

TUNISIA

Region: Northern Africa

Income group: Lower-middle income

Summary: Tunisia has reported 4 metadata sources, which collect information on international labour migration statistics. There is a survey based source such as *General Population and Housing Census*, which is carried out by the National Institute of Statistics. There are two administrative records such as *Border Statistics* held by the Ministry of Interior and *Administrative records* held by the Ministry of Interior, National Agency of Technical Cooperation, and Ministry of Employment. Lastly there is a *Flow Estimation*, which are carried out by the National Institute of Statistics.

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

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country* (covered by the *Flow Estimation*),
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country* (covered by the *Flow Estimation*),
- *Nationals (citizens) living abroad* (covered by the *Administrative records*),
- *Nationals (citizens) living and working abroad* (covered by the *Administrative records*),
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country* (covered by the *General Population and Housing Census*, the *Administrative records*, and the *Flow Estimation*),
- *Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country* (covered by the *General Population and Housing Census* and the *Administrative records*),
- *Refugees* (covered by the *Border Statistics*),
- *Asylum seekers* (covered by the *Border Statistics*),
- *Entry nationals (citizens) returning from residence abroad* (covered by the *Border Statistics*),
- *Exit nationals (citizens) going abroad to live* (covered by the *Border Statistics*),
- *Exit nationals (citizens) leaving for temporary purposes* (covered by the *Border Statistics*),
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) entering the country to live* (covered by the *Border Statistics*),
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) entering country for temporary purposes* (covered by the *Border Statistics*), and
- *Transit migrants* (covered by the *Border Statistics*).

Periodicity of data collection varies depending on the type of sources. The *General Population and Housing Census* in Tunisia was last processed in 2014; the *Border Statistics* are carried out every month; the *Administrative records* are not broadcasted, the data is collected on demand; and the *Flow Estimation* collects the data irregularly starting from 2005, the last one was in 2015.

The sources cover different age groups of persons examined. The *General Population and Housing Census* compile labour related statistics on persons aged 15 years and older. The *Border Statistics* do not include age variable. In the *Administrative records* persons of working age are examined, and in the *Flow Estimation* all ages are covered.

The four essential demographic characteristics covered by the sources are age, gender, marital status, and educational attainment. In the *General Population and Housing Census* and *Flow Estimation*, the data on household size can be found. In the *Border Statistics* and *Administrative records* statistics on household composition are generated. Questions on international migration characteristics are raised in all the sources. The country of birth can be found in all the sources. Both administrative records amasses the information on destination country, reason for departure, reason for coming to country, and year of arrival. Information of household members left to live abroad in the last five years prior to census date are generated in the *General Population and Housing Census*.

Labour related characteristics such as employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, and status in employment are available in all the sources.

Definitions of “*international migrant workers*” and “*nationals living abroad*” are used in the *General Population and Housing Census*. Definition of “*employment*” in the *General Population and Housing Census* is standard ILO definition.

To classify occupation and industry the *General Population and Housing Census* and the *Flow Estimation* apply internationally adapted classifications such as ISCO-08 and ISIC Rev3. To classify status in employment and education these source apply nationally adapted classifications.

Micro data files from the sources are unavailable 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	General Population and Housing Census	National Institute of Statistics	-	-	2014
Q3. Border/Admission Statistics	Border Statistics	Ministry of Interior	Every month	-	-
Q6. Administrative Sources	Ministry of Interior, National Agency of Technical Cooperation, Ministry of Employment	Ministry of Interior, National Agency of Technical Cooperation, Ministry of Employment	No broadcast, on demand	-	-
Q7. Estimation of International Migrant Workers in the Country	Flow Estimation	National Institute of Statistics	The last one was in 2015	2005	Inter-census period

Findings:

The latest *General Population and Housing Census* in Tunisia was carried out in 2014 by the National Institute of Statistics covering the country’s entire population. There are two population groups examined in the *General Population and Housing Census*:

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

The *General Population and Housing Census* obtains detailed data on demographic characteristics of these population groups. The questions on international migration related characteristics, comprise country of birth, country of previous residence for foreigners, and country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned. Statistics on household members that have left the country to live abroad for in the last five years prior to the census are collected. The characteristics of household members who left to live abroad are compiled including:

- Name,
- Sex,
- Month/year of departure,
- Age at the time of leaving household,
- Age at present, and
- Education at time of leaving.

In addition to demographic characteristics, the *General Population and Housing Census* covers labour related characteristics of all current household members aged 15 years and older such as:

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

The *General Population and Housing Census* contains question, which help to collect information on immigrants and return migrants such as: *'When did you arrive to this country?'*

"International migrants" are defined as those who live in the country and declare being occupied. *"National living abroad"* are any person born in Tunisia depending on legislation and lives abroad. *"Employment"* is defined by the standard ILO definition. To classify occupation, industry, status in employment, and education in Tunisia, internationally and nationally adapted classifications are applied. For example:

- ISCO - 08 (where two digits are used to release the data);
- ISIC rev 3 (where two digits are used to release the data);
- National adaptation of ICSE; and
- National adaptation of ISCED.

Micro-data files are unavailable for research or analysis outside the agency.

The *Border/Admission Statistics* are carried by the Ministry of Interior every month. It processes the following eight 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 country to live,*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) entering country for temporary purposes,*
- *Refugees,*
- *Asylum seekers, and*
- *Transit migrants.*

The statistics cover demographic characteristics such as age, marital status, sex, educational attainment, and household composition. The following migration related topics are covered:

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

The source collects the questions on employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, and status in employment for labour related characteristics.

