**1. Vision and policy intent**

**Nauru Bureau of Statistics (NBS)** is the primary central agency responsible for maintaining government-held statistical data. It is the central authority and main producer of reliable and timely official statistics, promoting evidence-based decision-making for sustainable development in Nauru.

Despite its small size, NBS is committed to ensuring its work is underpinned by international statistics standards, including the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics as well as supporting the Nauru National Sustainable Development Plan 2019-2030. This national and global perspective guides the bureau’s dedication to its role in Nauru's development.

The NBS mission is: To provide leadership and trust in official statistics fostering evidence-based decision making for sustainable social and economic growth in three phases:
1. Coordination of the National Statistical System (NSS);
2. Training and capacity building; and
3. Mainstreaming of official statistics for policy, development and planning.

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**2. Data Management: policies, rules & institutions**

NBS is committed to upholding integrity and its reputation in accordance with the Statistics Act (1992), the Census Act (1973), the Public Service Act (2016), and other relevant legislation.

The work of the NBS is guided by regional initiatives including the Antigua and Barbados Agenda for Small Island Developing States (ABAS), the 2050 Strategy for a Blue Pacific Continent, led by Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) and the Strategic Framework for Pacific Statistics, 2022-2030 led by the Pacific Community (SPC).

NBS is a subdivision under the Planning and Aid Division under the Department of Finance. Nauru has a decentralised national statistical system—key data providers are NBS and other government instrumentalities.

NBS is responsible for conducting the latest census in 2021 as well as household surveys, including the Multi-Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS) 2023 and the ongoing Household Income & Expenditure Survey (HIES) 2024-2025.

NBS collaborates with the Statistics for Development Division (SDD) of the Pacific Community (SPC) to maintain a national data repository through the Pacific Data Hub.

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**3. Data custodians and data stewardship**

The NBS plays a crucial role in providing high-quality official statistics related to the population and economy.

It actively engages in:
- Designing standardized statistical tools;
- Harmonising statistical information;
- Consolidating statistics for comparability;
- Supplying official statistical information;
- Disseminating official statistical information;
- Coordinating the Statistical System of Nauru, advising on national statistical systems; and
- Promoting research and development by encouraging advancements in data collection, processing, and analysis techniques and tools.

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**4. Data sharing, accessibility and integration**

Data sharing across government and its instrumentalities occurs through sharing agreements through Memorandums of Understanding and Letters of Agreement; however, informal arrangements are preferred due to the country’s size. These informal data-sharing arrangements benefit both the NBS and the other part of government by increasing data use.

Development partners, researchers, and other users can access national survey microdata held at the Pacific Data Hub through a Data Access Agreement endorsed by the Director of NBS. SDD ensures that the confidentiality protocol is followed before releasing the data. Data users are required to share the results of their research or analysis with NBS.

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**5. Data sharing risks & mitigation**

The Statistics Act (1992) and the Census Act (1973), protect the disclosure and sharing of personal information.

Nauru has enacted the Cybercrime Act (2015) to protect against illegal data interference.

The Official Information Act (1976) and the Secret Commissions Act (1905) ensure that all information provided is sworn to be true under oath.

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