



Advancing Statistical Development

in the
Pacific Island Region



Secretariat of the Pacific Community



Partnership in action

- Four agencies
- Fifteen countries
- Two statistical collections

One common goal:

Integrate agricultural questions in 2020 word round of population and housing census operations

Regional Cooperation in Statistics

The importance of a regional approach to statistical development in the Pacific has been recognized by Leaders of sixteen Pacific Island countries¹ in the 2005 *Pacific Plan* – a regional strategy to strengthen regional cooperation and integration across the region. With the key focus on enhancing and stimulating economic growth, sustainable development, good governance and security, the importance of quality statistics were recognized as essential to supporting informed decision making.

A second major stimulus contributing to closer statistical cooperation, was the explicit call to strive for greater harmonization of statistical systems, standards and classifications. In terms of tangible and very positive outcomes,

- common statistical definitions and systems of data collection mean greater comparability of statistical information;
- common core census and survey designs (including core questions and core modules) translate into greater efficiencies and costs-effectiveness of regional technical support and training;
- common approaches help foster a regional statistical identity, and the consolidation of statistical subject-matter expertise over time means recognized specialists from some countries can assist smaller NSOs lacking such expertise, and thus contribute towards a **virtual Pacific Statistical System**.

1. Including the Prime Ministers of Australia and New Zealand



Data Collection
Censuses, Surveys, Administrative Data
GPS and scanning help to improve quality and timely release of census and survey data

Data Processing
Data Edits, Documentation, Microdata
Enhance data access, transparency and value through documentation and unit record outputs

Access the TYPSS and associated Phase 1 Pacific Statistics Strategy Action Plan 2011-2014 at www.spc.int/sdd

Core thematic areas, Phase 1:

- Economics
- Demography
- Social Statistics (Education, Health)
- Vital Statistics/Civil Registration

Covering full statistical life-cycle:

- Data Collection
- Data Processing
- Data Dissemination

Ten-Year Pacific Statistics Strategy (TYPSS) 2011 – 2020

Developed as a blueprint for greater regional leadership of statistical developments and operations, TYPSS provides a clear pathway for implementing priority actions over three distinct Phases:

Phase 1 (2011 – 2014) activities are guided by six strategic objectives, which are seen as essential to setting out key principles and practices of the proposed Pacific island statistical system, with Pacific island countries and territories

- undertaking key statistical collections as scheduled
- produce the agreed core set of statistics across sectors
- have capacity or are accessing regional capacity to undertake agreed core and some specialists statistical functions;
- improve data accessibility and utilization;
- introduce new and innovative statistical tools and systems;
- ensure that national and regional statistics governance is functioning effectively

Phase 2 (2015 – 2017) will focus on the implementation of region-wide statistical systems and tools; the establishment of a regional centre of excellence in innovation in statistics and technology; advancing policy agency relationships, and understanding in health, education, employment and environment; and expanding the range of countries with economic accounts focused on timely GDP estimates.

Phase 3 (2018 – 2020) will ensure proposed statistical infrastructure will be adopted by all countries; increase the cadre of Pacific island specialists; increase analytical reporting of official statistics; strengthen capacity for regional policies to be monitored; broaden access to administrative records; look ahead to innovations in initially established statistical infrastructures.



Ten-Year Pacific Statistics Strategy (TYPSS) 2011 – 2020

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THE MISSION OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE PACIFIC COMMUNITY

Our mission is to help Pacific Island people position themselves to respond effectively to the challenges they face and make informed decisions about their future and the future they wish to leave for the generations that follow.

LA MISSION DU SECRÉTARIAT GÉNÉRAL DE LA COMMUNAUTÉ DU PACIFIQUE

Notre mission consiste à aider les peuples océaniens à surmonter efficacement les obstacles qu'ils rencontrent et à prendre en toute connaissance de cause des décisions qui engageront leur propre avenir et celui qu'ils souhaitent léguer aux générations futures.

