

# QUESTIONS ON STATISTICS

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## ACQUISITION OF NATIONALITY:

### 1. Statistics:

Please provide us with annual statistics of acquisitions of nationality for the years 1985 to 2003, which are – if available – broken down by

- mode of acquisition or article of the law on which the acquisition is based,
- (former) nationality of the person acquiring nationality,
- country of residence (C1 or abroad),
- country of birth (C1 or abroad),
- sex,
- age (or: adults and minors),
- retention of former nationality.

Statistics broken down by any additional variable are welcome!

If possible, please provide the statistics in electronic format (Excel-sheets, SPSS-files, etc.)!

### 2. Modes covered and not covered by the statistics:

When describing the statistics by answering the questions below, please use the revised numbering of modes of acquisition of nationality for your country according to the file “Acquisition - Overview revised.xls” (file for your country has a country code at the end of its name!!)

a) Which modes (or sub-modes) of acquisition according to our typology are covered by these statistics and which are not?

b) Can the statistics be broken down by exact (sub-)mode of acquisition / article in the law so that numbers for each specific (sub-)mode can be given? Please provide explanatory information if certain (sub-)modes are lumped together indistinguishably in the statistics.

c) Do you have any information concerning statistics on other modes of acquisition not covered by the statistics you provided and described above, e.g. information that

- statistics for certain modes are definitely not collected,
- numbers are hidden in more general statistics (e.g. acquisitions by adoption are hidden in adoption statistics), or
- there is a possibility to extract statistics on certain modes of acquisition from other statistics (e.g. statistics for certain acquisitions by birth could, in principle, be extracted from birth statistics)?

### 3. Break variables

By which variables can the statistics be broken down apart from the mode of acquisition (article in the law on which acquisition is based) described above? In particular, can they be broken down by the variables listed below? Please provide any relevant information (e.g. is available or not, is only available for certain years or certain modes of acquisition, is registered but was never published, etc.) in the empty column!

Former nationality	
Retention of former nationality (dual nationality after acquisition or not)	
Country of birth (at least: C1 or abroad)	
Country of residence (at least: C1 or abroad)	
Province / region of residence in C1	
Sex	
Age (at least: adult or minor)	
Duration of residence	
<i>Any other variables (please list below): ...</i>	

**4. Additional information:**

If available, please provide any additional information on the statistics of acquisition of nationality that might be relevant, especially for purposes of international comparability, like

- information on well-known problems concerning quality, reliability of data, etc., if any,
- regional differences in availability of statistics,
- authorities' willingness to give access to detailed statistics, or
- who collects and who distributes the statistics.

**5. Statistics of applications and decisions:**

When describing the statistics by answering the questions below, please use the revised numbering of modes of acquisition of nationality for your country according to the file “Acquisition - Overview revised.xls” (file for your country has a country code at the end of its name)!!

a) Do the authorities collect and publish annual statistics on applications for acquisition of nationality (via certain modes)?

b) And do they collect and publish annual statistics on positive and negative decisions on applications for acquisition of nationality?

c) If yes, please provide statistics broken down (if available) by

- mode of acquisition or article of the law on which the acquisition is based,
- (former) nationality of the person acquiring nationality,
- sex, and
- country of residence (C1 or abroad).

**LOSS OF NATIONALITY:****6. Statistics:**

Please provide us with annual statistics of loss of nationality for the years 1985 to 2003, which are – if available – broken down by

- mode of loss or article of the law on which the loss is based,
- whether or not the person losing nationality ended up stateless,
- country of residence (C1 or abroad),
- country of birth (C1 or abroad),
- sex,
- age (or: adults and minors).

Statistics broken down by any additional variable are welcome!

If possible, please provide the statistics in electronic format (Excel-sheets, SPSS-files, etc.)!

**7. Modes covered and not covered by statistics:**

When describing the statistics, please use the revised numbering of modes of loss of nationality for your country according to the file “Loss - Overview revised.xls” (file for your country has a country code at the end of its name!).

a) Which modes (or sub-modes) of loss according to our typology are covered by these statistics and which are not?

b) Can the statistics be broken down by exact (sub-)mode of loss / article in the law so that numbers for each specific (sub-)mode can be given? Please provide explanatory information if certain (sub-)modes are lumped together indistinguishably in the statistics.

c) Do you have any information concerning statistics on other modes of loss not covered by the statistics you provided and described above, especially if statistics for certain modes are definitely not collected?

**8. Break variables:**

By which variables can the statistics be broken down apart from the mode of loss (article in the law on which loss is based) described above? In particular, can they be broken down by the variables listed below? Please provide any relevant information (e.g. is available or not, is only available for certain years or certain modes of loss, is registered but was never published, etc.) in the empty column!

Person losing nationality ended up stateless	
Country of birth (at least: C1 or abroad)	
Country of residence (at least: C1 or abroad)	
Province / region of residence in C1	
Sex	
Age (at least: adult or minor)	
Duration of residence	
<i>Any other variables (please list below): ...</i>	

**9. Additional information:**

If available, please provide any additional information on the statistics of loss of nationality that might be relevant, especially for purposes of international comparability, like

- information on well-known problems concerning quality, reliability of data, etc., if any,
- regional differences in availability of statistics,
- authorities' willingness to give access to detailed statistics, or
- who collects and who distributes the statistics.