

# UGANDA

**Region:** Africa

**Income group:** Low income

**Summary:** Uganda has reported 4 metadata sources, which collect information on international labour migration statistics. There are two survey based sources such as the *Uganda National Population and Housing Census* and the *National Labour Force Survey*, which are carried out by the Uganda Bureau of Statistics. There are also two administrative records, such as the statistics of the *International Migration* held by the Uganda Bureau of Statistics and a register of *Employment Services* carried out by the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development.

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

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country (covered by the Uganda National Population and Housing Census, the National Labour Force Survey, and the register of Employment Services),*
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country (covered by the Uganda National Population and Housing Census, the National Labour Force Survey, and the register of Employment Services),*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country (covered by the Uganda National Population and Housing Census and the National Labour Force Survey),*
- *Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country (covered by the Uganda National Population and Housing Census and the National Labour Force Survey),*
- *Refugees (covered by the Uganda National Population and Housing Census),*
- *Entry nationals (citizens) returning to the country from residence abroad (covered by the statistics of International Migration),*
- *Exit national (citizens) going abroad to live (covered by the statistics of International Migration),*
- *Exit national (citizens) leaving for temporary purposes (covered by the statistics of International Migration),*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) entering the country to live (covered by the statistics of International Migration),*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) entering country for temporary purposes (covered by the statistics of International Migration), and*
- *Transit migrants (covered by the statistics of International Migration).*

Periodicity of data collection varies depending on the type of sources: the *Uganda National Population and Housing Census* was last processed in 2014; the *National Labour Force Survey* is carried out every five years starting from 2011; the statistics of *International Migration* collect the data quarterly; the register of *Employment Services* is held on continuously basis.

Age coverage also varies depending on the type of sources. For instance, in the *Uganda National Population and Housing Census* labour related statistics are collected on persons aged 10 years and older. The *National Labour Force Survey* covers population of five years old and over. Administrative records amass the data on population groups of all ages.

Both surveys and administrative records collect the data on demographic characteristics, such as age and sex. In the *Uganda National Population and Housing Census* and the *National Labour Force Survey*, the data on marital status, educational attainment, and household size also can be found. All sources provide statistics on the international migration characteristics. Labour related characteristics are generated in the *Uganda National Population and Housing Census*, the *National Labour Force Survey*, and the register of *Employment Services*.

Nationally adapted definitions of “*overseas visitors*” and “*country of residence*” are used in the statistics of *International Migration*. The classifications used for occupation, industry, status in employment, and education

in the surveys are internationally adapted classifications. In the statistics of *International Migration* the ISCO – 88 classification is applied.

Micro data files from the surveys are not yet available for research and analysis. However after releasing the final results and anonymising the files it will be accessible free of charge.

#### 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	2014 Uganda National Population and Housing Census	Uganda Bureau of Statistics	-	-	2014
Q2. Household Survey	National Labour Force Survey 2013	Uganda Bureau of Statistics	Every 5 years	2011	2013
Q3. Border/Admission Statistics	International Migration	Uganda Bureau of Statistics	Quarterly	-	-
Q6. Administrative Sources	Employment Services	Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development	Continuously	-	-

#### Findings:

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

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country,*
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country,*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country, even if arrived recently,*
- *Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country, and*
- *Refugees.*

The *Uganda National Population and Housing 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 of country of previous residence for foreigners, remittances received from abroad, and reference period for remittances. Statistics on labour related characteristics of all current household members aged 10 years and older are collected in the source, such as employment status and occupation.

To classify occupation, status in employment, and education in Uganda, internationally adapted classifications are applied.

- ISCO - 08 ;
- ICSE - 1993; and
- ISCED – 2013.

Micro-data files on population groups covered by the *Uganda National Population and Housing Census* will be available for research and analysis after releasing the final results.

The *National Labour Force Survey* in Uganda commenced in 2011, and is held every five years by the Uganda Bureau of Statistics. A completed sample size of the examination is 6,580 households. It geographically measures the whole country and amasses information on the following four population groups aged 5 years and over:

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country,*
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country,*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country, even if arrived recently, and*
- *Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country.*

The *National Labour Force Survey* retrieves the data on demographic characteristics, of each person in a household. For the population groups assessed in the survey, the data on international migration characteristics is available, particularly for:

- Country of birth,
- Country of current citizenship,
- Country of previous residence for foreigners,
- Country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned, and
- Foreign workers in the country.

