Guernsey

Region: Europe and Central Asia

Income group: High income

Summary: Guernsey has reported 2 metadata sources, which collect information on international labour migration statistics. There are the Guernsey Annual Electronic Census and the Rolling Electronic Census carried out by the Policy and Research Unit, States of Guernsey/Digimap Ltd.

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

- Nationals (citizens) in the country (covered by the Guernsey Annual Electronic Census and the Rolling Electronic Census),
- Nationals (citizens) employed in the country (covered by the Rolling Electronic Census),
- Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country (covered by the Guernsey Annual Electronic Census and the Rolling Electronic Census), and
- Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country (covered by the Guernsey Annual Electronic Census and the Rolling Electronic Census).

Periodicity of data collection varies depending on the type of source. The Guernsey Annual Electronic Census was last processed in 2014 and the record of the Rolling Electronic Census is released on continuously basis starting from 2014.

The record of the Rolling Electronic Census is applied to persons of all ages.

The two essential demographic characteristics covered by both the sources are age and sex. Data on household size can also be found in the census.

International migration characteristic covered by both the sources is country of birth. Other international migration statistics that can be found in the administrative record include nationality and foreign workers in the country.

Labour related characteristics such as employment status, industry/economic sector, status in employment, and individual earnings are available in both the census and the administrative record. The Annual Electronic Census also generates data on household income and disability.

Definitions of “international migrant workers”, “nationals living abroad”, “employment”, “short-term migrant workers”, and “individual earnings” are applied both in the sources.

To classify occupation and industry, the sources apply nationally adapted classifications.

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

The latest Guernsey Annual Electronic Census was processed in 2014 by the Policy and Research Unit, States of Guernsey/Digimap Ltd, covering the whole country. There are three population groups examined in the Census:

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

The census obtains detailed data on demographic characteristics of these population groups, such as age, sex, and household size. The question raised in the assessment on the topic of international migration related characteristics is country of birth. The Guernsey Annual Electronic Census covers labour related characteristics of all current household members of all ages, such as:

- Employment status,
- Industry/economic sector,
- Status in employment,
- Disability,
- Individual earnings per month, and
- Household income.

"International migrant workers" are related to following licences. The Housing Department issues two main types of housing licences: (i) employment-related licences linked to a specific post of employment; (ii) non employment-related licences based on the length and strength of a person’s connections with the Island. All licences contain conditions relating to: (i) the Local Market accommodation that the licence holder may occupy; and (ii) the duration of the licence. "Employment" refers to the people classified by the Social Security Department (SSD) as those who work for wages or a salary under a contract of service. Self-employed people are those who are in business for themselves, not under the control of an employer.

To classify industry, nationally adapted classification of UK Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) 2007 is applied.

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The Rolling Electronic Census is a continuous population register which is carried out by the Policy and Research Unit, States of Guernsey/Digimap Ltd and released continuously, starting from 2014. The source appraises whole country and collects data on the following four population groups of all ages:

- 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.

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

• Country of birth,
• Nationality, and
• Foreign workers in the country.

For the population groups assessed in the **Rolling Electronic Census**, the data on labour related characteristics is available, particularly for:

• Employment status,
• Industry/economic sector,
• Individual earnings, and
• Status in employment.

"**International migrant workers**" refer to persons moving to Guernsey to work for any period of time or to live for a period of 26 weeks or more, including residually qualified people, people with a housing licence and their families, and people living in open market accommodation. "**Short-term migrant workers**" are persons moving to Guernsey to work for any period of time or to live for a period of 26 weeks or less. "**Nationals living abroad**" are defined as persons moving away from Guernsey to work for any period of time or to live for a period of 26 weeks or more, including residually qualified people, people with a housing licence and their families, and people living in Open Market accommodation. "**Employment**" refers to the people classified by the Social Security Department (SSD) as those who work for wages or a salary under a contract of service. Self-employed people are those who are in business for themselves, not under the control of an employer. "**Individual earnings**" refer to the individual's weekly earnings from their 1st employer.

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

• UK Standard Occupational Classification 2010; and
• UK Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) 2007.

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

**Q1. Population Census**

**SOURCE**

**Title of source:** Guernsey Annual Electronic Census

**Year of last census:** 2014

**Agency responsible:** Policy & Research Unit, States of Guernsey / Digimap Ltd

**COVERAGE**

**Geographical coverage:** Whole country

**Population groups covered:** Nationals (citizens) 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

**TOPIC COVERED**

**Demographic characteristics:** Age, sex, household size

**International migration related characteristics:** Country of birth

- **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, industry/economic sector, status in employment, disability, individual earnings per month, household income

- **Age coverage:** All ages

**Remittances related characteristics:** N.A.

**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:** C1. household size, C3
- **Reason not published:** Further analysis required before information can be published.

**CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS**

**Definition of international migrant workers:** At present, the principal means of managing population in Guernsey is through the administration of the Housing (Control of Occupation) (Guernsey) Law, 1994. The Housing Department issues two main types of housing licences: (i) employment-related licences linked to a specific post of employment; (ii) non employment-related licences based on the length and strength of a person’s connections with the Island. All licences contain conditions relating to: (i) the Local Market accommodation that the licence holder may occupy; and (ii) the duration of the licence.

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

**Definition of employment:** It refers to the people classified by the Social Security Department (SSD) as those who work for wages or a salary under a contract of service. Self-employed people are those who are in business for themselves, not under the control of an employer.

**CLASSIFICATION**

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

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

**Classification used for industry:** UK Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) 2007

- **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 sources
Compulsory participation of households: Yes
Official estimate of under-coverage rate: No
Dissemination of results: Web site (www.gov.gg/population)
Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: No
Micro-data availability outside NSO/responsible agency: No

Q6. Administrative Sources

SOURCE

Title of source: Rolling Electronic Census
Agency responsible: Policy & Research Unit, States of Guernsey / Digimap Ltd
Kind of source: Continuous population register

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data release: Continuously
Year the source first started: 2014
Geographic coverage: Whole country
Population coverage: 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, foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country
Age coverage: All ages

DATA COLLECTED ON PERSONS IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE SOURCE

Demographic characteristics: Age, sex
Migration related characteristics: Country of birth, nationality, foreign workers in the country
Labour related characteristics: Employment status, industry/economic sector, individual earnings, status in employment
Data collected and not published/disseminated: Yes
  • Number and name of question not published: C3
  • Reason not published: Further analysis required

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of international migrant workers: A person moving to Guernsey to work for any period of time or to live for a period of 26 weeks or more, including residentially qualified people, people with a housing licence and their families, and people living in Open Market accommodation.
**Definition of short-term migrant workers**: A person moving to Guernsey to work for any period of time or to live for a period of 26 weeks or less.

**Definition of a national living abroad**: A person moving away from Guernsey to work for any period of time or to live for a period of 26 weeks or more, including residentially qualified people, people with a housing licence and their families, and people living in Open Market accommodation.

**Definition of employment**: Employed people are classified by the Social Security Department (SSD) as those who work for wages or a salary under a contract of service. Self-employed people are those who are in business for themselves, not under the control of an employer.

**Definition of individual earnings**: This is the individual's weekly earnings from their 1st employer.

**CLASSIFICATION**

**Classification used for occupation**: The UK Standard Occupational Classification 2010

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

**Classification used for industry**: The UK Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) 2007, with some adjustments which make it more appropriate for the Guernsey economy

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

**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**: Yes

**Dissemination of results**: Web site

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

**Micro-data availability outside NSO/responsible agency**: No