

REAL SECTOR - EMPLOYMENT

| 0. Prerequisites | |
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| 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 employment and unemployment 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> <p><u>Office of Planning and Statistics</u></p> |

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| | No advance notice given. |
| 2. Methodology | |
| 2.1 Concepts and definitions | 2.1.1 Concepts and definitions |
| | <p>Source data on employment and unemployment statistics are provided by the population census. 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>. Three concepts are key—(1) Labor Force Participation Rate calculated by dividing the number of persons 15 years and older who are economically active (in the labor force) by the total number of people of those ages; (2) the Unemployment-Population Ratio calculated as the number of persons 15 years and older who are formally employed, divided by the total number of people of those ages; (3) the Unemployment Rate calculated by dividing the number of unemployed people by the number of people in the labor force. The economically active persons include those who are formally employed, people who did other paid or unpaid work during the week before the census, and those who are unemployed but are actively looking for work. The rest of the population 15 years and older is considered as not economically active. These include students, and people who are retired, disabled or engaged in full-time home duties.</p> |
| 2.2 Scope | Scope of the data |
| | All 9 inhabited islands of Palau are covered. |
| | Exceptions to coverage |
| | No exceptions to coverage. |
| 2.3 Classification/sectorization | 2.3.1 Classification/sectorization |
| | <p>Labor statistics are published with the following classification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of persons employed, males Number of persons employed, females Number of persons employed, urban Number of persons employed, rural Number of persons employed, private Number of persons employed, public Number of unemployed, males Number of unemployed, females Unemployment rate, urban Unemployment rate, rural |

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| | <p>Unemployment rate, males, 16-24</p> <p>Unemployment rate, females, 16-24</p> |
| 3. Accuracy and reliability | |
| 3.1 Source data | 3.1.1 Source data collection programs |
| | <p>Palau's Census of Population provides the source data for Labor statistics. 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.</p> |
| 4. Serviceability | |
| 4.1 Periodicity and timeliness | 4.1.1 Periodicity |
| | <p>Employment and unemployment 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>Employment and unemployment statistics derived from the April 2005 Census were disseminated in December 2005. This gave a timeliness of 9 months.</p> |
| 4.3 Revision | 4.3.1 Revision schedule |
| | <p><u>Employment</u></p> <p>No revisions are conducted, and so no revision schedule exists.</p> |
| | 4.3.2 Identification of preliminary and/or revised data |
| | <p><u>Employment</u></p> <p>No revisions are conducted.</p> |
| 5. Accessibility | |
| 5.1 Data | 5.1.1 Statistical presentation |
| | <p>Labor statistics are presented in tables.</p> |
| | Hard copy - Other |

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| | <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> |
| <p>5.2 Metadata</p> | <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> |
| <p>9. Plans</p> | |
| <p>9.2 General</p> | <p>Plans for improvement - Short-term</p> <p><u>Office of Planning and Statistics</u></p> <p>(0.2.1) To build up statistical capacity.</p> <p>(0.2.1) To upgrade and modernize OPS's IT systems.</p> |
| <p>9.3 Financial</p> | <p>Plans for improvement - TA/financing needs - Short-term</p> <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> |