



Vision and Policy Intent

The Nauru Government [National Strategy for Development of Statistics \(NSDS\) 2019–2023](#), drafted in 2019, was not finalised and published, but used as a guideline

The [Nauru Bureau of Statistics \(NBS\)](#) vision is:

- to be the central authority and major producer of credible and timely official statistics in an environment of evidence-based decision making for sustainable development in Nauru

The NBS mission is:

- to provide leadership and trust in official statistics fostering evidence-based decision making for sustainable social and economic growth.

Other national policies and visions relevant to NBS include the Nauru Government NSDS 2019–2030.



National Statistical System

The NBS, guided under the [Statistics Act 1992](#) as amended and in force from 15 April 2011, is the lead statistics agency, managed by the Director.

Under the Nauru Statistics Act 1992, NBS, as a division under the [Nauru Department of Finance](#), is the central statistics agency responsible for:

- Collecting, compiling, analysing, and disseminating statistics and related information.
- Formulating, and ensuring compliance with, standards for the carrying out by official bodies of operations for statistical purposes.
- Providing advice and assistance in relation to statistics.

Other data producers and sources include: Government administrative data, state-owned enterprises (SOEs), and business enterprises.

Data users include:

- Government departments,
- SOEs,
- non-government organisations,
- academia,
- Nauru's development partners, and
- regional and international organisations.



Key Features

The NBS, guided under the Statistics Act 1992, is enacted for collecting, compiling and reporting of statistical information to local authorities, researchers and the public who are in need of this information for their purposes.

Data collection – most recent: [Nauru 2021 Population and Housing Census report](#) and [Nauru 2023 Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey \(MICS\)](#).

Dissemination – [main publication](#). Economic, social, tourism statistics, census and surveys, other statistics.

ICT Statistical infrastructure – NBS has developed its own [website](#) with the support of SPC. The website also has links to [Kiribati PopGIS3](#) for statistical mapping with support from SPC.

Other ICT links to the [Department of Finance](#), Stats NZ and Australian Bureau of Statistics websites.



Coordination

The NBS:

- Ensures coordination of the operations of official bodies and others in the collection, compilation and dissemination of statistics and related information.
- Liaises with Nauru and other countries and international organisations in relation to statistical matters.

The Statistics Act 1992 does not establish a statistics advisory council to support governance and statistics coordination.

[NBS](#), in its mission statement highlighted that NBS will provide leadership and trust in official statistics fostering evidence-based decision making for sustainable social and economic growth through:

- Coordination of the National Statistical System.
- Training and capacity building.
- Mainstreaming of official statistics for policy – development and planning.



Challenges, priorities and opportunities

Key challenges affecting NBS performance as highlighted in the NBS web page include:

- Being a small office with only five permanent staff.
- The draft NSDS is yet to finalised, published, and implemented.
- Lack of a Statistics Advisory Council to strengthen coordination.

Priorities for the NBS to achieve as specified in the [FY 22–23 NSDS-Annual Report](#):

- Develop the capacity of statistics division staff,
- Ensure Nauru aligns with the enhanced general data dissemination system and special data dissemination standard, and
- Develop a strategic plan and implementation plan for the Statistics Division to ensure Nauru meets NSDS goals and IMF requirements.