

**Palau**  
**Table B. Data Categories and Indicators**  
**Financial Sector**

**DATA CATEGORY:** Interest Rates  
National Descriptor:  
(if different, please indicate)

**CORE INDICATORS:** Short and long-term government security rates, policy variable rate

**ENCOURAGED EXTENSIONS:** Money or interbank market rates and a range of deposit and lending rates  
(as applicable)  
Country-Specific Indicator:  
(if different, please indicate)

**Information applies to:** Data Category Only  
(select from drop down list)

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**I. Data Characteristics**

**Coverage**

Briefly describe the key characteristics of the data; i.e., the features of which a user must be aware to use the data appropriately. These include the unit of measure, scope (e.g., geographic, institutional, product),

<i>statistical characteristics (e.g., seasonal adjustment, index number base year), basic data source, and accounting conventions.</i>
Palau currently only collects bank interest rates for the publication of the Annual Statistical Yearbook. Rates collected are usually broken down to commercial, housing, or personal. Information format usually only provides the reference period lows, highs and the annual average. <b>Banking data are requested directly from the banking institutions and since Palau still do not have a statistical act, information are requested but the data are not always received in a timely manner as they are provided on a voluntary basis. Once the banking data are received, very formatting is required to get the data publicized in our annual Statistical Yearbook.</b>
<b>Periodicity:</b> <i>Identify the frequency of compilation and dissemination of the data (e.g., monthly, quarterly, annual)</i>
Annual
<b>Timeliness:</b> <i>Identify the lapse of time between the end of a reference period (or a reference date) and the dissemination of the data.</i>
Nine months since they are only published in our annual Statistical Yearbook.

<b>II. Quality</b>
<b>Documentation of Methodology:</b> <i>Identify any publicly available statement of methodology that describes how the data are compiled and the sources of data.</i>
Interest Rates from bank are collected directly from the banking institution. Simply average is used to derive at annual average, <b>otherwise minimal formatting of the data is required before publicizing the data in our Annual Statistical Yearbook.</b>
<b>Data to Support Cross-checks and Assurance of Reasonableness:</b> <i>Describe the kind and extent of detail of published data, the statistical frameworks (including accounting identities and statistical relationships), and the comparisons and reconciliations that are available to assist users in assessing the quality of the data.</i>
Interest rates data are collected directly from institutions which leaves very little room for error. Again minimal changes to data from banks occur before they are presented in our Annual Statistical Yearbook.

<b>III. Plans for Improvement</b>
<i>Describe short-term (in the next year) and medium-term (2-5 years) plans for making improvements in the data category and note any improvements that have been implemented in the past two years. Technical or other assistance needs that may be required for implementing these plans should also be noted, if applicable. If it has been determined that there are no shortcomings that need to be addressed, this determination should be explicitly stated.</i>
<b>Recent Improvements:</b> None
<b>Short-Term Plans:</b> None
<b>Medium-Term Plans:</b> None
<b>Technical Assistance/Financing Needs/Other Prerequisites:</b>
<b>Short-Term:</b> None
<b>Medium-Term:</b> None

<b>IV. Dissemination Formats</b>
<i>For each publication or data release, check the box corresponding to the frequency of release and indicate</i>

<i>the title and language(s) on the next line. Identify an appropriate contact person, if different from first page.</i>	
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Interest rates data are collected for our annual Statistical Yearbook publication.	
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