
CÔTE D'IVOIRE

1. Name and address of the organisation responsible for the last census:

Direction de la Statistique et de la Comptabilité Nationale, 01 B.P. V 55, Abidjan 01.

2. Population censuses conducted since 1945 (years):

1975 and 1988. The present description relates mainly to the 1988 census, but reference is also made to the previous census (cf. para. 8).

3. Coverage of the census:

(a) *Geographical scope:* Whole country.

(b) *Persons covered:* All persons of all ages, including members of the country's diplomatic corps and their families residing abroad, but excluding: other nationals residing abroad; members of foreign diplomatic missions and their families residing in Côte d'Ivoire; foreign military personnel in the barracks and camps attached to foreign bases in Côte d'Ivoire; the crews and passengers of foreign ships and aircraft in Côte d'Ivoire ports and airports.

4. Reference period:

The reference period used when asking questions on the economically active population, employment and unemployment is a long period, i.e. the four weeks preceding the day of the census.

5. Main topics:

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| (a) Total population, by sex and age: | yes |
| (b) Economically active population, by sex and age group: | yes |
| (c) Economically active population, by industry and by sex: | yes |
| (d) Economically active population, by occupation and by sex: | yes |
| (e) Economically active population, by status in employment and by sex: | yes |
| (f) Hours of work: | no |
| (g) Other information collected relating to persons' economic activity: | no |

Re. (a) The age is defined in terms of both year of birth and age at last birthday.

6. Concepts and definitions:

(a) *Economically active population:* It comprises all persons aged 6 years and over (excluding those mentioned under 3 (b) above) who, on the day of the census, were either employed or unemployed, according to the definitions given below. The definition also covers members of the regular armed forces, but not temporary recruits, who are considered part of the economically inactive population.

(b) *Employment:* Considered as "employed" are all persons aged 6 years and over who, for at least six days during the reference period, have worked at a job, business or any economic activity, and also those who are working at the time of the census. Also included are the following categories:

- (i) persons doing unpaid work in family firm or business;
- (ii) persons engaged in the production of primary products for own consumption;
- (iii) employed persons, temporarily absent from work;
- (iv) seasonal or occasional workers;
- (v) multiple job holders;
- (vi) apprentices and trainees.

Only categories (i) and (vi) can be identified separately. Conscripts, although not included in the economically active population, can also be identified separately.

(c) *Unemployment:* Considered as "unemployed" are all persons aged 6 years and over who, at the time of the census, had lost their employment and were seeking work. The date of termination of employment must, however, have been earlier than the reference period. Persons seeking their first employment are not included in the definition.

7. **Classifications used:**

Both employed persons and unemployed persons previously employed are classified by industry, by occupation and by status in employment.

(a) *Industry:* The specific question asked both of employed persons and unemployed persons previously employed to determine industry group relates to the main activity of the firm in which the individual is working or last worked. Industry coding is based on the International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC-68, rev. 2) used at the time of the 1975 census, with the addition of new factors arising from developments in Côte d'Ivoire between 1975 and 1988.

(b) *Occupation:* The specific question asked both of employed persons and unemployed persons previously employed to determine occupation group is "Describe your present work" (for employed persons) and "Describe the work in which you were engaged" (for the unemployed). For coding occupation, 79 groups were used. Links to the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO-68) have been established to the minor group level.

(c) *Status in employment:* The specific question asked both of employed persons and unemployed persons previously employed is "Do (did) you work on your own account? If so, do (did) you employ paid workers? If not, do (did) you work for the State, a private company or person?". For coding status in employment, 6 groups were used: employer; employee; piece worker; self-employed worker; domestic help; apprentice. A person who employs one or more domestics is not classed as an employer. A paid apprentice is classed as an employee. A family worker is not paid a wage, but receives board and lodging as a person engaged in work for a firm or business belonging to a member of his family or in the household of which he/she is a member.

8. **The previous population censuses:**

Essentially, the same questions and reference period were used to determine and describe the economically active population and its component groups.

9. **The next population census:**

No population census is planned during the period 1989-95. The next census is provisionally scheduled for 1998.