

Chapter 21

2003 Palau Community Survey

Summary of 2003 Palau Community Survey

Under contract from RARE International, the Office of Planning and Statistics collected and processed a survey of 1,000 adults. In order to obtain the correct sample, OPS did a random sample of 10 percent of the housing units, based on the 2000 Census. The original RARE questionnaire was rearranged and modified to assist in obtaining quality results from the respondents.

The survey collected basic demographic, social, economic, and housing conditions, and tables for these data are shown in a special report, and not repeated here since the sample results mirror the census results. Special areas of inquiry, however, including religion, communication, environmental attitudes and practices, and knowledge, attitudes, and practices with respect to contraceptive use, are presented here.

The 2003 survey asked questions that are rarely asked in Palau, so prove to be an important resource. Of the 1,115 reporting religion, slightly less than a half were Catholic, about 1/3rd were Protestant, and less than 1/4th were Seven Day Adventist. On those reporting, 1/3rd attended services once a week, and another third attended once in a while.

Table 21.1 Religion by Usual Residence, Palau: 2003

Religion	Total	Kayangel	Ngarche long	Ngararand	Ngwal	Melekeok	Ngchesar	Airai	Aimeliik	Ngatpang	Ngarmau	Ngeremlembu	Angaur	Peletiu	Koror	Sonsorol	Hatohobei
RELIGION																	
All persons	1,115	10	27	33	16	18	16	95	22	11	17	17	12	39	775	4	3
Modekngei	144	10	2	2	-	-	-	8	3	5	4	7	-	10	92	-	1
Catholic	521	-	6	12	5	16	12	35	9	1	3	8	9	14	386	3	2
Protestant	408	-	17	18	11	2	4	47	10	5	7	1	3	13	270	-	-
Seventh Day Adventist	294	-	17	18	11	1	3	11	1	5	3	1	3	6	214	-	-
Mormon	91	-	-	-	-	1	1	33	9	-	4	-	-	7	36	-	-
Jehovah witness	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	-
Other Protestant	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-
Other religion	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	-	1	6	1	-
None or refused	30	-	2	1	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	1	-	1	21	-	-
Females	594	5	15	15	7	9	8	48	12	6	7	8	6	22	423	2	1
Modekngei	76	5	2	1	-	-	-	5	1	3	2	3	-	6	49	-	-
Catholic	282	-	4	6	1	9	6	18	4	1	2	4	6	9	209	2	1
Protestant	220	-	9	8	6	-	2	23	7	2	3	1	-	6	153	-	-
Seventh Day Adventist	160	-	9	8	6	-	2	4	1	2	-	1	-	2	125	-	-
Mormon	49	-	-	-	-	-	17	6	-	3	-	-	-	4	19	-	-
Jehovah witness	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-
Other Protestant	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
Other religion	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-
None or refused	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	9	-	-
HOW OFTEN ATTEND SERVICES																	
Total	1,115	10	27	33	16	18	16	95	22	11	17	17	12	39	775	4	3
Once a week	420	-	6	24	10	10	15	40	15	8	13	10	5	15	244	2	3
Once a month	143	9	9	4	5	3	1	25	-	2	-	1	3	11	70	-	-
Once in a while	353	-	8	2	-	5	-	17	6	1	4	5	4	11	288	2	-
Never	199	1	4	3	1	-	-	13	1	-	-	1	-	2	173	-	-
Females	594	5	15	15	7	9	8	48	12	6	7	8	6	22	423	2	1
Once a week	255	-	5	12	5	6	8	24	8	4	7	5	2	8	159	1	1
Once a month	79	5	5	3	2	-	-	11	-	2	-	1	2	6	42	-	-
Once in a while	179	-	5	-	-	3	-	7	3	-	-	2	2	6	150	1	-
Never	81	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	2	72	-	-

Source: 2003 Palau Population, Environment and Labor Force Survey

Table 21.2 Communications, Palau: 2003

About 521 males and 594 females were in the sample for the communication questions. A large majority of both sexes watched TV at home, although only about 1/3rd bought a local news paper. Most listened to radio, with WWW-FM being the favorite radio station and 6 to 9 PM the favorite time to listen to the radio. Most liked listening to the news, sports, and music, had mixed views about education and religious programming, and did not care for phone-in programs.

