999 number 4 (where alphabetic digits are used to release the data); and
- ISCED – 1997.

Micro data files are not available for research and analysis outside the agency.

Border/Admission Statistics are obtained from the Migration Service of the Ministry of Labour, Migration and Employment. The data collection is carried out twice a year since 2005. It processes the following seven population groups aged 15 years and over:

- *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,*
- *Refugees, and*
- *Employed foreigners issued working permits.*

The statistics cover demographic characteristics such as: age, sex, and education. The following migration related topics are covered:

- Country of citizenship,
- Reason for departure,
- Intended duration of stay,
- Country of destination,
- Time period allowed to stay, and
- Estimated duration of stay in the country assigned to migrant worker.

To collect evidence on labour related characteristics the question on industry/economic sector is raised at the source.

“**Migrant worker**” is defined as a person, who was engaged, is engaged or will be engaged into paid labour activities in the country of which he/she is not a citizen.

Internationally adapted classifications are used in the data source to classify occupation, industry, and education, such as:

- ISCO-88;
- ISIC rev 3; and
- ISCED 1997.

Micro data files are not available for research and analysis outside the agency.

Q1. Population Census

SOURCE

Title of source: Census of Population and Housing

Year of last census: 2010

Agency responsible: Statistics Agency under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan

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, foreign workers (*non-citizens*) living in the country, refugees, asylum seekers, stateless persons.

- **Publication/dissemination of data on 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, foreign workers (*non-citizens*) living in the country, refugees, asylum seekers, stateless persons.

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.

- **Coverage for international migration related characteristics:** All persons
- **Exceptions for international migration related characteristics:** No

Information about household members left to live abroad: Last 12 months

- **Information refers to the last time the person left:** Yes
- **Limited to certain age and work status:** Working age starts at 15 in accordance with the Labour Code.
- **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, sex, main reason for leaving, 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+

Remittances related characteristics: Remittances received

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 worker - a person, who was engaged, is engaged or will be engaged into paid labour activities in the country of which he/she is not a citizen.

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

Definition of employment: It refers to persons aged between 15-75 years were in one of the following categories during the reference period; 1) were employed (at least one hour a week) for profit in cash or in kind, also were self-employed for profit or family gain not depending on the term remuneration or profit for its activities; 2) were temporary absent at work due to illness or injury, care for sick people, annual leave or holidays, compensatory leave or days off, compensation for overtime or work on holidays (days off), special plan work, being in reserve, maternity leave, child care up to 1.5 years, education, training, educational leave, paid leave by the initiative of administration, unpaid leave by the initiative of administration, other reasons; 3) were contributing at the business owned by family member; 4) were engaged in production of services and goods at the household, including agriculture, forestry, hunting, fishing and re-production, if products are designed for placing at the market or for own consumption, with the term of spending more than 20 hours a week for its production.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: ISCO - 88

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

Classification used for industry: National adaptation of ISIC 3

- **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 - 1997

DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION

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

Compulsory participation of households: Yes

Official estimate of under-coverage rate: 0.01% of total population

Dissemination of results: Printed publications, electronic format, Web site – www.stat.tj

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: Yes

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

Q2. Household Survey: Labour Force Survey

SOURCE

Title of survey: Labour Force Survey

Agency responsible: Statistics Agency under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data collection: Last one was in July-August 2009

Year the survey first started: Two LFS were carried out in 2004 and 2009.

Geographical coverage: Whole country – sample survey covers all 5 main regions of the country on the level of regions perhaps excluding 1-2 areas, which do not affect the results on the national level and on the level of 5 main regions of the country.

Population groups covered: Nationals (*citizens*) in the country, nationals (*citizens*) employed in the country, nationals (*citizens*) living and working abroad.

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

Age coverage: 12-75 years

TOPICS COVERED

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

International migration related characteristics: Country of citizenship, second country of citizenship, household members living abroad.

- **Coverage for international migration related characteristics:** All persons
- **Exceptions for international migration related characteristics:** No

Information about household members left to live abroad: For migrant workers who left in the last 12 months or more.

- **Information refers to the last time the person left:** Yes
- **Limited to certain age and work status:** To obtain the information on child labour, stated minimum age is 12 years old. Labour force age starts from 15 years old in accordance with the law, excluding some cases, when the age is 14 years old. In the LFS 12-14 years old are considered as child labour.
- **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, sex, main reason for leaving, 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, hours usually worked.

Benefits received from the employer: Health insurance or subsidized health care, paid vacation.

Remittances related characteristics: No

Information on immigrants and return migrants: Persons who ever lived outside the country.

- **Information on the situation of the person prior to leaving the country of residence is obtained:** Employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector.

Data collected and not published/disseminated: No

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: External labour migration means a temporary migration related to employment outside the country.

Definition of employment: It refers to persons aged between 15-75 years were in one of the following categories during the reference period; 1) were employed (at least one hour a week) for profit in cash or in kind, also were self-employed for profit or family gain not depending on the term remuneration or profit for its activities; 2) were temporary absent at work due to illness or injury, care for sick people, annual leave or holidays, compensatory leave or days off, compensation for overtime or work on holidays (days off), special plan work, being in reserve, maternity leave, child care up to 1.5 years, education, training, educational leave, paid leave by the initiative of administration, unpaid leave by the initiative of administration, other reasons; 3) were contributing at the business owned by family member; 4) were engaged in production of services and goods at the household, including agriculture, forestry, hunting, fishing and re-production, if products are designed for placing at the market or for own consumption, with the term of spending more than 20 hours a week for its production.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: ISCO - 88

- **Number of digits used to release occupation data:** Level 1

Classification used for industry: ISIC rev 3 adapted and approved by the Resolution from the Statistics Agency of the RT from 23 April 1999 number 4

- **Number of digits used to release industry data:** At alphabetic level

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 interview with census enumerator using paper questionnaire (PAPI).

Compulsory participation of households: No

Dissemination of results: Printed publications (the situation on the labour market of the Republic of Tajikistan); Electronic format; Web site - www.stat.tj section publications - electronic publications.

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: Yes

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

SAMPLE DESIGN

Sample frame used: Population census, household books in rural areas.

Completed sample size:

- Total households: 4,000
- Total individuals: 17,177

Evaluation of the overall response rate or refusal rate: No

Q3. Border/Admission Statistics

SOURCE

Title of source: N.A.

Agency responsible: Migration Service of the Ministry of Labour, Migration and Employment

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data collection: Two times per year, half a year reporting

Year the statistics first started: 2005

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, refugees, employed foreigners receiving working permits.

- **Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered:** Foreigners (*non-citizens*) entering country to live, foreigners (*non-citizens*) entering country for temporary purposes, employed foreigners receiving working permits.

Age coverage: 15+

CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS COVERED

Demographic characteristics: Age, sex, marital status.

Migration related characteristics: Country of citizenship, reason for departure, intended duration of stay, destination country, time period allowed to stay, estimated duration of stay in the country assigned to migrant workers.

Labour related characteristics: Industry/economic sector.

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: Migrant worker - a person, who was engaged, is engaged or will be engaged into paid labour activities in the country of which he/she is not a citizen.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: ISCO - 88

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

Classification used for industry: ISIC rev3

- **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: Self-administrated form.

Dissemination of results: Printed publications (Labour Market in the Republic of Tajikistan); Web site
- www.stat.tj

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: No

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