Latest available GDP per capita for selected countries, in US\$

PIB par habitant le plus récent pour certains pays, en milliers de dollars

Chiffres au format anglo-saxon



COUNTRY/TERRITOIRE PAYS / TERRITOIRE	2013 GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS ¹ CARACTÉRISTIQUES GÉNÉRALES EN 2013				POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS ¹ CARACTÉRISTIQUES DE LA POPULATION				VITAL STATISTICS ¹ STATISTIQUES VITALES						
	Land area (km ²)	Mid-year population estimate Estimation de la population en milieu d'année	Density (persons/km ²) Densité (habitants/km ²)	Growth rate (%) Taux de croissance (%)	Urban Population (%) Population urbaine (%)	Dependency Ratio (15–59) Rapport de dépendance (15–59)	Median Age Âge médian	Youth % (15–24) Jeunesse % (15–24)	CBR (%) TBN (%)	CDR (%) TBM (%)	TFR ISF	IMR (%) TMI (%)	Life expectancy		
	Superficie (km ²)											Year Année	Year Année	Males/Hommes	
American Samoa	199	56,500	284	-0.3	50	74	22.0	19.8	25.9	4.8	3.1	2010	14.9	2010	
Cook Islands	237	15,200	64	-0.5	74	71	29.4	16.1	18.1	7.9	2.8	2011	7.0 ^p	2006–12	73.6 ^p
Federated States of Micronesia	701	103,000	147	0.3	22	67	22.2	21.0	23.8	5.3	3.5 ^p	2010	29.0 ^p	2010	68.5 ^p
Fiji	18,333	859,200	47	0.8	51	58	27.4	17.8	19.1	8.5	2.5	2007	19.0	2007	65.3
Guam	541	174,900	323	0.3	94	59	29.8	17.6	18.7	6.4	3.0	2010	14.9	2010	71.1
Kiribati	811	108,800	134	2.2	54	69	22.0	20.4	29.9	8.5	3.9	2010	45.0	2010	58.0
Marshall Islands	181	54,200	299	0.4	74	81	20.2	17.8	29.6	4.4	4.1	2011	26.3	2011	67.3
Nauru	21	10,500	499	1.8	100	73	21.3	17.8	34.5	7.9	4.3	2009–11	33.0	2007–11	57.5
Niue	259	1,500	6	-0.2	n.a.	74	35.1	12.9	13.2	12.5	2.2	2006–11	10.2	2006–11	66.1
Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI)	457	55,600	122	-2.5	90	48	34.9	15.1	14.8	3.5	2.2	2010	4.9	2006–08	73.5
Nouvelle-Calédonie	18,576	259,000	14	1.9	67	56	31.6	16.9	15.1	5.8	2.2	2007	6.1	2007	71.8
Palau	444	17,800	40	-1.9	77	48	36.2	14.7	13.6	8.6	1.7	2010	12.2	2010	66.3
Papua New Guinea	462,840	7,398,500	16	2.3	13	78	19.9	20.1	32.5	9.5	4.4	2002–06	56.7	2002–06	53.7
Pitcairn	47	60	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Polynésie française	3,521	261,400	74	1.8	51	50	29.6	18.3	16.6	5.3	2.1	2010	5.5	2010	72.0
Samoa	2,934	187,400	64	0.8	20	87	20.2	18.7	29.1	5.0	4.7	2011	15.6	2007–11	72.7
Solomon Islands	28,000	610,800	22	2.8	20	80	20.2	19.0	30.0	5.1	4.1 ^p	2007–09	26.0 ^p	2009	66.7 ^p
Tokelau	12	1,200	98	0.9	n.a.	76	25.0	18.8	15.3	7.6	2.1	2006–11	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Tonga	749	103,300	138	0.2	23	85	20.8	19.1	27.1	6.9	3.9	2011	17.0	2011	68.6
Tuvalu	26	10,900	420	1.1	47	71	24.1	18.8	24.7	9.0	3.7 ^p	2012	23.4 ^p	2010–12	64.8 ^p
Vanuatu	12,281	264,700	22	2.5	24	75	21.3	20.4	29.4	5.0	4.4	2009	21.0	2009	69.6
Wallis & Futuna	142	12,100	85	-2.1	n.a.	69	27.8	21.7	12.0	7.3	2.0	2008	5.2	2005–08	72.7



Pacific Statistics Steering Committee members, 6th session May 2013, including visiting guests:

Back row: Mr. Tomas Africa (1-L) and Ross McLeod (5-L), consultant of TYPSS Phase-1 mid-term review; Mr Dennis Trewin (2-L), consultant to USP Official Statistics program;

Mr. Johannes Juetting (3-L), Paris21 Manager.