Communication	Males					Females				
	Total	15-29	30-44	45-59	60 +	Total	15-29	30-44	45-59	60 +
C1. Do you watch TV at home?	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Yes	458	133	140	115	70	528	133	166	131	98
No	63	15	25	14	9	66	14	19	16	17
C2. Do you buy local newspaper?	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Yes	177	21	71	64	21	197	38	79	58	22
No	344	127	94	65	58	397	109	106	89	93
C3. Do you listen to radio?	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Yes	392	108	113	111	60	452	117	132	115	88
No	129	40	52	18	19	142	30	53	32	27
C3a. Station listened most on weekdays	392	108	113	111	60	452	117	132	115	88
EP-FM	50	4	14	17	15	69	12	20	18	19
High Adventure	5	-	3	1	1	4	1	-	2	1
WPKR-FM	71	50	16	5	-	101	63	25	11	2
WWW-FM	223	43	69	77	34	226	35	70	71	50
WSZB-AM	29	3	10	7	9	31	3	7	8	13
Does't listen weekdays	14	8	1	4	1	21	3	10	5	3
C3b. Station listened most on weekends	392	108	113	111	60	452	117	132	115	88
EP-FM	44	5	13	12	14	66	10	22	17	17
High Adventure	5	-	3	1	1	3	1	-	2	-
WPKR-FM	66	48	13	5	-	91	57	22	10	2
WWW-FM	187	42	54	64	27	189	28	59	59	43
WSZB-AM	22	2	8	6	6	29	2	6	8	13
Doesn't listen weekends	68	11	22	23	12	74	19	23	19	13
C3c. Favorite listing hours - wkday	392	108	113	111	60	452	117	132	115	88
Midnight to 6 AM	3	1	1	-	1	4	1	2	-	1
6 AM to 9 AM	82	14	26	23	19	113	23	29	35	26
9 AM to Noon	75	12	19	24	20	71	18	18	12	23
Noon to 3 PM	49	15	16	13	5	38	8	9	13	8
3 PM to 6 PM	13	2	7	1	3	14	7	5	1	1
6 PM to 9 PM	153	56	42	45	10	190	56	59	49	26
9 PM to Midnight	3	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-
Doesn't listen weekdays	14	8	1	4	1	21	3	10	5	3
C3c. Favorite listing hours - wkend	392	108	113	111	60	452	117	132	115	88
Midnight to 6 AM	12	5	2	3	2	26	3	6	12	5
6 AM to 9 AM	78	27	24	15	12	91	28	29	22	12
9 AM to Noon	53	15	11	13	14	72	21	19	13	19
Noon to 3 PM	53	13	16	16	8	51	13	14	11	13
3 PM to 6 PM	13	2	3	6	2	11	6	3	2	-
6 PM to 9 PM	112	34	34	35	9	126	26	38	36	26
9 PM to Midnight	3	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	-
Doesn't listen weekends	68	11	22	23	12	74	19	23	19	13
LISTENING PREFERENCES										
C4a. News	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Liked	383	96	122	107	58	416	102	123	110	81
Not Liked	12	7	-	4	1	27	8	9	3	7
Don't Listen	126	45	43	18	20	151	37	53	34	27
C4b. Sports	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Liked	322	97	109	83	33	262	81	84	62	35
Not Liked	29	8	2	12	7	88	16	26	23	23
Don't Listen	170	43	54	34	39	244	50	75	62	57
C4c. Music	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Liked	330	103	106	81	40	391	117	116	96	62
Not Liked	40	3	9	20	8	27	1	5	9	12
Don't Listen	151	42	50	28	31	176	29	64	42	41
C4d. Education	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Liked	238	67	78	64	29	292	81	95	76	40
Not Liked	44	11	9	19	5	41	9	9	10	13
Don't Listen	239	70	78	46	45	261	57	81	61	62
C4e. Phone-ins	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Liked	114	37	37	27	13	122	43	36	22	21
Not Liked	91	20	17	38	16	95	20	25	29	21
Don't Listen	316	91	111	64	50	377	84	124	96	73
C4f. Religious	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Liked	211	50	68	62	31	263	62	72	76	53
Not Liked	41	15	8	12	6	45	16	17	5	7
Don't Listen	269	83	89	55	42	286	69	96	66	55

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Table 21.3 Environment, Palau: 2003

Nearly everyone in the sample cared about the environment and wanted to protect it.