Labour related characteristics collected in the survey are:

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

The household survey questionnaire includes questions on the following possible benefits that may be received from employer:

- Retirement pension,
- Subsidized housing,
- Paid vacation,
- Free or subsidized food, and
- Paid sick leave, social security contributions.

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

- ISCO – 08;
- ISIC Rev 4;
- ICSE – 1993; and
- ISCED – 2013.

Micro data is unavailable at the moment as it was not anonymised yet. If anonymised, the data is always free of charge.

The *Border/Admission Statistics* are covered by the *International Migration* data obtained from the Uganda Bureau of Statistics. The data collection is quarterly carried out by the agency. It processes the following five population groups of all age groups:

- *Entry nationals (citizens) returning from residence abroad,*
- *Exit nationals (citizens) leaving for temporary purposes,*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) entering country to live,*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) entering country for temporary purposes, and*
- *Transit migrants.*

The statistics collects age and sex for demographic characteristics. The following migration related topics are also collected:

- Country of residence,
- Reason for departure,
- Reason for coming to country,
- Intended duration of stay,
- Country of destination,
- Country of origin, and
- Year of arrival.

**“Overseas visitor”** is defined as a person traveling to a country other than that of his/her usual residence for a period less than a year and whose main purpose of the trip is other than exercise a remunerated activity within the country of visit. **“Country of residence”** is a country where a person resides for more than one year and is his/her centre of economic interest. To classify occupation, the International Standard Classification of Occupations – 88 is applied.

The **Employment Services** is a data from private employment services collected by the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development continuously. This geographically calculates the whole country. The information in the record is collected on the following two population groups of all ages:

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

Demographic characteristics such as age, sex, and educational attainment are accessible through the record. The following data is available on the migration related characteristics:

- Country of birth,
- Country of citizenship,
- Year of departure,
- Reason for departure,
- Time period allowed to stay,
- Destination country,
- Employment contract details,
- Nationality,
- Previous country of residence,
- Country of origin, and
- Country of transit.

The record additionally provides labour related information, specifying occupation, industry/economic sector, and status in employment for the population group covered.

## Q1. Population Census

### *SOURCE*

**Title of source:** 2014 Uganda National Population and Housing Census

**Year of last census:** 2014

**Agency responsible:** Uganda Bureau of Statistics

### *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.

- **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.

### *TOPICS COVERED*

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

**International migration related characteristics:** Country of previous residence for foreigners

- **Coverage for international migration related characteristics:** All persons
- **Exceptions for international migration related characteristics:** N.A.

**Information about household members left to live abroad:** No

**Labour related characteristics of all current household members:** Employment status, occupation.

- **Age coverage:** 10 years and older

**Remittances related characteristics:** Remittances received, reference period for remittances.

**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:** N.A.

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

**Definition of employment:** N.A.

### *CLASSIFICATION*

**Classification used for occupation:** ISCO - 08

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

**Classification used for industry:** N.A.

- **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 – F 2013

## *DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION*

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

**Compulsory participation of households:** Yes

**Official estimate of under-coverage rate:** No

**Dissemination of results:** Printed publications – Provisional Result report

**Metadata has been prepared and disseminated:** No

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

- **Limitations:** The micro data files will be available after releasing the final results.
- **Cost of obtaining micro-data:** N.A.

## **Q2. Household Survey**

### *SOURCE*

**Title of survey:** National Labour Force Survey 2013

**Agency responsible:** Uganda Bureau of Statistics

### *PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE*

**Periodicity of data collection:** Every 5 years

**Year the survey first started:** 2011

**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.

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

**Age coverage:** 5 years and older

### *TOPICS COVERED*

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

**International migration related characteristics:** Country of birth, country of citizenship, country of previous residence for foreigners, country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned, foreign workers in the country.

