

Palau
Table B. Data Categories and Indicators
Socio-demographic Data

DATA CATEGORY: Population
National Descriptor:
(if different, please indicate)

BASIC COMPONENTS: Population size and composition. Births, deaths, and migration.

ENCOURAGED EXTENSIONS: Disaggregated population data. Demographic indicators.
(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>
The Palau 2000 Population Census covers all of Palau. All Palau citizens and residents are covered. Foreign citizens who have lived in Palau for at least year during the time of the census are also covered.
Periodicity: <i>Identify the frequency of compilation and dissemination of the data (e.g., monthly, quarterly, annual)</i>
Population Censuses are conducted once every ten years, except in 1995 where a special Population Census was conducted as requested by Palau authorities. The reason for the 1995 Census was that was the year Palau signed its Compact of Free Association with the United States and that census was used as its population benchmark for the new political relationship as well as a basis for project planning.
Timeliness: <i>Identify the lapse of time between the end of a reference period (or a reference date) and the dissemination of the data.</i>
One year.

II. Quality
Documentation of Methodology: <i>Identify any publicly available statement of methodology that describes how the data are compiled and the sources of data.</i>
Palau population censuses are conducted by the Statistics Office staff with the US Census Bureau providing funding and technical assistance. The Palau Population Censuses are modeled after US censuses. The US Census Bureau provides overall coordination of the project and Statistics Office staffs conduct surveys, enumerate the result. Once completed, enumerated data are taken by the US Census Bureau expert and a Palau Statistics Office staff to Washington DC for processing. Tables are produced depending on US Census Bureau staff timetable and published normally in less than a year. Palau Population Censuses uses the IMPS program to process our census.
Data to Support Cross-checks and Assurance of Reasonableness: <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>
In all of Palau's previous Population Censuses, after the survey have been conducted and enumerated, the data are then sent to the US Census Bureau for processing. A Palau Statistics Office staff will assist with the processing in Washington DC. The US Census Bureau staff, particularly Dr. Mike Levin 's considerable experience in the Pacific as well as Palau's Statistics Office' s more than thirty years experience in conducting Census have always ensured work were completed professionally. Office of Statistics personnel in all censuses are tasked with the actual survey, follow-ups and finally the enumeration of the survey results. The fact that all Statistics Office staffs are local and very familiar with all villages throughout Palau ensures that all households are covered and survey results are enumerated accurately as interviewers are locals which eliminate the need for translation.

III. Plans for Improvement
<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>
Recent Improvements: Palau 2000 Population Census was completed in 2001 and the tables published. Similar Population Census tables were later published in 2000 and 2001 Annual Statistical Yearbook.
Short-Term Plans: Complete 2000 population census detail tables with the US Census Bureau in January 2003.
Medium-Term Plans: Coordinate with Dr. Mike Levin, US Census Bureau on some training for the Head of the office and two

office staff so that our Census can be conducted and processed in country rather taking it to Washington DC for processing in the near future.

Technical Assistance/Financing Needs/Other Prerequisites:

Short-Term:

Need an introductory course on IMPS program since that is what Palau and the US Census Bureau uses to process our census.

Medium-Term:

Coordinate with the US Census Bureau on possible training for the Statistics Office staff.

IV. Dissemination Formats

For each publication or data release, check the box corresponding to the frequency of release and indicate the title and language(s) on the next line. Identify an appropriate contact person, if different from first page.

Hard Copy:

News Release:

Publication:

Weekly:

Monthly:

Quarterly:

Annual:

The Population Census tables are published in our annual Statistical Yearbook. Since censuses are conducted once every ten years, the Statistics Office usually forecasts numbers to fill the years in between census.

Other:

Separate Population Census tables are published every ten on the year the censuses are conducted.

Electronic:

Internet:

Other Online:

CD-ROM:

Diskette:

Other (specify):

None: