

## Kiribati

### Table B. Data Categories and Indicators Real Sector

**DATA CATEGORY:** National Accounts Aggregates  
National Descriptor:  
(if different, please indicate)

**CORE INDICATORS:** GDP (nominal and real)

**ENCOURAGED EXTENSIONS:** Gross national income, capital formation, saving  
(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), statistical characteristics (e.g., seasonal adjustment, index number base year), basic data source, and accounting conventions.

- Estimates of GDP at market prices are prepared by the Statistics Division on an irregular basis, associated with the absence on study leave of the Republic Statistician in recent years
- There is no formal national accounts publication; tables are produced and circulated within government, they are then available freely upon request to the Statistics Division
- Recent estimate is for 2002 and measured using the production approach by industry in both real (base year 1991) and nominal terms; no estimates are available for income and expenditure categories

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Underlying concepts are based on the 1993 SNA.</li> <li>GNI estimates have been produced on an experimental basis, but are not published</li> <li>Extension data are not currently produced (unpublished experimental estimates of GNI)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Periodicity:</b> <i>Identify the frequency of compilation and dissemination of the data (e.g., monthly, quarterly, annual)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GDP estimates have been compiled on an irregular basis, however the intention is to maintain it on an annual cycle of estimation and publication.</li> </ul>
<p><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></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GDP for 2002 was available since March 2003 since the last publication of the 2001 GDP publicly available in June 2002.</li> </ul>

<p><b>II. Quality</b></p> <p><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></p> <p>No publicly available documentation only upon requested to the SNO. Specific queries can be responded to by the contact officer.</p> <p><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></p> <p>Kiribati is a small economy and aggregate movements are checked for reasonableness against observable and anecdotal indicators eg, number of buses, movements through the port.</p>
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<p><b>III. Plans for Improvement</b></p> <p><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></p> <p><b>Recent Improvements:</b> Updating of GDP to 2002</p> <p><b>Short-Term Plans:</b> Too soon to consider estimating extension indicators without significant external assistance</p> <p><b>Medium-Term Plans:</b> Estimation of extension indicators as staff resources and TAs permit</p> <p><b>Technical Assistance/Financing Needs/Other Prerequisites:</b></p> <p><b>Short-Term:</b> Subject to the return to duty of the Republic Statistician, and some short term technical assistance</p> <p><b>Medium-Term:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In-country training for a range of staff and training attachment(s) in relevant Pacific Island NSOs and agencies</li> <li>Strong need for resident advisor for economic statistics/national accounts</li> </ul>
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<p><b>IV. Dissemination Formats</b></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><b>Hard Copy:</b></p>
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