

PALAU

Pre-COVID-19 baseline metrics



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All data is taken from the Palau 2014 Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) unless otherwise Indicated.

Demographics:

17,661

Population (2015 Population and Housing Census (PHC))

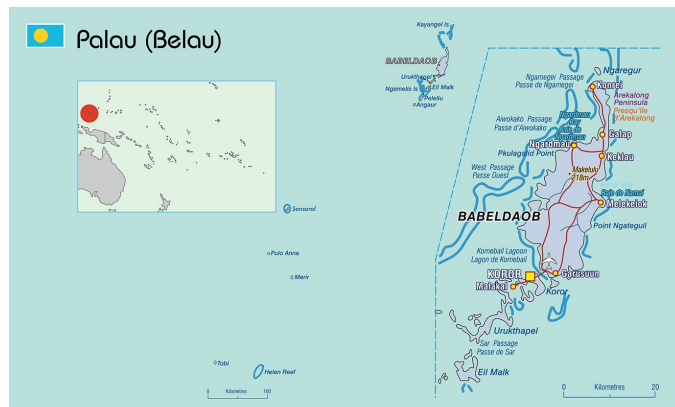


80%
urban population

Dependency ratio 48 (children 0–14 years (30) plus elderly 60+ years (18) as a proportion of persons 15–59 years)

Average household (HH) size is

2.9 persons



Education:

Age group	Enrollment rate		
	Urban	Rural	Total
0–4	18%	16%	17%
5–9	91%	90%	91%
10–14	99%	98%	99%
15–19	94%	90%	94%
20–24	20%	27%	21%
25–29	7%	2%	6%
30+	0%	0%	0%
Total	23%	26%	23%



94%
enrollment rate for persons aged 15–19

91% enrollment rate for persons aged 5–9, and
99% enrollment rate for persons aged 10–14

Urban residents aged 15–19 have a higher enrolment rate compared to rural residents.

Rural residents aged 20–24 have a higher enrolment rate compared to urban residents.

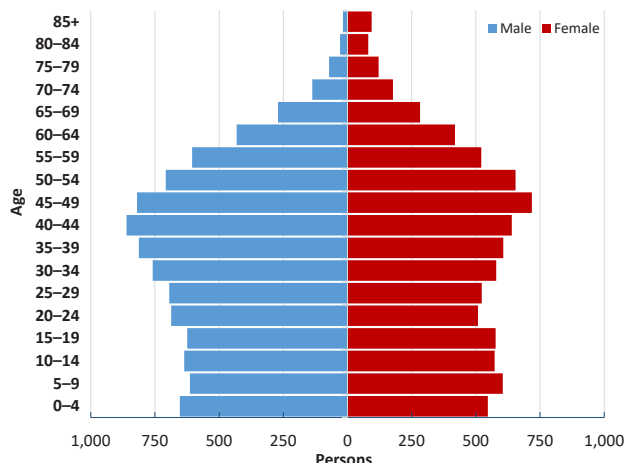
Health:

Almost **100%** have access to private water for hand washing except for those who live in rural areas and belong to the expenditure quintile 2

An average of **25** in **1,000** reported having respiratory illness, of which **14** live in rural areas

171 in **1,000** reported having on-going illness, of which **121** live in rural areas

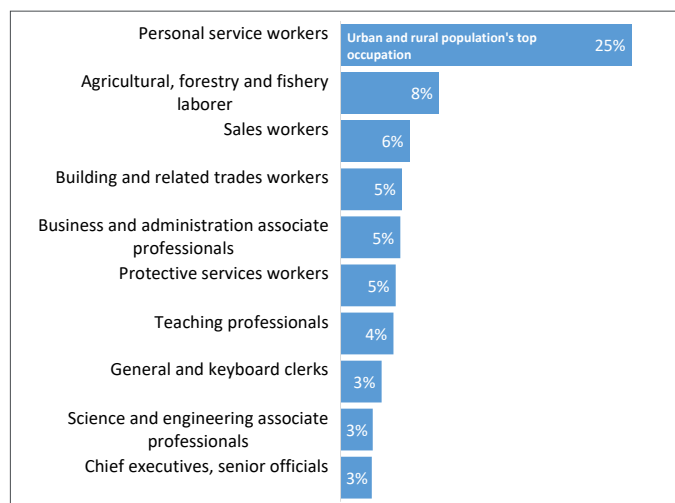
Population pyramid



Economic activities:

