

<p><b>Palau</b></p> <p><b>Table B. Data Categories and Indicators</b></p> <p><b>Socio-demographic Data</b></p>
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**DATA CATEGORY:** Health  
 National Descriptor:  
*(if different, please indicate)*

**BASIC COMPONENTS:** Public and private system resource inputs. Service delivery. Morbidity and mortality.

**ENCOURAGED EXTENSIONS:** Disaggregated resources data. Service delivery measures. Overall burden of disease.  
*(as applicable)*  
 Country-Specific Indicator:  
*(if different, please indicate)*

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

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<b>I. Data Characteristics</b>
<b>Coverage</b>

<i>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.</i>
Data are compiled by the Ministry of Health and published by the Statistics Office through its annual Statistical Yearbook. Type of data collected are vital statistics, registered live births, by type, site, attendant, age of mother, mother's place of birth, age of father, father's place of birth, registered previous live births, registered deaths by age group and sex, registered fetal deaths by age of mother. Also population-physician ratio, Public Health services, hospital utilization statistics, and number of injury visits by cause of injury, age group and sex. A computerized system is used by the Ministry of Health for data recording; however, administrative records are available and can be used to verify and cross the data. Other more international health statistics currently compiled and disseminated are crude birth rate, crude death rate and infant mortality rate.
<b>Periodicity:</b> <i>Identify the frequency of compilation and dissemination of the data (e.g., monthly, quarterly, annual)</i>
Annually
<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>
The Statistical Yearbook is disseminated 9 months after the referenced period. (July)

<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>
The data are compiled by Ministry of Health using their administrative data. The Ministry of Health administrative data are very reliable since the data are also used in their budget request documents.
<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>
The Ministry of Health administrative data used for budget request support documents as well as planning and are very reliable. The Ministry of Health compiles the Health data but the Statistics Office formats and publishes them in the 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> Need to consult with the Ministry of Health.
<b>Short-Term Plans:</b> Need to consult with the Ministry of Health.
<b>Medium-Term Plans:</b> Need to consult with the Ministry of Health.
<b>Technical Assistance/Financing Needs/Other Prerequisites:</b>
<b>Short-Term:</b> Need to consult with the Ministry of Health.
<b>Medium-Term:</b> Need to consult with the Ministry of Health.

<b>IV. Dissemination Formats</b>	
<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>	
<b>Hard Copy:</b>	
<i>News Release:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Publication:</b>	
<i>Weekly:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Monthly:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Quarterly:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Annual:</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Health Statistics are compiled by the Ministry of Health & published by the Statistics Office in July each year.	
<i>Other:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Electronic:</b>	
<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"/>
<i>Other (specify):</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>None:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>