

GUYANA LABOUR FORCE SURVEY (GLFS)

INFORMATION

GUIDE

**A guide to understanding the
survey and what it entails**

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INTRODUCTION

The Guyana Labour Force Survey (GLFS) is a continuous household Survey conducted by the Bureau of Statistics on a quarterly (3 months) basis in all regions of Guyana to collect data which is analyzed to gain insight into the labour force in the country.

This survey will provide national-level labour force indicators which will be used by the Government to identify the challenges that Guyana faces in the area of employment promotion and to develop, manage, and evaluate labour market policies and programmes.

Areas covered in the Survey include:

-  **Household composition and demographic characteristics**
-  **Internal migration**
-  **Education**
-  **Vocational and professional training**
-  **Current employment, as paid employees and self-employed, and characteristics of the job**
-  **Income from main job/business and usually and actual hours worked**
-  **Underemployment**
-  **Job search and availability to work (unemployment)**
-  **Emigration**

OBJECTIVES OF SURVEY

Macroeconomic Monitoring: The main objective of collecting data on the economically active population is to provide basic information on the size and structure of the country's workforce. The unemployment rate is particularly widely used as an overall indicator of the current performance of a country's economy.

Human Resource Development: In order to meet the needs of a dynamic economy, people need to be trained. These areas of training must therefore be identified and this survey collects the data needed to identify these training needs.

Employment Policies: For an economy to work at its maximum potential, all persons willing to work should be able to do it. Some people willing to work cannot find jobs. Some people willing to have full-time jobs can only find part-time jobs. It is necessary to know what portion of the labour force these people represent in order to assess the social effects of Government employment policies.

Income distribution and poverty alleviation progress: For most persons, employment income is the main means of support. People need not only jobs but more importantly, productive jobs in order to receive reasonable income. In this regard, Data on levels of income being earned by different groups of persons are important.

Migration: Migration data helps Governments and businesses understand the movement of workers between regions or countries. It provides insights into labour supply and demand, enabling better workforce planning, particularly in industries experiencing labour shortages or surpluses.

TARGET AUDIENCE

A sample of households will be taken from each administrative region of Guyana (Regions 1-10). All individuals 15 years and older in the participating households will be interviewed, regardless of employment status.

It should be noted that the survey does not include persons living in institutions such as hospitals, prisons, and military barracks, as well as any homeless persons.

WHAT TO EXPECT

If your household is chosen as a part of the sample for the survey, this is what you can expect when the Enumerator visits:

He/she will be equipped with an official badge from the Bureau of Statistics as well as a Tablet computer to record your information using a Questionnaire found on that tablet computer.



WHAT TO EXPECT (CONT'D)



What if I'm not at home?

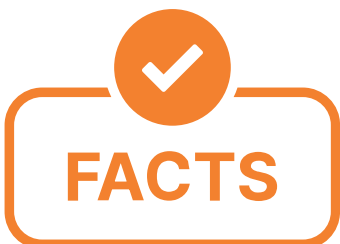
If the members of a household are not at home on the first visit, a note will be left with the time and date of the following visit. In the event one household member is not at home, the Enumerator will schedule another visit to the same household when that person is expected to be at home and available for the interview..

The process:

There are two types of questionnaires which will be used: Household and Individual. The Household Questionnaire will be administered to one person to capture data at the household level, while the individual questionnaire will be administered to each individual 15 years and older within the household.



Each individual's interview will last approximately 20–30 minutes



Please cooperate with our Enumerators and answer every question truthfully and to the best of your ability.

WHAT TO EXPECT (CONT'D)

The Household questionnaire applies to all persons regardless of their age and questions include:

- In which country were you born?
- How many years have you been residing in Guyana on a continuous basis?
- What is the highest level of education that you have attained?
- Are you now enrolled in a school or in an educational institution?
- Are there any former members of this household who moved out of Guyana and who have been living abroad for 6 MONTHS OR LONGER until now?

Questions each individual 15 years or older will be asked include:

- In the LAST 12 MONTHS have you received training for any occupation (for example: on computer, cosmetology, hairdressing, mechanic, etc.)?
- In the LAST 7 DAYS, did you do any work for a wage, salary, tips or any other pay EVEN IF ONLY FOR ONE HOUR?
- In the LAST 7 DAYS, did you run or do any kind of business or farming, alone or with others, to generate income EVEN IF ONLY FOR ONE HOUR?
- What steps did you MAINLY take to seek work in the LAST 30 DAYS?
- How many hours do you USUALLY work PER WEEK in your MAIN JOB
- If an opportunity to work for pay or to start a business became available, could you have started or start working?

Note: These are just **SOME** of the questions which will be asked

Will I have to participate in the survey in the future?

As mentioned earlier, the GLFS is a continuous survey conducted every 3 months. If you participate, then you may be visited again, in order to track changes which might have occurred in your life from one period to another.

WHY PARTICIPATE

Your participation is important because the responses you provide help the Government and policymakers to understand the employment situation in your area, such as whether people are working, unemployed, or underemployed. The data collected from you can be used for creating job and training opportunities, improving employment programmes, addressing challenges such as unemployment and job shortages.



CONFIDENTIALITY

The Bureau of Statistics is legally mandated by the Statistics Act, Chapter 19:09 of the laws of Guyana, to collect, compile, analyse, abstract and publish statistical information relating to the social, agricultural, mining, commercial, industrial and general activities and conditions of the inhabitants of Guyana.

Our staff are bound by Statistics Act, to ensure the confidentiality of all information collected and severe penalties are in place for breaches of confidentiality.

NO information which identifies you, your household or your individual responses will be made public or provided to any other agency. All data collected and analyzed will be provided to the public in aggregated/summarized format.

ACCESSING THE DATA

Data produced by the Bureau of Statistics can be accessed on our website at www.statisticsguyana.gov.gy. Persons can also request additional data on the website using a data request form or via e-mail at info@statisticsguyana.gov.gy.

Remember, no individual or agency can access data that identifies a person/household or the responses of its members.

For example: A person/agency cannot request/access data about Jane Doe's employment status or where he/she works. However, they can request/access data about employment rates and employment by Economic Sector.

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