- **Coverage for international migration related characteristics:** Not for all - country of birth, country of citizenship, country of previous residence for foreigners, country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned.
- **Exceptions for international migration related characteristics:**
  - Country of birth, country of previous residence for foreigners, country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned – 5 years and older;
  - Country of citizenship – 5 years and older (country of current citizenship).

**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, wage or earnings rate per time period, hours usually worked, whether person has had disability.

**Benefits received from the employer:** Retirement pension, subsidized housing, paid vacation, free or subsidized food, paid sick leave, social security contributions.

**Remittances related characteristics:** No

**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:** 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:** N.A.

**Definition of employment:** N.A.

### *CLASSIFICATION*

**Classification used for occupation:** ISCO - 08

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

**Classification used for industry:** ISIC rev 4

- **Number of digits used to release industry data:** 1

**Classification used for status in employment:** ICSE - 1993

**Classification used for status in education:** ISCED – F 2013

### *DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION*

**Data collection method:** Face-to-face interview by interviewer using paper questionnaire (PAPI).

**Compulsory participation of households:** Yes

**Dissemination of results:** Printed publications; Electronic format; Web site; Email on request.

**Metadata has been prepared and disseminated:** Yes

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

- **Limitations:** The data has not been anonymised yet.
- **Cost of obtaining micro-data:** If anonymised, the data is always given out free of charge.

### *SAMPLE DESIGN*

**Sample frame used:** Population census

**Completed sample size:** 6,850 households

**Evaluation of the overall response rate or refusal rate:** Yes

### Q3. Border/Admission Statistics

#### *SOURCE*

**Title of source:** International Migration

**Agency responsible:** Uganda Bureau of Statistics

#### *PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE*

**Periodicity of data collection:** Quarterly

**Year the statistics first started:** N.A.

**Population coverage:** Entry nationals (*citizens*) returning from residence abroad, exit nationals (*citizens*) leaving for temporary purposes, foreigners (*non-citizens*) entering country to live, foreigners (*non-citizens*) entering country for temporary purposes, transit migrants.

- **Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered:** Entry nationals (*citizens*) returning from residence abroad, exit nationals (*citizens*) leaving for temporary purposes, foreigners (*non-citizens*) entering country to live, foreigners (*non-citizens*) entering country for temporary purposes.

**Age coverage:** All ages.

#### *CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS COVERED*

**Demographic characteristics:** Age, sex.

**Migration related characteristics:** Country of residence, reason for departure, reason for coming to country, intended duration of stay, country of destination, country of origin, 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 a person travelling to a country other than that of his/her usual environment for a period less than a year and whose main purpose of the trip is other than the exercise of an activity remunerated from within the country visited.

**Definition of country of residence:** It refers to a country where a person resides (or intends to reside) for more than one year and is his/her centre of economic interest (e.g. his/her major source of income).

**Definition of international migrant workers:** N.A.

#### *CLASSIFICATION*

**Classification used for occupation:** ISCO - 88

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

**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-administrated form

**Dissemination of results:** Printed publications – The Annual Statistics Abstract; Web site – UBOS web site.

**Metadata has been prepared and disseminated:** No

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

## Q6. Administrative Sources

### *SOURCE*

**Title of source:** Employment Services

**Agency responsible:** Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development

**Kind of source:** Data from private employment services

### *PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE*

**Periodicity of data release:** Continuously

**Year the source first started:** N.A.

**Geographical coverage:** Whole country

**Population coverage:** Nationals (citizens) in the country, nationals (citizens) employed in the country.

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

**Age coverage:** All ages

### *DATA COLLECTED ON PERSONS IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE SOURCE*

**Demographic characteristics:** Age, sex, educational attainment.

**Migration related characteristics:** Country of birth, country of citizenship, year of departure, reason for departure, time period allowed to stay, destination country, employment contract details, nationality, previous country of residence, country of origin, country of transit.

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

**Data collected and not published/disseminated:** This is published in quarterly departmental reports.

### *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:** Electronic format; Web site – [www.mglsd.go.ug](http://www.mglsd.go.ug)

**Metadata has been prepared and disseminated:** N.A.

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