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**Using administrative data sources to
produce official statistics on refugees, IDPs
and(or) stateless persons**

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Legal basis for migration statistics

Law on passports

Law on registration by place of residence and location

Law on the citizenship of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Law on the status of refugees and internally displaced persons

Migration Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan

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■ Sources and data holders

- Local executive authorities of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- State Committee for Affairs of Refugees and IDPs of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- State Migration Service of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- State Statistical Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan

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In accordance with the law of the Republic of Azerbaijan “On status of refugees and internally displaced (persons displaced within the country) persons”

“Refugee” a person who is not a citizen of the Republic of Azerbaijan, who is outside the country of his citizenship due to a well-founded fear of becoming a victim of persecution on the basis of race, nationality, religious beliefs, membership of a particular social group or political opinion, and who cannot benefit from the protection of this country out of the same fear, or is a person who is unwilling to do so.

Internally Displaced Person (IDP) (person displaced within the country) is a person forced to leave his permanent place of residence and move to another place as a result of military aggression, natural and man-made disaster on the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

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- **Organization of refugees and internally displaced persons statistics in official statistics**

In order to get timely, qualitative and detailed statistical information on refugees and IDPs it is necessary to define data sources. Sources for obtaining of this statistical information could be divided into three parts:

**population
census**

**administrative
data**

**statistical
observations**

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● Organization of refugees and internally displaced persons statistics in official statistics

In the 2009 and 2019 census questionnaires, to determine the status of respondents, appropriate section included the question “Are you a refugee or internally displaced person?”. The name of the country that the refugee left and the name of the administrative unit that the IDPs left are obtained from this section.

population
census

7. Are you refugee or internally displaced person?

1. No

2. Yes →

a) refugee

b) internally displaced person

(name of country you left)

(name of administrative-territorial unit and settlement you left)

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Data on refugees and IDPs based on administrative sources

Statistical information on refugees and IDPs is obtained by the State Statistical Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan since 1990. At present this statistical information is mainly obtained based on administrative data, i.e. based on quarterly official statistical reporting forms namely:

administrative
data

“Number of refugees and IDPs” (1-refugee and IDP)

“Number and composition of refugees and IDPs” (2-refugee and IDP)

“Dislocation and migration of refugees and IDPs” (4-refugee and IDP)

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Data on refugees and IDPs based on administrative sources

This information are obtained from local executive authorities and then submitted to other relevant entities and published in aggregated form.

State Statistical Committee aggregates quarterly and annual data on actual residence of refugees and IDPs based on reports from the regional authorities and presents it to the State Committee for Affairs of Refugees and IDPs of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Data reflects the number of refugee and IDP families and family members with indication of the region and city they left, number by temporary place (region, city) of residence where IDPs temporarily reside.

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Data on refugees and IDPs based on administrative sources

Data on IDPs obtained from statistical reports covers main indicators such as distribution of IDPs by number of families and family members, types and conditions of buildings where they settled, sex-age and national structure, education, occupational composition, sources of income and other.

Moreover, all information on this group of population is prepared based on population living standards and household budget surveys.

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Data on refugees and IDPs based on administrative sources

Statistical information on IDPs is also obtained from report form on “Registration of Households” fulfilled by representative offices of administrative territorial units of Republic of Azerbaijan. Administrative territorial units are managed by local executive authorities.

Administrative territorial units check information in the electronic system throughout the year to generate effective statistics on household members. Members of IDP households answer question on new place of residence. SSC have access to this e-system and help administrative territorial units in methodological issues.

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● In accordance with Migration Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan

A stateless person is a person who is not considered a citizen of any state in accordance with its legislation.

Stateless persons who have received a permit for permanent residence in the Republic of Azerbaijan or whose period of permanent residence has been extended in the Republic of Azerbaijan are considered permanent residents of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Stateless persons arriving in the Republic of Azerbaijan according to another legal basis (tourism; arriving in connection with private business; sending on a business mission; and other analogous cases of a temporary nature) are considered temporarily residing in the Republic of Azerbaijan.

● Legislation on the legal status of stateless persons

The legal status of stateless persons is defined by the Constitution of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Migration Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan and other legislative acts of the Republic of Azerbaijan adopted in accordance with these laws, and international treaties to which the Republic of Azerbaijan is party.

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● Organization of work with stateless persons in official statistics

Statistical information on Stateless persons obtained from population census.

In the questionnaires of the population census of 2009 and 2019, in order to determine the respondent's citizenship, to the section "Citizenship" were entered the column "Citizen of the Republic of Azerbaijan", "Citizen of other country", "No citizenship" and "Unknown".

Census question on citizenship

6. Citizenship

1. Citizen of the Republic of Azerbaijan

2. Citizen of other country

(please indicate name of country)

3. No citizenship

4. Unknown

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Data on stateless persons are also obtained on the basis of the official statistics reporting “On foreigners and stateless persons in the Republic of Azerbaijan” (1-migration quarterly (annual)) provided by the State Migration Service of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the State Statistical Committee.

This statistical report shows data on the number of stateless persons by sex, who received permission for permanent and temporary residence in the Republic of Azerbaijan.

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“The Great Return” - state program of Republic of Azerbaijan on IDPs

Now the government is engaged in the return of IDPs to their homes and creating the necessary living conditions for them. At the same time administrative territorial units register IDPs in e-system of “Registration of Households” who returns homes and begins new life.

By 2026, 34,5 thsd families or 140 thsd of IDPs will be resettled with the implementation of the I State Program on the “Great Return”. Every year, billions of funds are allocated from the state budget for the implementation of the State Program. 4 billion manats (National Currency of Azerbaijan) have been allocated from the 2024 state budget for the State Program.

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Outcomes and challenges

1

International methodologies should be widely used for organization of statistics on refugees and internally displaced persons

2

Official statistical bodies should constantly ensure the maintenance of statistics in this area and ensure that the current situation is brought to the attention of the world community at international events.

3

World-wide unions have to increase their efforts to encourage returning of refugees and IDPs to their homes with the cooperation of the UN, influential organizations and countries.

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