



Vision and Policy Intent

The Bureau of Statistics and Plans (BSP) coordinates with Government of Guam agencies and private sector organizations in the collection and dissemination of critical social and economic indicators for policy and planning development.

The BSPs Mission is to:

- ensure Guam's resources are used effectively to benefit present and future generations by ensuring consistency among various plans, policies, and programs.

Some of the key policy goals the Bureau is committed to are:

- ensure the availability of timely and accurate statistical indices that are required to make sound decisions to improve Guam's economic viability,
- ensure the availability of information generated by the Government of Guam for policy and plan development,
- serve as a catalyst for planned and balanced economic, social, environmental and physical growth, and
- advise the Governor during the formulation of policies and on the interrelationships among laws, plans, policies and programs.



National Statistical System

The Guam BSPs was initially created under Public Law 12-200 as the Bureau of Planning and amended by Public law 26-76 changing its name to the BSP. The Statistics Agency is managed and led by the Director of the BSP.

The Guam BSP is responsible to:

- conduct the census under the auspices of the U.S. Census Bureau,
- compile, collect, develop and publish quarterly scientific indices and economic indicators, and
- publish information on the following priorities to include consumer prices, exports and imports, trade balances.

Other producers of official statistics as identified by United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) include:

- the Guam Department of Labor,
- the Department of Public Health and Social Services,
- the Department of Education, and
- the Guam Green Growth (G3).

Additionally, various United States federal agencies collect and report information about Guam.



Key Features

Legislation – The Guam BSP guided under the Public law 26-76 (section 43a) is enacted to:

- disseminate and make available economic, social, and physical data and information for research, policy makers and the public, and
- facilitate cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of the Census in collecting, compiling, analysing, interpreting and disseminating information concerning demographics, agriculture, housing, manufacturing, businesses and government of Guam

Data collection – Household Income and Expenditures Survey is conducted. Most recent release is the 2020 Census of Guam.

Dissemination – The main publications include the Annual Guam Statistical Yearbook, the Consumer Price Index, the Guam Imports and Guam Exports reports.

ICT Statistical Infrastructure – The Bureau maintains its own website with an economics indicators dashboard.



Coordination

The Guam BSP's mandate gave the legislative flexibility to appraise, coordinate, prepare and assist in the development of a wide range of plans, policies and studies that further Guam's economic, social, land use, environmental and infrastructure goals, and priorities and planning activities.

Public Law 35-110 was established relative to renewing the Guam Comprehensive Development Plan to encompass the principles of sustainability.

Aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals, Executive Order 2019–23 was enacted creating the Guam Green Growth (G3) initiative, a public-private partnership to develop tangible solutions for a sustainable future to include G3 dashboard.

The Bureau does not have a Statistical Advisory Body. The Bureau coordinates with government and community organizations to capture and disseminate key statistical indicators for research, policy and program planning purposes.



Challenges, priorities and opportunities

Key challenges outlined in the Bureau's 2022 Citizen Centric Report include:

- maintaining a succession plan to build staff capacity and institutional knowledge,
- additional program initiatives absorbed from other agencies with limited staff resources,
- impact on procurement due to global shortage and shipping delays,
- GSA** procurement policies and procedures,
- lack of federal and local resources to address increased technology information system upgrades,
- reconciling accounts due to the current Financial Management System, and
- Section 106 review process and permitting requirements.

Moving forward as specified in the 2022 Citizen Centric Report:

- develop, maintain and publish statistical publications,
- continue to generate timely and accurate statistical indices,
- provide technical support to the Governor's Office, task forces, and workgroups to implement priority initiatives, and
- apply for continued funding support and ensure its compliance with program and fiscal federal grant requirements.