

<h2 style="margin: 0;">Palau</h2> <h3 style="margin: 0;">Table B. Data Categories and Indicators</h3> <h4 style="margin: 0;">Socio-demographic Data</h4>
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DATA CATEGORY: Poverty
 National Descriptor:
(if different, please indicate)

BASIC COMPONENTS: Income/consumption poverty measures. Access to services.
 Relevant education and health measures.

ENCOURAGED EXTENSIONS: Income/consumption by households or per capita. Data
 (as applicable) disaggregated by area.
 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
<p>Coverage <i>Briefly describe the key characteristics of the data; i.e., the features of which a user must be aware to use</i></p>

<i>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 on poverty indicators are compiled in the Palau 2000 Population Census. Indicators in the Palau 2000 Population Census are general and do provides guidelines and definitions of the information provided. Poverty guidelines in the 2000 Population Census are based on United States standards and are very general. The Palau 2000 Population Census covered all of Palau. Other indicators that can be used to gauge poverty can be found in the 1997 HIES conducted by the Statistics Office and coordinated by the US Census Bureau. The 1997 HIES however only covered Koror Island, the Capital of the Island of Palau. Census tables are also reproduced in our annual Statistical Yearbook publication each. Poverty guidelines are based on the United States standards and are very general. Information found in the 2000 Census and the 1997 HIES are general information on household sizes, number of household occupants employed and income averages by type of work they do. So although the information are very general, they are there and users can format them to meet their needs.
Periodicity: <i>Identify the frequency of compilation and dissemination of the data (e.g., monthly, quarterly, annual)</i>
Every ten years for Population Census information & HIES information whenever one is conducted.
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>
A year after the date of completion of both the Population Census and HIES.

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>
The data are compiled by Statistics Office from Census and HIES tables. Both sources are results of surveys conducted by the Statistics Office and the US Census Bureau. After the surveys, either the Population Census or HIES, Statistics Office staff would enumerated the survey in Palau, then a Statistics Office staff would hand carry the enumerated data to Washington DC for processing.
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>
The US Census Bureau and Palau's Statistics Office's more than 30 thirty years of cooperation has really facilitated work and improved their work quality. The US Census Bureau's experience in the Palau environment with Statistics Office staff and training has given our Censuses and Survey much needed credence.

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: The publication of the 2000 Population Census tables in 2001.
Short-Term Plans: Statistics Office plans to coordinate with the US Census Bureau to complete the 2000 Population Census detail tables and analysis in January 2003.
Medium-Term Plans: Need to coordinate with concerned agencies, internal as well as regional agencies to develop relevant poverty indicators.

Technical Assistance/Financing Needs/Other Prerequisites:
Short-Term: None
Medium-Term: Seek training from US Census Bureau in IMPS data processing and program writing.

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>	
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News Release:	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electronic:	
Internet:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Online:	<input type="checkbox"/>
CD-ROM:	<input type="checkbox"/>
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