

Country Profile of Maldives

Main statistical agency

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Statistics Division

Web address

www.planning.gov.mv

Position in the government

Statistics Division is part of Department of National Planning.

Multi-annual or annual work program

A list of approved surveys is published on the website.
National Strategy for the development of Statistics 2010-2019

Main duties

It is also responsible to set procedures and standards to be followed in the collection, compilation and publication of statistics to ensure adherence to common standards and methods required to maintain data quality at national level.

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- * 16 December 1978: Establishment of the National Planning Agency (NPA).
- * 10 November 1982: National Planning Agency was changed to a Ministry and the Agency's name was changed to 'Ministry of Planning and National Development' (MPND).
- * 12 December 1988: In recognition of the importance of environmental issues to the development of Maldives, responsibility for environmental matters was integrated in to MPND and hence the Ministry was renamed as 'Ministry of Planning and Environment' (MPE).
- * 11 November 1993: MPE was renamed as the 'Ministry of Planning, Human Resources and Environment' (MPHRE) to focus on developing and improving the quality of human resources as it was important for the development of the country.
- * 11 November 1998: MPHRE was renamed as 'Ministry of Planning and National Development' (MPND) and the work related to the environmental issues and human resources was transferred to two other ministries.
- * 13 November 2008: MPND was changed to a department called the 'Department of National Planning' (DNP) which is run under the Ministry of Finance and Treasury.

Legal basis

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Government Regulation (Statistical Regulation of the Republic of Maldives)

Other producers of official statistics

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The national statistical system (NSS) in the Maldives is decentralized, with the Statistics Division of the Department of National Planning (SD/DNP) being the core statistical agency and Other sectoral Agencies collect their relevant data.

Data collection

Most recent population census

21-28 March 2006

Data confidentiality

Excerpt from Statistics Regulation:

13. The statistical information obtained from the data collection operation shall be published as aggregated totals, in accordance with the principles of statistical compilation.

14. Information obtained shall not be disclosed or published in a manner that will disclose the identity of the provider.

15. Confidentiality must be accorded to any information that is obtained from permitted data collection operations, which would disclose the identity of the provider.

16. Any information collected under this regulation shall not be disclosed to any unauthorized party except in accordance with clauses 13 and 14 of this regulation.

Data dissemination

Main publications

Statistical Yearbook of Maldives

The Statistical Yearbook of Maldives is published with the objective of providing comprehensive statistical information on various aspects of the economy and social conditions in the Maldives. This is the 24th issue of the annual series. This issue includes data on the country's geography and environment as well as its population and housing, employment, health, education, law and order and other social sectors. Data related to the economic sectors - fisheries and agriculture, tourism, transport and communication, electricity and water, public finance, money and banking, foreign trade and balance of payments, national accounts and prices are also included. Efforts have been made in this issue to widen the coverage and include up to date revision of data published in previous years. We look forward to comments and suggestions from users for improving the quality and usefulness of this series.

- Statistical Pocketbook of Maldives

- Maldives Census

Languages of main publications

English

How are data disseminated (Paper, CD Rom, Website, online databases, databanks)?

With the intention of providing easy access to statistics for users, the tables published in the Statistical Yearbook of Maldives is made available on the Department's website (<http://www.planning.gov.mv>). This publication is also available on CD-ROM.