

UNITED STATES

Region: Americas

Income group: High income

Summary: United States has reported 2 metadata sources, which collect information on international labour migration statistics; the *Current Population Survey* and the *National Longitudinal Surveys of Youth*, which are carried out by the Bureau of Labour Statistics.

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

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country* (covered by the *Current Population Survey* and the *National Longitudinal Surveys of Youth*)
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country* (covered by the *Current Population Survey* and the *National Longitudinal Surveys of Youth*)
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country* (covered by the *Current Population Survey* and the *National Longitudinal Surveys of Youth*)
- *Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country* (covered by the *Current Population Survey* and the *National Longitudinal Surveys of Youth*)
- *Undocumented immigrants* (covered by the *Current Population Survey*)

Periodicity of data collection varies depending on the type of source. The *Current Population Survey* is carried out monthly starting from 1994 and the *National Longitudinal Surveys of Youth* is held every two years since 1979.

Age coverage also varies depending on sources. In the *Current Population Survey* persons aged 16 years and older are examined. Birth cohorts of the *National Longitudinal Surveys of Youth* are 1957 to 1964 (living in the U.S. when first interviewed in 1979) and 1980 to 1984 (living in the U.S. when first interviewed in 1997).

The five essential demographic characteristics covered by the household surveys are age, sex, marital status, educational attainment, and household size.

International migration characteristics covered by all the surveys are country of birth, country of citizenship, nationality, and country of origin. Additionally, the *Current Population Survey* covers foreign workers in the country and the *National Longitudinal Surveys of Youth* generates statistics on household members living abroad.

Labour related characteristics that can be found in both surveys include employment status, industry/economic sector, status in employment, individual earnings per month, wage or earnings rate per time period, hours usually worked, months worked in past year, and whether person has had disability. The *Current Population Survey* also generates data on occupation and the *National Longitudinal Surveys of Youth* compile the data on household income, whether person has had an occupational injury, and possible benefits received from the employer.

To classify occupation, industry, status in employment, and education nationally adapted classifications are used in the surveys.

Micro data files from the surveys are available for research and analysis outside the agency 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
Q2. Household Survey	Q2.1. Current Population Survey	Bureau of Labour Statistics	Monthly	1994	-
	Q2.2. National Longitudinal Surveys of Youth	Bureau of Labour Statistics	Every two years	1979	-

Findings

The *Current Population Survey* in United States commenced in 1994, and is held monthly by the Bureau of Labour Statistics. A completed sample size of the examination is about 60,000 households. It geographically measures the whole country and amasses information on the following five population groups aged 16 years 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. and*
- *Undocumented immigrants(But cannot be identified)*

The *Current Population 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 the following international migration related characteristics are presented through the source:

- Country of birth,
- Country of citizenship,
- Nationality,
- Foreign workers in the country, and
- Country of origin.

For the population groups assessed in the *Current Population Survey*, the data on labour related characteristics of all current household members aged 16 years and over is available, particularly for:

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

In the *Current Population Survey*, "*International migrant workers*" are foreign-born workers. The foreign born are persons residing in the United States who were not U.S. citizens at birth. That is, they were born outside the United States or one of its outlying areas such as Puerto Rico or Guam, to parents neither of whom was a U.S.

citizen. The foreign-born population includes legally-admitted immigrants, refugees, temporary residents such as students and temporary workers, and undocumented immigrants. The survey data, however, do not separately identify the number of persons in these categories. "*National living abroad*" refers to native-born. The native born are persons born in the United States or one of its outlying areas such as Puerto Rico or Guam or who were born abroad of at least one parent who was a U.S. citizen. "*Employment*" refers to employed. Employed persons are all those who, during the survey reference week, (a) did any work at all as paid employees; (b) worked in their own business, profession, or on their own farm; or (c) worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in a family member's business. Persons who were temporarily absent from their jobs because of illness, bad weather, vacation, labour dispute, or another reason also are counted as employed.

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

- 2010 Census Occupation Classification (SOC-based) (where four digits are used to release the data)
- 2012 Census Industry Classification System (NAICS-based) (where four digits are used to release the data)
- National adapted classification for status in employment

Micro data is available for research and analysis outside the agency.

The *National Longitudinal Surveys of Youth* in United States commenced in 1979, and is held every two years by the Bureau of Labour Statistics. A completed sample size of the examination is 12,686 (NLSY79) and 8,984 (NLSY97) individuals. It geographically measures the whole country and amasses information on the following four population groups of birth cohorts 1957 to 1964 (living in the U.S. when first interviewed in 1979) and 1980 to 1984 (living in the U.S. when first interviewed in 1997):

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

The *National Longitudinal Surveys of Youth* 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 the following international migration related characteristics are presented through the source:

- Country of birth,
- Country of citizenship,
- Nationality,
- Household members living abroad, and
- Country of origin.

For the population groups assessed in the *National Longitudinal Surveys of Youth*, the data on labour related characteristics of population of birth years 1980-84 in NLSY97 cohort, and 1957-64 in NLSY79 cohort is available, particularly for:

- Employment status,
- Industry/economic sector,
- Status in employment,
- Individual earnings per month,
- Household income,
- Wage or earnings rate per time period,
- Hours usually worked,
- Months worked in past year,
- Whether person has had an occupational injury, and
- Whether person has had disability.

The *National Longitudinal Surveys of Youth* also includes questions on the possible benefits received from the employer, such as unemployment benefits, health insurance or subsidized health care, retirement pension, paid vacation, and subsidized housing.