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

The **Ministry of Interior, National Agency for Technical Cooperation, and Ministry of Employment** are carrying out administrative records, which cover the topic on international labour migration. These geographically appraise the whole country and collect data on the following four population groups of working age:

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

In the register, data can be found on demographic characteristics. Migration related characteristics accessible through the source are:

- Country of birth,
- Year of arrival,
- Year of departure,
- Time period allowed to stay,
- Reason for coming to this country,
- Reason for departure,
- Country of destination,
- Members of household who work abroad and hold working permits issued by country of destination,
- Country of origin, and
- Foreign workers in the country.

Moreover, the records specify labour related characteristics such as the employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, and status in employment. These administrative data sources are diverse and lack from under-coverage of all categories of migrants. It is for internal use only.

The **estimation of international migrant workers in the country** is the **Flow Estimation**. The National Institute of Statistics irregularly carries and did it in 2015, starting from 2005.

The source presents data on the following population groups of all ages.

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

The estimation covers demographic characteristics of persons examined. International migration characteristics compiled in the source include country of birth, nationality, reason for migration, members of household living abroad, and foreign workers in the country. The questions on employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, and status in employment are raised in the estimation.

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

- ISCO – 08;
- ISIC Rev 3;
- National adaptation of ICSE; and
- National adaptation of ISCED.

Q1. Population Census

SOURCE

Title of source: General Population and Housing Census

Year of last census: 2014

Agency responsible: National Institute of Statistics

COVERAGE

Geographical coverage: Whole country

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

- **Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered:** Foreigners (non-citizens) living 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, country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned.

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

Information about household members left to live abroad: In the last 5 years prior to the census

- **Information refers to the last time the person left:** No
- **Limited to certain age and work status:** No
- **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, month/year of departure, age at the time of leaving, age at present, education at the time of leaving.

Labour related characteristics of all current household members: Employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, disability.

- **Age coverage:** 15+

Remittances related characteristics: N.A.

Information on immigrants and return migrants: Period of arrival to this country

- **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 is defined as persons who live in the country and declare being occupied.

Definition of national (citizen) living abroad: It means any person born in Tunisia depending on legislation and lives abroad.

Definition of employment: It follows the standard ILO definition.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: ISCO - 08

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

Classification used for industry: ISIC rev 3

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

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 with census enumerator using paper questionnaire (PAPI).

Compulsory participation of households: Yes

Official estimate of under-coverage rate: Yes

Dissemination of results: Not yet broadcasted, expected to be available on the web site in the first trimester of 2016.

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: Yes

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

Q3. Border/Admission Statistics

SOURCE

Title of source: Border Statistics

Agency responsible: Ministry of Interior

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data collection: Every month

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 the country to live, foreigners (*non-citizens*) entering country for temporary purposes, refugees, asylum seekers, transit migrants.

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

Age coverage: The age variable is not taken into account (it is not so important in this source).

CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS COVERED

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

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

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

Data collected and not published/disseminated: All data except the flow of inputs and outputs.

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: Administrative source

Dissemination of results: A monthly booklet on statistics of inputs and outputs is sent to the National Institute of Statistics only.

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: No

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

Q6. Administrative Sources

SOURCE

Title of source: Ministry of Interior, National Agency for Technical Cooperation, and Ministry of Employment

Agency responsible: Ministry of Interior, National Agency for Technical Cooperation, and Ministry of Employment

Kind of source: N.A.

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data release: Not broadcasted, on demand only.

Year the source first started: N.A.

Geographical coverage: Whole country

Population coverage: Nationals (*citizens*) living abroad, nationals (*citizens*) working and living abroad, foreigners (*non-citizens*) living in the country, foreigners (*non-citizens*) working and living in the country.

- **Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered:** N.A.

Age coverage: Working age

DATA COLLECTED ON PERSONS IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE SOURCE

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

Migration related characteristics: Country of birth, year of arrival, reason for coming to country, year of departure, reason for departure, time period allowed to stay, destination country, nationality, foreign workers in the country, members of household working abroad with the working permit issued by the country of destination, country of origin.

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

Data collected and not published/disseminated: These administrative data sources are diverse and suffer from under-coverage of all categories of migrants. It is for internal use only.

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of international migrant workers: N.A.

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

Definition of a national (citizen) 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: Not published

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: No

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

Q7. Estimation of International Migrant Workers in the Country

SOURCE

Title of source: Flow Estimation

Reference year: Inter-census period

Agency responsible: National Institute of Statistics

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data release: Irregularly, the time was in 2015

Year the source first started: 2005

Geographical coverage: Whole country

Population coverage: Nationals (*citizens*) in the country, nationals (*citizens*) employed in the country, foreigners (*non-citizens*) living in the country.

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

Age coverage: All ages

TOPICS COVERED

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

International migration related characteristics: Country of birth, reason for migration, members of household living abroad, nationality, foreign workers in the country.

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

Remittances related characteristics: N.A.

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of migrant worker: N.A.

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

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

Definition of employment: N.A.

Definition of household income: N.A.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: ISCO - 08

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

Classification used for industry: ISIC rev 3

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

Classification used for status in employment: National adaptation of ICSE

Classification used for status in education: National adaptation of ISCED

DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION

Dissemination of results: The estimation is used for internal or inter purposes, upon request.

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: No