



הלשכה המרכזית לסטטיסטיקה
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CES Task Force on Measuring Labour Mobility

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Background

- Labour mobility is a topic of growing policy interest and concern
- Measurement is challenging as it cuts across several statistical domains
- CES forums reviewed the subject in February and again in June 2015
- CES plenary session in June 2015 “*supported establishing a Task Force on Measuring Labour Mobility and Globalization*”

Objective of Task Force

- Develop practical guidance on the compilation of labour mobility statistics
- Review countries' practices in this area
- Areas of focus will be:
 - Preparing a collection of good practices
 - Establishing a framework with common definitions

Coordination with ILO

- Task Force (TF) shall work in coordination with the ILO Working Group on this subject
- Goal is to produce complementary outcomes
- Task Force will focus on practical examples through case studies
- ILO Working Group will focus on standardizing definitions of labour mobility terms
- ILO has a representative on TF and TF chair is part of ILO group

Members of Task Force

- Countries:
 - Armenia
 - Germany
 - Israel
 - Italy
 - Mexico
 - Norway
 - Turkey
- Academics from the ARITHMUS project
- UNECE acts as Secretariat to the Task Force
- Organizations:
 - ILO - International Labour Organization
 - IOM - International Organization for Migration
 - OECD - Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
 - WTO - World Trade Organization
 - UNSD - United Nations Statistics Division

Scope

- Focus is on cross-border labour mobility
- Intersection of many different domains including:
 - Labour statistics
 - Migration statistics
 - National accounts
 - Trade statistics
 - Enterprise statistics
 - Tourism statistics

Output of Task Force

- Guidebook
- Aimed at producers of data
- Users of data will benefit from improved coordination between countries
- Structure of guidebook:
 1. Introduction
 2. Sources of Information
 3. Concepts and Definitions
 4. Methodological Issues
 5. Country Cases
 6. Recommendations

