

Papua New Guinea¹

Population: 8.3 million (2017)
 GDP Per Capita (2011 PPP Dollar): 3,878
 Country Income Grouping (ESCAP): Low income
 National Statistical Website: <https://www.nso.gov.pg/>



National statistical system

Statistical legislation

Legislative status: Has a statistical act for producing official statistics

- Protects confidentiality of respondent's information
- Requires a transparent statistical system
- Protects independence of official statistics from political influence
- Allows agencies in the national statistical system to acquire administrative data for statistical purposes

National Strategy for the Development of Statistics

National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS)

- Developed but not implemented yet
- ✗ Not available on public website

Includes

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Issues related to coordination across the national statistical system ● Issues related to existing statistical legislation ● Issues related to government support and advocacy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Detailed action plan ● Monitoring and review process ● Linked to country's National Development Plan |
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Practical arrangements for the implementation of the NSDS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There is sufficient government support | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Advocacy activities are planned and/or conducted for securing government support |
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Dissemination

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ A data dissemination policy is not in place and available to users ● Contact information is published ● Statistical publications, documents, and other services, including information on data charges available to users | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A data bank/hub for users to access published statistics ✗ No response: An advance release calendar is published |
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Coordination among producers of economic statistics

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Clearly specified responsibility of producing the Core Set² of Economic Statistics among agencies ● Plans currently being implemented or under development to improve coordination of production of economic statistics | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Systems in place that allow for data sharing among data producing agencies |
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Advocacy for economic statistics

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Regular activities to enhance awareness and use of official economic statistics among users (e.g. government, universities and research organisations) ✗ No response: Regular users' surveys to assess users' needs and satisfaction | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Other user engagement activities |
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¹ This national summary is based on information provided by Papua New Guinea to ESCAP as part of the Regional Programme for the Improvement of Economic Statistics in Asia and the Pacific. Further information is available at <http://communities.unescap.org/economic-statistics>

² The Core Set of Economic Statistics, including detailed descriptions of each Core Set item is available at [http://undocs.org/en/E/ESCAP/CST\(2\)/4](http://undocs.org/en/E/ESCAP/CST(2)/4)



Statistics training

- Has a dedicated unit within the national statistical system or government that oversees staff training in general

Induction programmes on statistics (basic statistical concepts and processes) are organized for:

- Statistical staff working on economic statistics in the **National Statistical Office (NSO)**
- Statistical staff working on economic statistics in **other agencies**

Specific training on economic statistics is provided to:

- Statistical staff working on economic statistics in the **NSO**
- Statistical staff working on economic statistics in **other agencies**



Statistical infrastructure

Data Quality Assessment Framework (DQAF)

X A National DQAF is not available and not planned

Metadata

- Statistical releases are accompanied with comprehensive metadata
- Metadata are accessible via a public website

Statistical Business Register (SBR)

- A Statistical Business Register (SBR) is available
- X** The SBR is not accessible by data producing agencies
- Access to the SBR among data producing agencies is limited/constrained by legislation, data confidentiality or other reasons

| Key statistical collections | Frequency | Time of first release (No of months after reference period) | Support from external partners (Technical and/or financial) |
|---|-------------------|--|--|
| Labour Force Survey | Every quarter | 2 | No response |
| Household Income and expenditure survey | Other frequencies | 24 | No response |
| Enterprise/Establishment Survey | Every year | 12 | No response |
| Population Census | Every 10 years | 6 | No response |
| Economic Census | Every 5 years | 18 | No response |
| Agriculture Census | Not conducted | N/A | N/A |



