

1. HISTORICAL OUTLINE

The 2015 Census of Population, Housing and Agriculture (CPHA) is the first census in Palau in which items on agricultural activities of households were included in a census.

2. LEGAL BASIS AND ORGANIZATION

Legal framework

The Statistics Act of 2011 gives the Office of Planning and Statistics (OPS) of the Ministry of Finance the authority to collect, compile and disseminate Palau's statistical data.¹

Institutional framework and international collaboration

The CPHA 2015 was undertaken by the Office of Planning and Statistics (OPS), with funding support from the United States Department of the Interior, Office of Insular Affairs and with technical support from the Statistics for Development Division (SDD) of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC), which provided assistance for development, implementation and processing for the census.

With the support of the Office of Palau Automated Land and Resources Information System (PALARIS), the census enumeration was conducted using updated maps. PALARIS staff provided assistance on a daily basis for the census enumeration.

The Ministry of Finance's Bureau of the National Treasury and the Bureau of Public Services System provided significant support towards assisting OPS in streamlining processes related to the hiring of census staff and the processing of payments.

Census staff

No information was provided in the census report available.

3. REFERENCE DATE AND PERIOD

Reference day:

- 6 April 2015, for demographic characteristics of the households;
- the day of enumeration, for other inventory items, such as livestock numbers.

Reference period: the last 12 months, for items such as fishing and main use of the production.

4. ENUMERATION PERIOD

The CPHA enumeration was conducted in April 2015.²

5. SCOPE OF THE CENSUS AND DEFINITION OF THE STATISTICAL UNIT

The **census scope** covered only agricultural activities (crop and livestock production). Information on the fishery activities of households was also collected.

The **statistical unit** in the CPHA 2015 was the household.

6. GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

The census covered the entire territory of the country, including both rural and urban areas

7. CUT-OFF THRESHOLDS AND OTHER EXCLUSIONS

The non-household sector was not covered in the census.

8. METHODOLOGY

Methodological modality for conducting the agricultural census

Agriculture-related data were collected based on the "Core agriculture and fishing" module of the CPHA 2015 questionnaire.

Frame

The EAs were the smallest geographical units into which the country was divided for census data collection. In most cases, one enumerator was responsible for data collection in a single EA.

Complete and/or sample enumeration methods

The CPHA was based on the complete enumeration of all agricultural households identified during the 2015 census enumeration.

Sample design

No sampling was used.

¹ See **Palau National Government Services**, 2019 <https://www.palau.gov.pw/executive-branch/ministries/finance/budgetandplanning/general-data-dissemination-system-gdds-metadata/>

² The CPHA started in "early April 2015". The exact enumeration period was not specified in the census report available (see section 13).

Data collection method(s)

The CPHA 2015 of Palau was conducted using conventional door-to-door enumeration (PAPI).

Questionnaire(s)

Agriculture-related data were collected through the Core agriculture and fishing module of the CPHA 2015 questionnaire.

Overall, 12 of the 16 core items recommended in the WCA 2010 were included in the CPHA.³

9. USE OF TECHNOLOGY

The census results were disseminated online.

10. DATA PROCESSING AND ARCHIVING

Data entry, edits and tabulations programs were provided by the SPC (SDD). Census data were manually captured. The keyed data were then processed (editing and cleaning) using the Consistency and Correction (CONCOR) package. The Census Tabulation System (CENTS) was used for tabulation.

11. CENSUS DATA QUALITY

Quality assurance methods were used throughout the data collection and processing phases of the census to improve the quality of the data. The enumerators conducted an initial check of the questionnaires for completeness and consistency. The census office staff performed additional coverage and edit checks. Those households for which questionnaires did not meet specific quality standards because of incomplete information were contacted through personal visits, to obtain the missing information.

12. DATA DISSEMINATION

The final census results were disseminated through the CPHA 2015 report and institutional websites.

13. DATA SOURCES

Office of Planning and Statistics, Bureau of Budget and Planning. 2019. *2015 Census of Population Housing and Agriculture for the Republic of Palau, Volume 1, Basic Tables*. Koror, Palau. (also available at <https://www.palaugov.pw/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/2015-Census-of-Population-Housing-Agriculture-.pdf>).

Palau National Government Services (PalauGov Services). 2019. General Data Dissemination System (GDDS) Metadata. In: *PalauGov Services* [online]. Koror [Cited 07 September 2019]. <https://www.palaugov.pw/executive-branch/ministries/finance/budgetandplanning/general-data-dissemination-system-gdds-metadata/>

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³ The following core items were not covered by the CPHA: (i) "Area of the holding according to land use types"; (ii) "Land tenure types on the holding"; (iii) "Types of temporary crops on the holding"; (iv) "Type of permanent crops on the holding".

LAND FRAGMENTATION		
	Holdings	Area
Holdings with agricultural land	1 179	n.a.
1 parcel	585	n.a.
2–3 parcels	325	n.a.
4–5 parcels	126	n.a.
6–8 parcels	50	n.a.
9 parcels and over	93	n.a.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLDINGS BY LAND SIZE CLASSES	
	Holdings
Holdings with agricultural land	1 179
Less than 0.01 ha	305
0.01–0.02 ha	148
0.02–0.04 ha	176
0.04–0.06 ha	96
0.06–0.08 ha	59
0.08–0.1 ha	52
0.1–0.5 ha	231
0.5 ha and over	112

LAND USE	
	Holdings
Agricultural land	1 179
Arable land	n.a.
Land under temporary meadows	92
Land temporarily fallow	196
Kitchen garden	593
Permanent meadows and pastures	141
Forest and other wooded land	598

LIVESTOCK	
	Holdings
Holdings with livestock	n.a.
Cattle	7
Goats	7
Pigs/swine	115
Poultry	116

IRRIGATION	
	Holdings
Total holdings with irrigated land	91