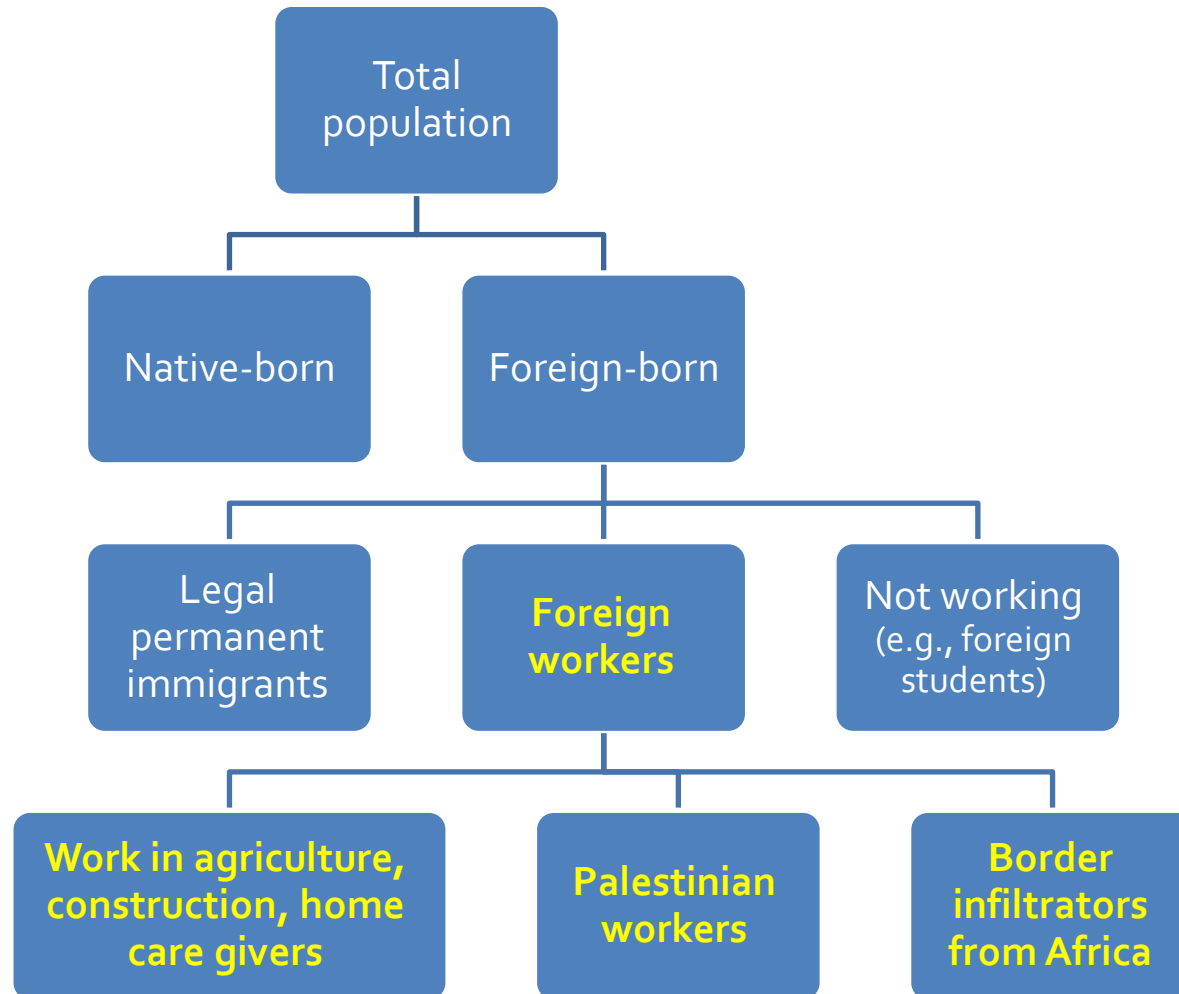
Country Case Studies

- Israel, Mexico and Norway
- Hope to add more countries in near future
- Include review of sources of data:
 - Social statistics data
 - National accounts data
 - Household surveys
 - Enterprise surveys
 - Administrative data
 - Any other relevant sources
- Include comparison of definitions in each source to international definitions

Country Case Studies – Evaluation of Sources

- What is the survey unit?
- How is the population of these units defined?
- What is the statistical unit and the unit of observation?
- Is employment defined according to recommendations from the ILO & SNA?
- What is the definition of being resident in a country?
- Can employed immigrants be identified?
- What information are available about immigrants?
- Can cross border workers be identified?
- What information are available about resident/non-resident cross border workers?
- Administrative data - types of permits, whether it is active and can they be linked to employed persons

Case Study - Israel



Sources of Information: Labour Force Survey

	Advantages	Limitations
Variables	Country of birth, year of immigration - always asked	No questions on work outside of Israel (including Palestinian Authority)
Definition of population	Includes legal permanent immigrants from day they arrive	Foreign workers must be in Israel more than a year continuously to be included
Sampling – residential dwellings	Any foreign workers in dwelling are covered e.g., home care givers, groups or families of foreign workers living together	No coverage for workers in agriculture and construction who live in on-site (in non-residential dwellings)
Weighting – to population register	-	Foreign workers are not in population register

Population Census

- Includes question on place of residence 5 years previous – in Israel only
- May be expanded to country of residence for those who lived abroad

National Insurance Institute (NII) and Employment Services

- Data on employee jobs of foreign workers is calculated from NII files
- Data on Palestinian employee jobs is received from the payments department of the Employment Services

Border Control Records

- Used to estimate stock of foreigners

Population and Immigration Authority

- Produce estimates of border infiltrators from Africa
- Based on their enforcing of immigration laws

National Accounts

- Combine data from:
 - National Insurance Institute
 - Estimates of infiltrators from Africa
 - Data from the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics

Mexico – Sources of Information

- Surveys:
 - 2015 Intercensal Survey
 - Surveys on Migration at the Northern Border of Mexico (EMIF Norte)
 - Surveys on Migration at the Southern Border of Mexico (EMIF Sur)
- Administrative data: Statistical Form for Mexicans and Migratory Form (FEM and FMM)
- Data from USA sources

Timetable

Establishment of Task Force	October 2015
1 st teleconference	7 March 2016
Division of labour between Task Force members	April 2016
1 st in-person meeting	May 2016
Preparing literature review	31 July 2016
Country case studies	28 February 2017
Writing guidebook – not including Recommendations	30 April 2017
Writing guidebook – Recommendations	30 September 2017
Review of full draft guidelines by the CES Bureau	October 2017
Revise the guidelines to take into account comments by CES	December 2017
Electronic consultation among all countries in CES	Feb-April 2018
Expected endorsement by the CES plenary session	April 2018

Update on progress of the Task Force

- Work is progressing
- Materials have been contributed by a number of Task Force members including:
 - Input on country case studies from Mexico and Norway
 - Sources for literature review from Turkey, OECD, UNSD
- **I invite anyone interested in joining the Task Force to contact me or the Secretariat of the Task Force**
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Thank you for your attention!