MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Bureau of Statistics and Plans is to ensure Guam’s resources are effectively used for the benefit of present and future generations by appraising, coordinating, preparing, and assisting in the development of a wide range of plans, policies, studies and statistics that further economic, social, land use, environmental and infrastructural goals, priorities and planning activities.

BSP is a staff agency to the Office of the Governor. Other public laws and Governor’s Executive Orders granted additional roles to BSP such as providing administrative support to the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council and providing a preliminary Business Sector Disaster Damage report to the Governor in the aftermath of a Typhoon.
The FY 2015 Annual Report on the Impact of the Compacts of Free Association was completed. The cost for Guam to provide educational, public safety and health and welfare services to Freely Associated State citizens was $148,558,749 million.

**Guam International Coastal Cleanup (GICC) by Area**

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<th>Guam Coastal Areas</th>
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<td>North</td>
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<td>Central</td>
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<td>South</td>
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Source: GCMP, PIP - Bureau of Statistics and Plans

In support of fisheries management and sustainability, BSP collected data and reported activities of large scale fisheries on Guam. Only two (2) commercial fishing agencies are doing business on Guam. There were a total of 174 Port-of-Calls offloading 2093 metric gross tonnage of fishes in 2015. Marine fisheries big eye and yellow fin tuna continue to make up the largest catch followed by albacore and blue marlin.
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EXPENDITURES

BSP’s expenditures primarily consisted of salaries and benefits. Operational expenditures from the General Fund include telephone and supplies, and subsidized rent for the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council (GDDC). Of the 27 employees of the Bureau in FY 2015, 17 are locally funded and 10 are 100 percent federally funded.

FY 2015 Personnel Expenditures by Funding

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TOTAL: $2,099,476

The Fiscal Year 2015 Government of Guam Financial Statement inclusive of information for BSP can be found at the Office of the Public Auditor website at www.guamopa.org

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Challenges in 2015:

- BSP continued to experience reductions in federal dollars to assist subrecipients implement projects that address law enforcement, treatment, and court programs, in addition to fisheries, coastal and environmental initiatives.
- Due to the 15% reserve budgetary control, BSP was not able to execute an effective recruitment plan to fill critical positions lost due to retirement of senior staff planners.
- The challenge remains to build capacity and institutional knowledge of critical program areas for program stability and to fulfill the Bureau’s mandates.
- Continued to experience challenges in obtaining federal clearances on special award conditions such as the Section 106 review process, permitting requirements, and GSA procurement process to meet grant requirements and achieve full implementation of project activities.
- Continued providing from BSP’s General Fund appropriation to cover office lease space, communication lines to GDDC, as well as administrative support to process financial documents.

MOVING FORWARD IN 2016........

The BSP will continue moving forward in 2016 with the following and more:

- Prepare and publish quarterly publications for Import and Export Trade Data and Consumer Price Index reports.
- Develop and publish the 2015 Statistical Yearbook.
- Produce 2015 Guam Facts & Figures At-A-Glance brochure and other statistical indices for policy makers, researchers, and businesses to make sound decisions to improve the island’s economic viability and resource sustainability.
- Provide technical support to GovGuam entities when needed in order that they meet their missions.
- Begin collaboration with US Census Bureau officials and stakeholders on Guam in the planning of the 2020 Census.
- Continue to prepare the Annual Compact Impact Report to identify and assess the costs incurred for services to Freely Associated States migrants on Guam.
- Apply for continued funding support from USDOJ to further improve and advocate criminal justice initiatives on Island.
- Provide technical assistance to GEDA on the development of a new Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) and Agriculture for a new Marine Conservation Plan for Guam.
- Continue securing federal dollars from NOAA and DOI to compile commercial fishery data, and to pursue conservation, coastal and environmental program initiatives.
- BSP to sponsor the first ever Planners Symposium.
- BPS involvement in the Guam Memorial Hospital Management Advisory Team.
- Coordinate and develop Guam’s new FY 2017-2020 Drug Control, Violent Crime and Criminal Justice Systems Improvement Grant Program.
- Guam to co-host with the Commonwealth of the Mariana Islands the 36th US Coral Reef Task Force Meeting in the Marianas.
- Serve as the catalyst for planned and balanced economic, social, environmental and physical growth through intergovernmental reviews via the Guam State Clearinghouse, legislative review of bills, and the mandated review process of elements via Comprehensive Development Plans.
- Guam’s natural environment provides habitats for some of the Island’s most precious resources. Sustainable and well planned development efforts are central to protecting Guam’s natural resources. Efforts will focus on GLUC and Federal Consistency reviews and GIS Mapping.
- Coordinate 22nd Guam International Coastal Cleanup and the 6th Kika Clearwater Summer Camp.
- Education and environmental awareness with schools along with community outreaches such as the Guardians of the Reef, Eyes on the Reef, Pig Hunting Derby and Pork in the Park Cook and others will continue to be promoted in advocating best management practices in protecting the island’s coastal environment and balance of sustainable uses of resources and capabilities.

Bamusa vulgaris, an invasive bamboo, is widespread on Guam and outcompetes native vegetation. Heavy rains topple bamboo stands which dam up and cause streambank erosion, flooding, and property damage. The before and after removal pilot project at the Geus Watershed with herbicide application. Area will be replanted with native species, restoring forest and preventing sedimentation in the river.

2015 Kika participants hike up Mt. LamLam as part of their ridge-to-reef experience to learn how erosion impacts Guam’s precious habitats and marine resources.