

Palau
Table B. Data Categories and Indicators
Real Sector

DATA CATEGORY: Labour Market Indicators
National Descriptor:
(if different, please indicate)

CORE INDICATORS: Unemployment

ENCOURAGED EXTENSIONS:
(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.

The only current unemployment data can be found in 2000 Census and those figures can also be found in our annual statistical yearbook publication which is published in July each year. **The unemployment number in the population census and our annual Statistical Yearbook defines unemployed as –all civilians 16 years old and over who:**

- (a) were neither at work nor with a job but not at work during the reference week, or who did subsistence activity only;
- (b) were looking for work to earn money during the last 4 weeks; and
- (c) were available to accept a job during the reference week.

Another important component of the unemployment data are the criteria for those persons “Not in the Labor Force” which consisted of all persons 16 years old and over who met any of the below categories:

- (a) persons doing subsistence activity only
- (b) students
- (c) housewives
- (d) retired workers
- (e) seasonal workers enumerated in an off season who were not looking for work
- (f) institutionalized persons
- (g) persons doing only incidental unpaid family work (less than 15 hours during the reference week).

Periodicity:

Identify the frequency of compilation and dissemination of the data (e.g., monthly, quarterly, annual)

Unemployment figures are only computed during the Census year which is normally every 10 years.

Timeliness:

Identify the lapse of time between the end of a reference period (or a reference date) and the dissemination of the data.

Data disseminated the year after the Census.

II. Quality**Documentation of Methodology:**

Identify any publicly available statement of methodology that describes how the data are compiled and the sources of data.

Data are compiled using IMPS 4.1, which has now been changed to CSPRO; data collected by our censuses and surveys.

Data to Support Cross-checks and Assurance of Reasonableness:

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.

Data collected are based on a census of the Republic of Palau, which covers all households, including group quarters and institutions. Data for the statistical yearbook are collected from agencies or departments that are responsible for that particular data, and the quality of the data are deemed to be of good quality.

III. Plans for Improvement

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

<i>determination should be explicitly stated.</i>
Recent Improvements: Additional information added to the Statistical Yearbook, and finalization of the 2000 Census monograph, which has not been done since 2000.
Short-Term Plans: Extensive training for Statistics Office staff
Medium-Term Plans:
Technical Assistance/Financing Needs/Other Prerequisites:
<i>Short-Term:</i>
<i>Medium-Term:</i>

IV. Dissemination Formats	
<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>	
Hard Copy:	
<i>News Release:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Publication:	
<i>Weekly:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Monthly:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Quarterly:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Annual:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Other:</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Unemployment data are only compiled when censuses are carried out which is once every 10 years.	
Electronic:	
<i>Internet:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Other Online:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>CD-ROM:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Diskette:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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