



## Vision and Policy Intent

The Niue National Strategy for Development of Statistics (NSDS) 2020–2024 first draft was completed in 2019 and is currently undergoing a review.

However, the [Niue National Strategic Plan \(NNSP\) 2016–2026](#) includes policies and objectives relating to **data** and **statistics** to achieve by 2026. This include:

- **a well-informed public and information available on:**

- statistics, data collection, and archiving are important tools for the people, economic development and planning. Such information, for example statistical information and weather information will be publicised and readily available to the public.

The [Niue National Statistics Offices \(NSO\) vision](#) is to be a key provider and leader of statistical information and services.

Other relevant policies important for the Niue NSDS include:

- [Niue 4 Year Plan](#) published in 2021 by New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT).



## National Statistical System

The [Niue NSO](#) operating under the [Niue Statistics Act 2009](#) is the lead statistics agency, managed by the Government Statistician.

Under the Statistics Act 2009, the Niue NSO, as part of the Niue Government, is the key agency and responsible for:

- collecting, processing, analysing and disseminating official statistics in a timely manner,
- making reports with regard for the needs of user departments, and
- advising the Responsible Minister on statistical policy matters.

**Other data providers** include the Niue Statistics Act 2009 that specifies that:

- the Permanent Head or Principal Administrative Officer at each Government Department shall inform the Government Statistician of Official Statistics that they are responsible for.

**Data users:**

- the Statistics Act 2009 specifies that the Government Statistician shall at least every 3 years convene a meeting of users (e.g., government departments) of official statistics.



## Key Features

The Niue NSO guided under the Statistics Act 2009 is enacted to:

- produce timely and accurate statistics on economic, social and environmental characteristics of Niue for use by the government, private institutions, businesses, overseas organisations, academia and the public

**Data collection** – most recent published: [Niue Census Population and Housing 2022](#), [Census of Agriculture 2021](#), [Household and Population Census 2017](#).

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

**Most recent statistical releases:** [Consumer Price Index 2023](#), [Vital Statistics 2022](#), [National Accounts Estimates 2021](#).

**ICT Statistical Infrastructure** – Niue NSO developed its own website linked to Pacific Community (SPC) [Statistics for Development Division \(SDD\)](#), the Sustainable Development Goals, and the [Niue PopGIS3](#) (data census 2011) supported by SPC.

**Other ICT** statistical products are accessible through the [library](#).



## Coordination

The Niue NSO is to:

- provide information required by the cabinet, Government departments, village chiefs, local authorities, businesses and the public for policy decision-making,
- provide leadership and coordination for the official statistical activities and processes of Niue—collect, compile, analyse and disseminate,
- coordinate effectively as possible,
- render most useful the official statistics produced, and
- avoid unnecessary duplication of requests for information.

**Committees:** The Statistics Act 2009 empowers the Government Statistician to:

- set up Committees of Statisticians, suppliers, or users of statistics and other interested parties, and
- convene a meeting of users of official statistics to review users' needs for such statistics at least every 3 years.



## Challenges, priorities and opportunities

**Key challenges** affecting Niue NSO performance as outlined in the [Niue NSO Challenges and Risks](#) include:

- **production of statistics**, staff capacity (1–3) to deliver statistic services and information a critical issue,
- **building relationships**, sharing of information a challenge,
- **data quality and reliability**, impact of capability and capacity constraints, and
- **capacity building**, an ongoing concern.

**Priorities and opportunities** as specified in the [core functions](#) of the Niue NSO include:

- **develop ability to deliver** official statistics in a timely manner,
- **produce good and accurate statistics and statistical information**,
- **foster and promote** good working relationships and partnerships with all data providers,
- **provide easy data access** for key users of statistics, and
- **develop capacity building**, working with development partners to strengthen the capabilities of the Niue NSO.