Environment	Males					Females				
	Total	15-29	30-44	45-59	60 +	Total	15-29	30-44	45-59	60 +
DO YOU BELIEVE THAT:										
E1a. Important to save wildlife	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Yes	512	147	162	127	76	585	147	184	143	111
No	9	1	3	2	3	9	-	1	4	4
E1b. Wildlife should be protected by law	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Yes	505	146	160	122	77	576	142	184	140	110
No	16	2	5	7	2	18	5	1	7	5
E1c. Palau has sufficient forest lands	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Yes	394	127	124	89	54	451	112	145	110	84
No	127	21	41	40	25	143	35	40	37	31
E1d. Population growth affects the environment	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Yes	434	127	139	105	63	482	121	157	111	93
No	87	21	26	24	16	112	26	28	36	22
E1e. Littering is a problem	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Yes	491	142	157	119	73	565	143	174	144	104
No	30	6	8	10	6	29	4	11	3	11
E1f. Government is doing enough to protect environment	521.0	148.0	165.0	129.0	79.0	594.0	147.0	185.0	147.0	115.0
Yes	218	70	64	54	30	236	61	64	57	54
No	303	78	101	75	49	358	86	121	90	61
E1g. Misuse of pesticides harm the environment	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Yes	451	126	145	108	72	532	130	170	132	100
No	70	22	20	21	7	62	17	15	15	15
E1h. Illegal species destroy the environment	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Yes	494	138	160	120	76	572	145	177	138	112
No	27	10	5	9	3	22	2	8	9	3
E1i. Tourism development is good	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Yes	461	133	148	112	68	532	129	166	130	107
No	60	15	17	17	11	62	18	19	17	8
E1j. There is enough recycling in Palau	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Yes	185	68	63	33	21	187	53	64	41	29
No	336	80	102	96	58	407	94	121	106	86
E1k. Development negatively affect Palau	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Yes	441.0	133.0	139.0	103.0	66.0	507.0	126.0	166.0	119.0	96.0
No	80	15	26	26	13	87	21	19	28	19
E2. Past 6 mos, have littered	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Yes	112	36	33	31	12	122	36	43	32	11
No	409	112	132	98	67	472	111	142	115	104
E3. Past 6 mos, ever use pesticides	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Yes	68	20	23	14	11	89	22	34	23	10
No	453	128	142	115	68	505	125	151	124	105
E4. Do you know any law that protects wildlife	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Yes	438	122	141	113	62	488	127	154	108	99
No	83	26	24	16	17	106	20	31	39	16
E5. Enough done to save wildlife	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Yes	251	82	81	49	39	252	58	80	55	59
No	270	66	84	80	40	342	89	105	92	56
E6. Any unique of Palau's wildlife	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Yes	459	127	154	108	70	527	142	167	125	93
No	62.0	21.0	11.0	21.0	9.0	67.0	5.0	18.0	22.0	22.0
E7. Agency responsible for managing wildlife	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Yes	409	109	129	111	60	438	112	145	95	86
No	112	39	36	18	19	156	35	40	52	29
E8. Any national parks in Palau	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Yes	281	94	91	53	43	283	81	77	57	68
No	240	54	74	76	36	311	66	108	90	47
E9. Any bad fishing practices in Palau	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Yes	469	131	151	121	66	526	125	168	130	103
No	52	17	14	8	13	68	22	17	17	12
E10. Turtles are endangered	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Yes	445	132	143	103	67	489	125	159	117	88
No	76	16	22	26	12	105	22	26	30	27

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Table 21.4 Attitudes, Palau: 2003

Fertility and Knowledge	Males					Females				
	Total	15-29	30-44	45-59	60+	Total	15-29	30-44	45-59	60+
A1. Ideal age for men to have child	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Less than 20	3	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
20 to 24	19	4	5	8	2	17	5	5	4	3
25 to 29	55	11	16	23	5	74	6	30	25	13
30 to 34	12	4	2	3	3	4	-	1	2	1
35 or more	3	-	2	-	1	4	-	2	1	1
God's will	131	33	46	32	20	149	36	53	30	30
Not sure	298	95	94	62	47	346	100	94	85	67
A2. Ideal age for women to have child	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Less than 20	3	1	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	-
20 to 24	16	4	5	5	2	21	6	8	5	2
25 to 29	39	7	15	14	3	45	4	19	15	7
30 to 34	8	3	1	2	2	3	1	-	1	1
35 or more	2	-	1	-	1	4	-	3	-	1
God's will	134	33	48	34	19	154	38	54	32	30
Not sure	319	100	95	72	52	366	98	100	94	74
A3. Best way to prevent pregnancy	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Luck	56	22	21	8	5	61	10	27	9	15
Being careful	255	61	82	72	40	360	88	118	92	62
Not sure	210	65	62	49	34	173	49	40	46	38
IMPORTANCE OF FOLLOWING FOR TOTAL CHILDREN:										
A4a. Cost for raising children	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Very important	483	129	155	125	74	568	139	173	144	112
Little important	3	1	1	-	1	3	-	1	2	-
Not important	4	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	-	-
Not sure	31	17	8	3	3	22	8	10	1	3
A4b. Time and effort to raise child	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Very important	488	133	156	122	77	577	140	180	145	112
Little important	5	1	2	1	1	2	-	-	1	1
Not important	2	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	1	-
Not sure	26	14	7	4	1	14	7	5	-	2
A4c. Number of children	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Very important	404	115	135	97	57	486	121	148	122	95
Little important	39	8	9	14	8	37	8	13	11	5
Not important	20	2	6	7	5	30	4	11	8	7
Not sure	58	23	15	11	9	41	14	13	6	8
A4d. Children contribute to security	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Very important	318	89	106	71	52	372	95	119	91	67
Little important	92	20	30	25	17	126	28	32	37	29
Not important	65	16	19	22	8	57	12	20	16	9
Not sure	46	23	10	11	2	39	12	14	3	10
A4e. Children contribute to farm work	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Very important	283	81	102	54	46	349	86	109	81	73
Little important	124	25	33	45	21	138	31	39	43	25
Not important	71	20	20	21	10	70	19	24	18	9
Not sure	43	22	10	9	2	37	11	13	5	8
A4f. Love of children	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Very important	491	133	158	122	78	585	144	180	147	114
Little important	6	5	-	1	-	2	-	2	-	-
Not important	4	1	-	3	-	1	-	1	-	-
Not sure	20	9	7	3	1	6	3	2	-	1
A4g. Religious teaching	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Very important	453	124	146	109	74	544	131	171	134	108
Little important	33	11	9	11	2	28	10	5	11	2
Not important	12	2	3	5	2	12	2	5	2	3
Not sure	23	11	7	4	1	10	4	4	-	2
A4h. Government health programs	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Very important	416	116	134	95	71	512	126	160	125	101
Little important	39	11	10	13	5	33	8	5	11	9
Not important	24	6	8	10	-	30	7	14	6	3
Not sure	42	15	13	11	3	19	6	6	5	2
A4i. Information on radio	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Very important	330	100	101	80	49	407	104	127	100	76
Little important	94	16	35	24	19	117	23	29	35	30
Not important	55	18	15	16	6	46	13	22	6	5
Not sure	42	14	14	9	5	24	7	7	6	4

