

PALAU – OFFICE OF PLANNING AND STATISTICS

0. Prerequisites	
0.1 Legal environment	<p>0.1.1 Responsibility for collecting, processing, and disseminating statistics</p> <p>The Statistics Act of 2011 gives the Office of Planning and Statistics (OPS) of the Ministry of Finance the authority to collect, compile and disseminate Palau’s statistical data.</p> <p>0.1.2 Data sharing and coordination among data producing agencies</p> <p>The OPS does data sharing and coordination with a variety of agencies in Palau. Of these, the most important are Social Security Administration (especially on labor statistics), Financial Institutions Commission (on banking statistics), and Ministry of Finance (on government finance statistics). These data sharing and coordination arrangements work effectively.</p> <p>0.1.3 Confidentiality of individual reporters' data</p> <p>Confidentiality of individual reporters’ data is protected through a number of ways. First, the Statistics Act of 2011 provides for protection of confidentiality (Section 204). Second, OPS staff is required take an oath of protecting confidentiality. Third, computer passwords also protect individual data confidentiality.</p> <p>0.1.4 Ensuring statistical reporting</p> <p>Statistical reporting of data is ensured by the fact that the Statistics Act of 2011 gives the OPS authority to collect statistical data.</p>
1. Integrity	
1.2 Transparency	<p>1.2.1 Disclosure of terms and conditions for statistical collection, processing, and dissemination</p> <p>The Statistics Act of 2011, which is available to the public, spells out the terms and conditions for the collection, compilation and dissemination of Palau’s statistical data.</p> <p>1.2.2 Internal governmental access to statistics prior to release</p> <p>Statistical data compiled by the OPS are reviewed by the Director prior to publication.</p> <p>1.2.4 Advance notice of major changes in methodology, source data, and statistical techniques.</p> <p>No advance notice given.</p>
4. Serviceability	
5. Accessibility	
5.1 Data	<p>5.1.3 Advance release calendar</p> <p>No ARC published.</p> <p>5.1.4 Simultaneous release</p>

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	Statistical data are simultaneously released to all, usually through the OPS's website.
9. Plans	
9.2 General	Plans for improvement - Short-term
	(0.2.1) To build up statistical capacity. (0.2.1) To upgrade and modernize OPS's IT systems.
9.3 Financial	Plans for improvement - TA/financing needs - Short-term
	Assistance from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Secretariat of Pacific Community (SPC) required for the plans mentioned above.