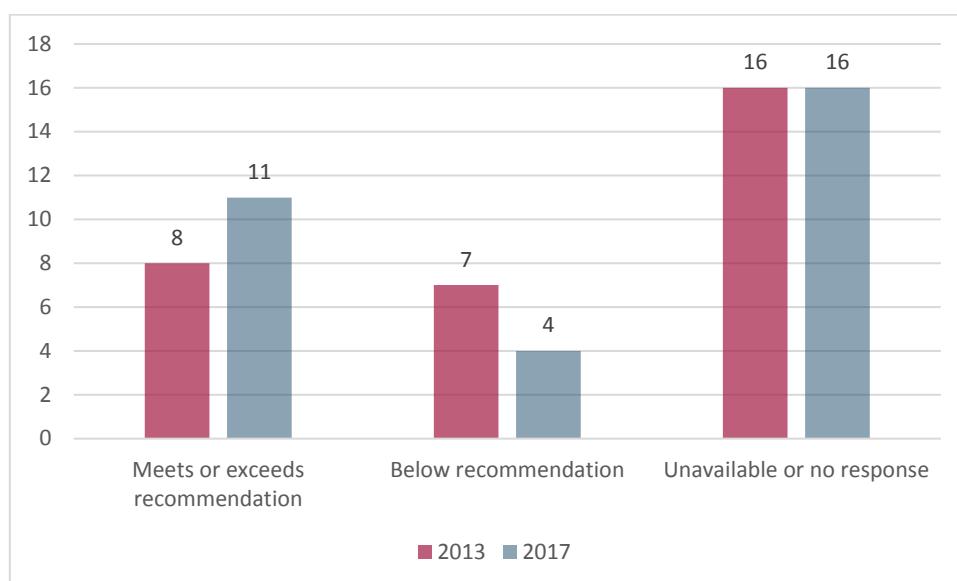
Core Set of Economic Statistics

| Core Set Items | | Status | Recommended frequency | Reported frequency | Reasons for unavailability |
|----------------|--|--------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| | Consumer price index | ● | Quarterly | Quarterly | |
| | Producer price index | X | Quarterly | Not available | |
| | Commodity price index | X | Monthly | Not available | |
| | External merchandise trade price indices | ● | Monthly | Monthly | |
| | Wages / Earnings data | X | Quarterly | Not available | |
| | Labour costs index / Wage index | X | Quarterly | Not available | |
| | GDP (production) nominal and real | ● | Quarterly | Quarterly | |
| | GDP (expenditure) nominal and real | X | Quarterly | Not available | |
| | External trade - merchandise | ● | Monthly | Monthly | |
| | External trade - services | X | Quarterly | Not available | |
| | STI - industry output | B | Quarterly | Annually | |
| | STI - services output | B | Quarterly | Annually | |
| | STI - consumer demand | X | Quarterly | Not available | |
| | STI - fixed investment | B | Quarterly | Annually | |
| | STI - inventories | X | Quarterly | Not available | |
| | Economy structure statistics | X | Every 5 years | Not available | |
| | Productivity | X | Annually | Not available | |
| | Integrated national accounts for the total economy | X | Annually | Not available | |
| | Institutional sector accounts | X | Annually | Not available | |
| | Balance of payments | ● | Quarterly | Quarterly | |
| | International investment position | ● | Annually | Quarterly | |
| | External debt | ● | Quarterly | Quarterly | |
| | Income distribution | X | Every 5 years | Not available | |
| | Assets / liabilities of depository corporations | ● | Monthly | Monthly | |
| | Broad money and credit aggregates | ● | Monthly | Monthly | |
| | Interest rate statistics | ● | Monthly | Monthly | |
| | General government operations | B | Quarterly | Annually | |
| | General government debt | ● | Quarterly | Quarterly | |
| | Labour supply and demand | X | Annually | Not available | |
| | Hours worked | X | Quarterly | Not available | |
| | Natural resources | X | Annually | Not available | |

- - Meets or exceeds recommended frequency
- B - Below recommended frequency
- X - Unavailable or no response
- 1 - Not relevant
- 2 - Low priority/ Importance
- 3 - No/ Insufficient funding
- 4 - No/ Inadequate source data

- 5 - No/ Inadequate manpower
- 6 - Lack of skills/ expertise
- 7 - Inadequate IT systems
- 8 - No clear stakeholder and /or champion
- 9 - Other
- P - Plan to overcome constraint
- N - No plan to overcome constraint

Production of the Core Set of Economic Statistics, 2013 and 2017



Developments since 2013

- Contact information for each statistical domain is now published;
- Statistical publications, documents and other services are now available to users;
- There are regular advocacy activities to enhance awareness and use of economic statistics;
- Metadata are now accessible via a public website;
- Statistical Business Register (SBR) is now used to frame population for economic surveys and /or other statistical purposes.



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