
CAMEROON

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

Direction nationale du 2e Recensement général de la population, B.P. 7094, Yaoundé.

2. Population censuses conducted since 1945 (years):

1976 and 1987. The present description relates mainly to the 1987 census, but reference is also made to the 1976 census (cf. para. 8), which was the first of its kind.

3. Coverage of the census:

(a) *Geographical scope*: Whole country. above).

(b) *Persons covered*: All persons of all ages.

4. Reference period:

The reference period used when asking questions on the economically active population, employment and unemployment is a short period, i.e. the week preceding the interview in the household.

5. Main topics:

(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 age at last birthday.

6. Concepts and definitions:

(a) *Economically active population*: It comprises all persons aged 6 years and over (except housewives, scholars, persons of independent means, retired persons, disabled persons) who, during the reference period, were either employed or unemployed, according to the definitions given below. Also excluded are members of the armed forces in barracks.

(b) *Employment*: Considered as "employed" are all persons aged 6 years and over (except those mentioned under 6 (a) above) who, during the reference period, were engaged in a job, trade, profession or any economic activity. The question used to determine whether a person is to be considered as employed is: "What were you doing for the greater part of the time during the reference week?". Also included are the following categories:

- (i) persons doing unpaid work in family firm or business;
- (ii) persons engaged in the production of primary product for own consumption;
- (iii) employed persons, temporarily absent from work;
- (iv) working students with a part-time job;
- (v) seasonal or occasional workers, in so far as they were in employment at the time of the census;
- (vi) multiple job holders;
- (vii) apprentices and trainees.

Only persons belonging to categories (i), (v) and (vii) can be identified separately on the basis of the employment situation.

(c) *Unemployment*: Considered as "unemployed" are all persons aged 6 years and over (except those mentioned under 6 (a) above) who, during the reference period, were out of work and seeking employment.

7. Classifications used:

Only employed persons are classified by industry, by occupation and by status in employment.

(a) **Industry:** To determine industry group, employed persons were asked "What kind of job did you have? (the person is asked to describe the activity of the firm where he/she had worked during the reference period). For coding industry, the International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC-68, rev. 2) has been used to the major division level.

(b) **Occupation:** To determine occupation group, employed persons were asked to describe the job performed during the reference period. For coding occupation, the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO-68) has been used to the major group level.

(c) **Status in employment:** A specific question was asked of employed persons to determine their status in employment. For coding this variable, the following 7 groups were used: independent worker; employer; permanent employee; temporary employee; paid apprentice; unpaid apprentice; family helper.

8. The previous population censuses:

Essentially, the same questions and reference period were used for the 1976 census to determine and describe the economically active population and its component groups. However, whereas in the 1987 census the reference week was movable, depending on the date of the interview in the household, in the 1987 census the reference week was fixed.

9. The next population census:

No population census is planned for the period 1989-95. The next population census is planned for 1997.