

MINISTRY OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS



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Role of the Statistics Department

Mission: Enlightening, Empowering, and Enriching Lives through Statistics

Global Objective: To make available statistical information for planning and policy making

Legislation: Statistics Act Chapter 23.31 of 2002

Duties of Statistics Department

- (a) to collect, compile, analyse, abstract and publish statistical information relative to the commercial, industrial, social, economic and general activities and conditions of the people who are the inhabitants of this State;
- (b) to collaborate with all other departments of Government and with local authorities in the collection, computation and publication of statistical records of administration;
- (c) to take any census in the State;
- (d) generally to organize a co-ordinated scheme of social and economic statistics and intelligence pertaining to the State.

Types of Official Statistics

Business and Economic: Gross Domestic Product (GDP), Consumer Price Index (CPI), External Sector Statistics, Government Statistics, Merchandise Trade Statistics, Tourism Statistics, and Production Statistics.

Social and Demographic: Statistics on Health/Medical, Education, and Crime.

Special Surveys: Standard of Living Survey, Labour Force Survey, Awareness Surveys (Knowledge of the OECS, Youth Issues, Health and Wellness, and Environmental Awareness), Population and Housing Census and Agricultural Census.



Key Published Environment Related Statistics

- Demographic Statistics:
- Industrial Production Statistics:

- NB: While several types of environment statistics have been collected, compiled and disseminated, no compendium of environments statistics have been published to date.

Forms of Data Dissemination

Printed tables and reports

Email: statistics@gov.kn

Website: www.stats.gov.kn

Social Media: Facebook- St. Kitts
Statistics Department

Data Sources

- Administrative Records
- Reported statistical data from other Ministries, Departments and Agencies of Government
- Special Surveys

Strengths of the data sources used

- Existence of good collaborative relationship between the Statistics Department and other Ministries, Departments and Agencies of Government
- Availability of data whether in the form of stored records or published statistics
- Increased used of technology in the compilation of data across government ministries, departments and other agencies

Weaknesses of the data sources used

- Significant amount of data is still held in the form of administrative records and stored in paper format
- Administrative and clerical staff responsible for data entry are often insufficiently trained in statistical methods
- Publication of data in such forms in word processing and incompatible data reporting formats
- Timeliness of reporting
- Need for updated computer systems and software application to process data

The Way Forward

Promoting a closer collaboration between the Statistics Department and other government ministries, departments and agencies (focal points).

Providing technical assistance to other government ministries, departments and agencies.

Advocating for the awareness and importance of environment statistics to the sustainable growth and development of St. Kitts-Nevis.

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