Type of occupation

Top 10 occupations

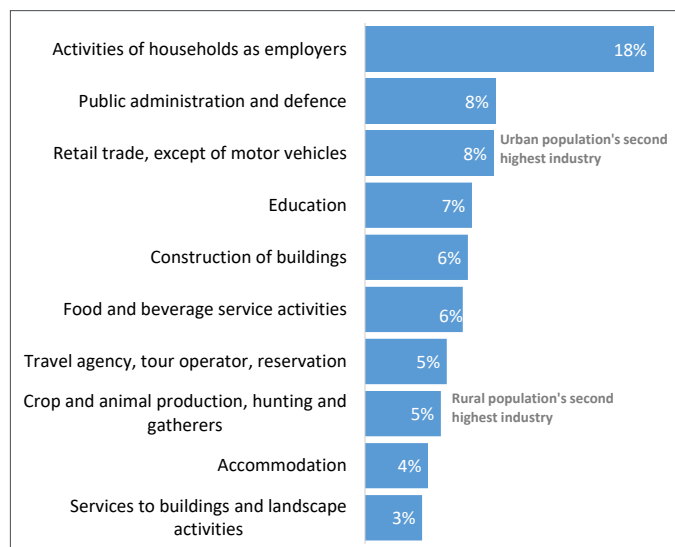


Note: occupations (ISCO) of 10,630 weighted individuals, 2015 PHC.

'Personal service workers' is the top national occupation

'Personal service workers' is the top occupation for all employed people living in both strata

Top 10 industries



Note: industry (ISIC) of 10,630 weighted individuals, 2015 PHC.

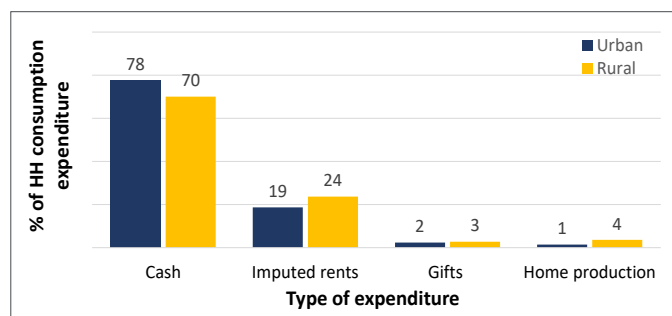
'Activities of HH as employers' is the industry with the most employed people living in both strata

'Retail trade, except of motor vehicles' is the second highest industry within urban areas.

'Crop and animal production, hunting and gatherers' is the second highest industry within rural areas.

Household expenditure:

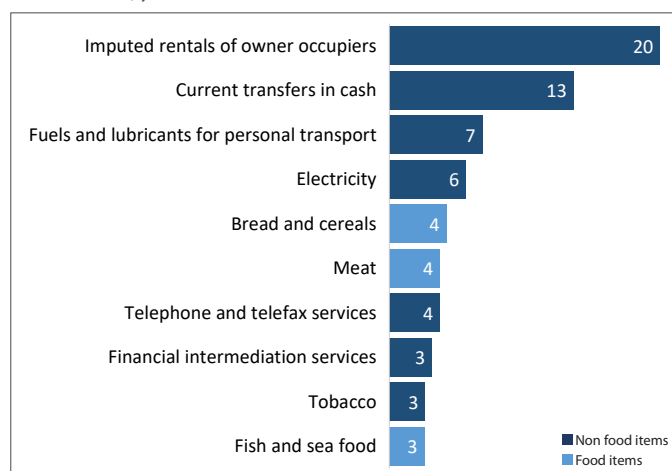
Composition of HH expenditure, by expenditure type and strata



People living in urban areas have a higher 'Cash' expenditure compared to people living in rural areas.

People living in rural areas have a higher expenditure through 'Imputed rents' and 'Home production' compared to people living in urban areas.

