

SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHIC DATA - POPULATION

0. Prerequisites	
0.1 Legal environment	<p>0.1.1 Responsibility for collecting, processing, and disseminating statistics</p> <p><u>Office of Planning and Statistics</u></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><u>Office of Planning and Statistics</u></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><u>Office of Planning and Statistics</u></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><u>Office of Planning and Statistics</u></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>
0.2 Resources	<p>0.2.1 Staff, facilities, computing resources, and financing</p> <p>The Office of Planning and Statistics (OPS) conducts Palau’s population censuses, and publishes its population statistics with the help of 10 employees—including contract employees hired for the census period.</p>
1. Integrity	
1.2 Transparency	<p>1.2.1 Disclosure of terms and conditions for statistical collection, processing, and dissemination</p> <p><u>Office of Planning and Statistics</u></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><u>Office of Planning and Statistics</u></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>

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	<p><u>Office of Planning and Statistics</u></p> <p>No advance notice given.</p>
2. Methodology	
2.1 Concepts and definitions	2.1.1 Concepts and definitions
	<p>The concepts and definitions used for population statistics are taken from the United Nations, <i>Handbook on Population and Housing Census: Concepts and Definitions</i>.</p>
2.2 Scope	Scope of the data
	<p>All 9 inhabited islands of Palau are covered in population statistics.</p>
	Exceptions to coverage
	<p>No exceptions to coverage.</p>
2.3 Classification/sectorization	2.3.1 Classification/sectorization
	<p>Census results are classified in various following ways—by gender, by island, by age group, by ethnic group, by religion, by marital status, by educational level, by occupational group, by economic activity, by employment status.</p>
3. Accuracy and reliability	
3.1 Source data	3.1.1 Source data collection programs
	<p>Population numbers are derived from census results. The latest census was conducted on April 1, 2005 (“<i>the National Census Day</i>”). Everybody present in the country on that day was counted. The census was conducted by about 60 field workers who visited households and institutions for counting people and interviewing them with a <i>Household and Personal Questionnaire</i>, which was designed by the US Census Bureau.</p>
3.5 Revision studies	3.5.1 Revision studies and analyses
	<p>No revision studies are conducted as no revisions are done.</p>
4. Serviceability	
4.1 Periodicity and timeliness	4.1.1 Periodicity
	<p>Population statistics are generally compiled and disseminated every 5 years. The last census was conducted in April 2005. Palau missed 2010 census as no budget funding was available. In December 2012, a mini-census was conducted.</p>
	4.1.2 Timeliness
	<p>Population statistics derived from the April 2005 Census were disseminated in December 2005. This</p>

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	gave a timeliness of 9 months.
4.3 Revision	<p>4.3.1 Revision schedule</p> <p><u>Population size and composition. Births, deaths, and migration.</u></p> <p>No revision schedule has been published as no revisions are done.</p> <p>4.3.2 Identification of preliminary and/or revised data</p> <p><u>Population size and composition. Births, deaths, and migration.</u></p> <p>No revisions are done to published population statistics.</p>
5. Accessibility	
5.1 Data	<p>5.1.1 Statistical presentation</p> <p>Population statistics are presented in tables accompanied by charts.</p> <p>Hard copy - Other</p> <p><i>Economic Statistics</i>, Graduate School USA.</p> <p><i>Statistical Yearbook</i>, Office of Planning and Statistics (OPS).</p> <p>Electronic - Other</p> <p>OPS website: www.palau.gov.net/stats.</p> <p>5.1.3 Advance release calendar</p> <p><u>Office of Planning and Statistics</u></p> <p>No ARC published.</p> <p>5.1.4 Simultaneous release</p> <p><u>Office of Planning and Statistics</u></p> <p>Statistical data are simultaneously released to all, usually through the OPS's website.</p>
5.2 Metadata	<p>5.2.1 Dissemination of documentation on concepts, scope, classifications, basis of recording, data sources, and statistical techniques</p> <p>Metadata are published in the census publications available on the OPS website.</p>
9. Plans	
9.2 General	<p>Plans for improvement - Short-term</p> <p><u>Office of Planning and Statistics</u></p>

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	<p>(0.2.1) To build up statistical capacity.</p> <p>(0.2.1) To upgrade and modernize OPS's IT systems.</p>
9.3 Financial	Plans for improvement - TA/financing needs - Short-term
	<p><u>Office of Planning and Statistics</u></p> <p>Assistance from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Secretariat of Pacific Community (SPC) required for the plans mentioned above.</p>