Front row: Mr. Len Cook (1-L), Friend of the Chair (4-L), Mr. Sefuiva Reupena Muagututi'a, Government Statistician, Samoa

Statistical governance and monitoring

Implementing agreed-upon TYPSS outputs and outcomes, including effective regional technical cooperation, requires effective governance oversight at national and regional levels.

- National statistical advisory committees, comprising of data users and producers, are well placed to advise on statistical priorities, ensure collections and data release are carried out in a timely manner, and monitor overall statistical developments;
- At regional level, the Pacific Statistics Steering Committee (PSSC) provides statistical leadership in guiding and monitoring implementation of the Ten Year Pacific Statistics Strategy. It is chaired by the chair of the current *Regional Conference of Heads and Statistics and Planning* (2013-2016), and comprises of eleven members (eight Government Statisticians and three planners) and ten observers, representing regional and international financial and technical partners. It meets every six months.



Population & Development Browse Data via the Following Themes:

- Population
- Poverty
- Education
- Economic Development
- Labor Force
- Social Services/Provisions

Human Development Browse Data via the Following Themes:

- Gender
- Youth
- Culture

Bulk Data Downloads Summary of All Indicators
NMDI Bulk Dataset (20P)
More Datasets to Follow.

Agriculture & Forestry Browse Data via the Following Themes:

- Households
- National Economy
- Natural Resources

Public Health Browse Data via the Following Themes:

- Vital Statistics
- Vector Borne Diseases (Malaria)
- Communicable Diseases (TB)
- Social Health (HIV/AIDS & STI)
- Mental Health
- Child Health
- Non-Communicable Diseases
- Environmental Health
- Health Systems

Fisheries & Aquaculture Browse Data via the Following Themes:

- World
- Economics - Labour Market Activity
- Economics - Micro Agents
- Sustainable Livelihoods and Food Security

Communication & Infrastructure Browse Data via the Following Themes:

- Information Technologies (IT)
- Energy
- Transport

Prism Explore the Statistics of the Pacific Island Countries and Territories

News Events & Activities Regional Data

Popular Downloads

- Popular Reports and Documents Available
- Needs of Planning and Statistics (NOPS) 2013 Agenda (July 2013)
- Needs of Planning and Statistics (NOPS) 2013 Participant List (July 2013)

Pacific Development Indicators

- Access Pacific Development Indicators including MDGs
- NMDI
- Click Here to launch the website
- Click Here for a summary of our Education Indicators
- Click Here for a summary of our Vital Statistics Indicators

Country Links

- American Samoa
- Cook Islands
- Federated States of Micronesia
- Republic of Fiji
- French Polynesia
- Guam
- Kiribati
- Northern Mariana Islands
- Republic of the Marshall Islands
- Nauru
- New Caledonia
- Niue
- Palau
- Papua New Guinea
- Pitcairn Islands
- Samoa
- Solomon Islands
- Tuvalu

Recent Progress in Statistical Developments

- User-friendly access to **National Minimum Development Indicators** (www.spc.int/sdd)
 - successful response to request from Pacific Leaders to develop core set of statistics and indicators across sectors
- Tangible improvements by countries in **web-based data dissemination**, facilitated by Pacific Regional Information System (www.spc.int/prism)
- Pacific island countries achieving **best census coverage world-wide**, with all having undertaken at least one population and housing census during the 2010 World round of censuses
- Notable progress by some NSOs in attracting **strong political support** and adequate annual budgets to sustain regular statistical collections and the production of statistical outputs
- Comprehensive **multi-year household survey programme** established with generous financial support from Australia and the Asian Development Bank, ensuring all countries have some credible statistical indicators and benchmarks that were unavailable prior to 2005
- Concerted efforts in some countries to **strengthen administrative databases** and associated management information systems in key sectors (CRVS, education, health), to facilitate regular and real-time monitoring of development progress and policy performance
- Consolidation of sectoral statistical expertise in some NSOs available for **south-south** collaboration with smaller island countries lacking such expertise, thus contributing to an emerging Pacific statistical system
- Growing commitment to long-term strategic statistical planning across the region, with one country, Samoa, already in the implementation stage of their National Strategy for the Development of Statistics, (**NSDS**), with a further five countries at various stages of finalizing their strategy in 2014.



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National Minimum Development Indicators (NMDI) - www.spc.int/nmdi

Statistics for Development (SDD) - www.spc.int/sdd

Pacific Regional Information System - www.spc.int/prism



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