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

- Census-four digit classification of occupation (where four digits are used to release the data)
- Census-four digit classification of industry (where four digits are used to release the data)
- Collect information for all jobs, whether working, looking for work, or on layoff during weeks since last interview
- Highest grade completed, degrees

Micro data is available for research and analysis outside the agency free of charge.

Q2.1. Household Survey: Current Population Survey

SOURCE

Title of survey: Current Population Survey

Agency responsible: Bureau of Labour Statistics

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data collection: Every one month

Year the survey first started: 1994

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, other foreigners (Undocumented immigrants are included in the total count, but can't be identified from the survey)

- **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

Age coverage: 16 years old and over

TOPIC COVERED

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

International migration related characteristics: Country of birth, country of citizenship, nationality, foreign workers in the country, country of origin

- **Coverage for international migration related characteristics:**
 - Country of birth and Country of citizenship: 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, industry/economic sector, status in employment, individual earnings per month, wage or earnings rate per time period, hours usually worked, months worked in past year, whether person has had disability

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: No

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 foreign-born workers. The foreign born are persons residing in the United States who were not U.S. citizens at birth. That is, they were born outside the United States or one of its outlying areas such as Puerto Rico or Guam, to parents neither of whom was a U.S. citizen. The foreign-born population includes legally-admitted immigrants, refugees, temporary residents such as students and temporary workers, and undocumented immigrants. The survey data, however, do not separately identify the number of persons in these categories.

Definition of national (citizen) living abroad: It refers a native-born. The native born are persons born in the United States or one of its outlying areas such as Puerto Rico or Guam or who were born abroad of at least one parent who was a U.S. citizen.

Definition of employment: It refers employed. Employed persons are all those who, during the survey reference week, (a) did any work at all as paid employees; (b) worked in their own business, profession, or on their own farm; or (c) worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in a family member's business. Persons who were temporarily absent from their jobs because of illness, bad weather, vacation, labour dispute, or another reason also are counted as employed.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: 2010 Census Occupation Classification (SOC-based)

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

Classification used for industry: 2012 Census Industry Classification System (NAICS-based)

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

Classification used for status in employment: National adaptation

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), face-to-face computer assisted interview by census enumerator (CAPI), telephone interview by enumerator (caller completes paper questionnaire), computer assisted telephone interview by enumerator with data recorded on computer (CATI), self-administered mail questionnaire (household receives census questionnaire by mail, returns by mail),

Compulsory participation of households: No

Dissemination of results: Printed publication, electronic format (CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, diskettes, etc.), Web site (WWW.bls.gov)

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: Yes

Micro-data availability outside NSO/responsible agency: Yes

- **Limitations:** Available from the Census Bureau (www.census.gov)
- **Cost of obtaining micro-data:** Contact the Census Bureau (www.census.gov)

SAMPLE DESIGN

Sample frame used: The Current Population Survey (CPS)

- CPS is a monthly survey of households conducted by the Bureau of Census for the Bureau of Labour Statistics. It provides a comprehensive body of data on the labour force, employment, unemployment, persons not in the labour force, hours of work, earnings, and other demographic and labour force characteristics.

Completed sample size:

- **Total households:** About 60,000 households

Evaluation of the overall response rate or refusal rate: Yes

Q2.2. Household Survey: National Longitudinal Surveys of Youth

SOURCE

Title of survey: National Longitudinal Surveys of Youth

Agency responsible: Bureau of Labour Statistics

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data collection: Every two years

Year the survey first started: 1979

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

Age coverage: Birth cohorts 1957 to 1964 (living in the U.S. when first interviewed in 1979) and 1980 to 1984 (living in the U.S. when first interviewed in 1997)

TOPIC COVERED

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

International migration related characteristics: Country of birth, Country of citizenship, Nationality, Household members living abroad, Country of origin

- **Coverage for international migration related characteristics:**

- Country of birth and Country of citizenship: Not for all
- **Exceptions for international migration related characteristics:**
 - Exceptions for country of birth: Focus is on respondent and parents
 - Exceptions for country of citizenship: Focus is on respondent, whether citizen of U.S.

Information about household members left to live abroad: No

Labour related characteristics of all current household members: Employment status, industry/economic sector, status in employment, individual earnings per month, household income, wage or earnings rate per time period, hours usually worked, months worked in past year, whether person has had an occupational injury, whether person has had disability

Benefits received from the employer: Unemployment benefits, health insurance or subsidized health care, retirement pension, paid vacation, subsidized housing

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: 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: It gathers information on all jobs held since the last interview

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: Census-four digit

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

Classification used for industry: Census-four digit

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

Classification used for status in employment: Others

Classification used for status in education: Others

DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION

Data collection method: Face-to-face computer assisted interview by census enumerator (CAPI), computer assisted telephone interview by enumerator with data recorded on computer (CATI)

Compulsory participation of households: No

Dissemination of results: Web site (nlsinfo.org/investigator)

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: Yes

Micro-data availability outside NSO/responsible agency: Yes

- **Limitations:** Geocode data requires special permission
- **Cost of obtaining micro-data:** Free

SAMPLE DESIGN

Sample frame used: Area sample, previous sample of same survey (panel survey)

Completed sample size:

- **Total individuals:** 12,686 (NLSY79) and 8,984 (NLSY97)

Evaluation of the overall response rate or refusal rate: Yes