



Vision and Policy Intent

The Tuvalu Government [National Strategy for Development of Statistics \(NSDS\) 2020–2024](#) sets a vision to have a reliable and progressive statistical system incorporating all essential and best practice statistical concepts and processes.

The Tuvalu NSDS 2020–2024 identifies two key goals for the overall achievement of the Tuvalu national statistical system:

- have a capable statistical environment in carrying out all core activities of statistical areas, and
- provide a comprehensive, timely and reliable set of core statistics for effective planning, policy and decision-making and other uses for the benefit of Tuvalu.

Key mission: to deliver high-quality core national official statistics and statistical services to all users, in particular the Government of Tuvalu.

Other national policies and plans relevant to [Tuvalu Central Statistics Division \(CSD\)](#) and NSDS:

- [Te Kete 2021–2030 Tuvalu National Development Strategy](#).



National Statistical System

The Tuvalu CSD operating under the Tuvalu [Statistics Act 2008 \(revised\)](#), is the lead statistics agency, managed by the Government Statistician.

Under the Statistics Act 2008, and Census Act 2008 (revised), Tuvalu CSD, a [Division of the Ministry of Finance](#), is responsible for:

- collecting, compiling, analysing, abstracting and publishing statistical information on commercial, industrial, agricultural, social, economic and general activities and condition of the people of Tuvalu.

Other producers of administrative data and statistics listed in the NSDS 2020–2024 include:

- Departments of Health, Customs, Treasury and Fisheries,
- Development Bank of Tuvalu,
- National Bank of Tuvalu,
- Tax and Revenue, and
- Tuvalu National Provident Fund.



Key Features

The Tuvalu CSD, guided under the Statistics Act 2008, is enacted for the collection, compilation, analysis and publication of statistical information and for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto.

Data collection – most recent population and housing census 2022, Household Income and Expenditure survey 2015/2016.

Dissemination – [main publications](#) economics, population and social statistics, other statistics, census and surveys.

Tuvalu CSD has a [census and survey collection calendar](#) that provides a forward view of their collections.

ICT Statistical Infrastructure – Tuvalu CSD has developed its own [website](#) and has links to tools such as [Tuvalu PopGIS3](#) which provides statistical mappings and is supported by SPC.

Other ICT: Used CAPI for collecting data for the first time for the 2017 Population and Housing Mini-Census.



Coordination

The Tuvalu CSD is mandated to:

- coordinate with government departments on the collection, compilation, analysis, and publication of statistical records of administration
- organise a coordinated scheme of social and economic statistics relating to Tuvalu.

The NSDS 2020–2024 had a specific target for establishment of a Statistics Steering Committee with clear reference to enhance:

- the function of CSD
- coordination of statistical data source owners, stakeholders and CSD
- dissemination.

Other coordination targets highlighted in the NSDS 2020–2024:

- Coordinate, communicate, and identify the statistics needed to be produced, and collaborate on integrating them into CSD programmes.



Challenges, priorities and opportunities

Key challenges affecting Tuvalu CSD performance as outlined in the NSDS 2020–2024 include:

- structure of CSD has not been reviewed or changed substantively for more than 20 years
- heavily reliant on assistance from technical agencies in certain areas
- lack of in-house resources, especially skilled human resources
- difficulties in enforcing the legislation (Statistics Act 2008, Census Act 2008).

Priorities as specified in the Tuvalu NSDS 2020–2024 strategic factors include:

- investment in technological capacity, human resources and financial resourcing
- collaboration with data source owners and other stakeholders
- statistical dissemination processes
- revision and enforcement of Statistics Act and Census Act
- statistical roadmap in place for the Te Kete 2021 to 2030 (National Sustainable and Development Plan of Tuvalu).