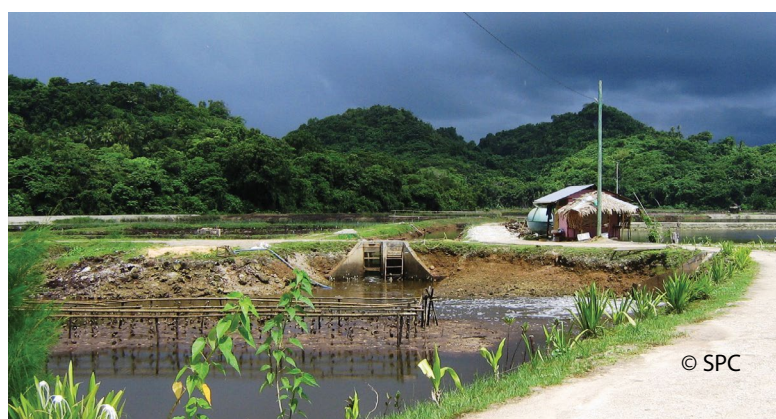
Top 10 annual HH expenditure items, by COICOP class (in millions US\$)



The top four HH expenditures are non-food items. These are the 'Imputed rentals of owner occupiers' at 19 millions, followed by 'Current transfers in cash', 'Fuels and lubricants for personal transport' and 'Electricity'.

7 out of the top 10
HH expenditure items are
non-food items

Highest food expenditure items included in the top 10 are: 'Bread and cereals' followed by 'Meat'.



Household food consumption:

Top 10 items consumed by HHs by COICOP Division 1 and the top 3 items consumed by expenditure quintile and strata

Rank	Top 10 items consumed by HHs	National	Urban	Rural	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5
1	Chicken – pieces (legs, wings, breasts, thighs)	8%	9%	8%	5%	7%	10%	10%	8%
2	Rice – broken/mixed bag/repacked	7%	7%	8%	13%	10%	8%	7%	4%
3	Root crop – Taro (all types)	3%		7%			4%	4%	5%
4	Bread (white loaf) – sliced/whole	3%	3%		4%	4%			
5	Reef fish – not specified	3%							
6	Pork – cuts (ribs, chops)	2%							
7	Instant noodles (Ramen, Ichiban) – packet, bowl or cup	2%							
8	Canned tuna	2%							
9	Bottled water for drinking	2%							
10	Eggs – all types (lone eggs or sold in cartons of 12)	2%							

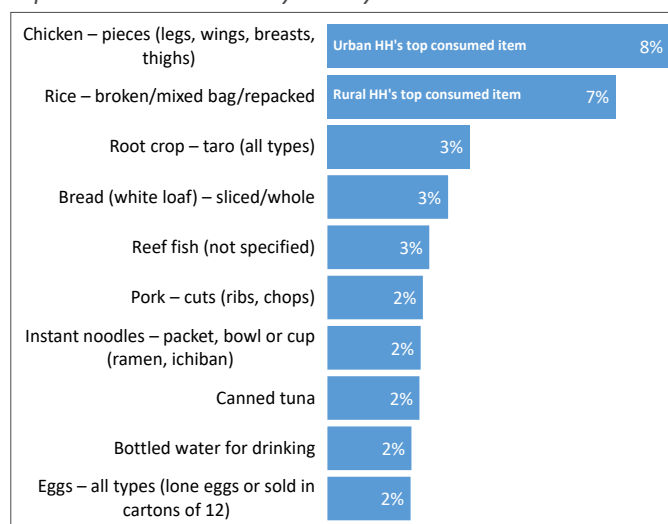
Note: Expenditure quintiles where Q1 represents the lowest wealth and Q5 the highest wealth.

‘Chicken – pieces’ is the top item consumed by HHs for urban population

Those who live in rural areas and who belong to quintiles 1–2 show ‘Rice – broken/mixed bag/repacked’ as the most consumed item.

‘Chicken – pieces (legs, wings, breasts, thighs)’ is the most consumed item by those who live in urban areas and who belong to expenditure quintiles 3–5.

Top 10 items consumed by HHs by COICOP Division 1



Top 10 cash expenditure items consumed by HHs by COICOP Division 1 and the top 3 items consumed by expenditure quintile and strata

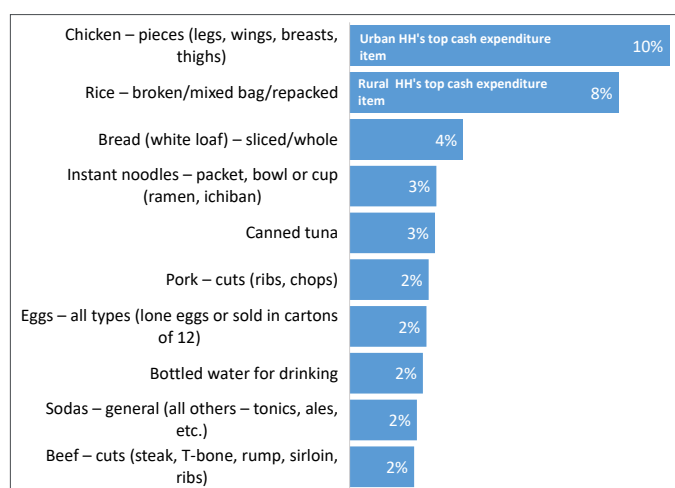
Rank	Top 10 cash expenditure items consumed by HHs	National	Urban	Rural	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5
1	Chicken – pieces (legs, wings, breasts, thighs)	10%	10%	11%	6%	8%	11%	11%	10%
2	Rice – broken/mixed bag/repacked	8%	8%	12%	14%	11%	10%	9%	6%
3	Bread (white loaf) – sliced/whole	4%	4%	4%	5%	4%	4%	3%	3%
4	Instant noodles (Ramen, Ichiban) – packet, bowl or cup	3%							
5	Canned tuna	3%							
6	Pork – cuts (Ribs, Chops)	2%							
7	Eggs – all types (lone eggs or sold in cartons of 12)	2%							
8	Bottled water for drinking	2%							
9	Sodas – general (all others – Tonics, Ales, etc.)	2%							
10	Beef – cuts (Steak, T-Bone, Rump, Sirloin, Ribs)	2%							

‘Chicken – pieces’ is the top cash expenditure item consumed by HHs for urban population

‘Chicken – pieces (legs, wings, breasts, thighs)’ is the top cash expenditure item consumed by those who belong to quintiles 3–5, and those who live in urban areas.

Those who live in rural areas and who belong to expenditure quintiles 1–2 show ‘Rice – broken/mixed bag/repacked’ as the top cash expenditure consumed item.

Top 10 cash expenditure items consumed by HHs by COICOP Division 1



Top 10 home-produced items consumed by HHs by COICOP Division 1, by strata and expenditure quintile

Rank	Top 10 home-produced items consumed by HHs	National	Urban	Rural	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5
1	Root crop – Taro (all types)	23%	21%	26%	9%	17%	26%	24%	22%
2	Reef fish – not specified	15%	14%	17%	13%	10%	22%	14%	14%
3	Root crop – Tapioca/Cassava	10%		10%			9%		12%
4	Reef fish – all others	9%	11%						
5	Reef fish – Snapper (Red/White/Moonfish)	6%				11%		10%	
6	Reef fish – Rabbit/Mullet/Rudder fish	4%							
7	Ocean fish – Tuna (Yellowfin/Bigeye)	4%			31%				
8	Ocean fish – Tuna (Bonito/Skipjack)	4%							
9	Fruit (banana, all kinds) – fresh, chilled, frozen	2%							
10	Reef fish – Parrot fish (Mahu/Kemeik/Igelwosh)	2%							

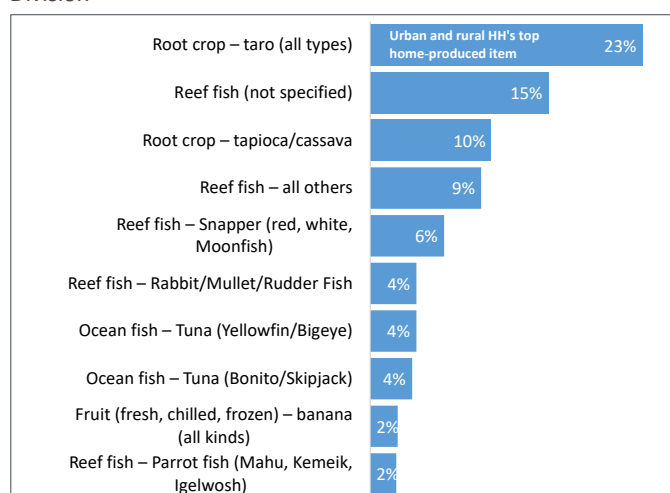
‘Root crop – Taro’ is the top home-produced item consumed by HHs

‘Root crop – Taro (all types)’ is the top home-produced item consumed among COICOP Division 1 for those living in both strata and belonging to the expenditure quintiles 2–5.

Those belonging to expenditure quintile 1 show ‘Ocean fish – Tuna (Yellowfin/Bigeye)’ as the top home-produced consumed item.



Top 10 home-produced items consumed by HHs by COICOP Division



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