Palau has always been a child-oriented society, and results of the survey confirm that these attitudes continue.

Source: 2003 Palau Population, Environment and Labor Force Survey

Palau has always been family oriented, and the series of questions about families confirms this.

Table 21.5 Attitudes, Palau: 2003 (con't)

Attitudes	Males					Females				
	Total	15-29	30-44	45-59	60 +	Total	15-29	30-44	45-59	60 +
A4j. Cost of birth control	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Very important	210	68	68	41	33	286	76	83	74	53
Little important	97	24	37	24	12	145	35	52	31	27
Not important	144	37	38	47	22	130	27	40	35	28
Not sure	70	19	22	17	12	33	9	10	7	7
A4k. Availability of birth control	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Very important	234	77	77	46	34	316	85	93	86	52
Little important	90	21	28	28	13	140	31	52	30	27
Not important	126	31	38	36	21	108	23	32	27	26
Not sure	71	19	22	19	11	30	8	8	4	10
A4l. Cost of educating children	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Very important	448	121	144	114	69	543	135	168	140	100
Little important	22	7	6	5	4	22	4	7	2	9
Not important	13	4	3	4	2	13	4	5	1	3
Not sure	38	16	12	6	4	16	4	5	4	3
A5a. Man and women have same rights	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Yes	324	95	100	89	40	436	109	139	110	78
No	197	53	65	40	39	158	38	46	37	37
A5b. Acceptable for men to have more sex partners	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Yes	78	21	27	21	9	42	11	8	12	11
No	443	127	138	108	70	552	136	177	135	104
A5c. Acceptable for women to have more sex partners	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Yes	32	9	12	8	3	23	11	3	4	5
No	489	139	153	121	76	571	136	182	143	110
A5d. Acceptable for men to hit wife	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Yes	28	8	12	5	3	29	7	7	8	7
No	493	140	153	124	76	565	140	178	139	108
A5e. Acceptable for women to hit husband	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Yes	29	9	10	8	2	37	10	10	11	6
No	492	139	155	121	77	557	137	175	136	109
A5f. Acceptable for women to have more sex partners before marriage	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Yes	133	36	40	29	28	147	37	42	40	28
No	388	112	125	100	51	447	110	143	107	87
A5g. Okay for parents hit children	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Yes	79	13	26	23	17	101	22	21	28	30
No	442	135	139	106	62	493	125	164	119	85
A6. Approve couples using contraceptives	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Yes, always	192	59	68	44	21	237	69	76	62	30
Yes, sometimes	214	54	64	66	30	255	61	83	60	51
Not sure	115	35	33	19	28	102	17	26	25	34
A7. Responsible to obtain contraceptive information	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
The man	34	12	-	5	17	20	12	3	3	2
The woman	68	15	34	16	3	65	15	24	17	9
Jointly	398	118	123	105	52	489	114	157	120	98
Don't approve	21	3	8	3	7	20	6	1	7	6
AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE FOLLOWING:										
A8a. Island culture change due to foreign influences	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Agree strongly	459	129	149	111	70	537	135	167	128	107
Agree moderately	40	13	10	11	6	37	6	13	12	6
Neutral	12	5	2	2	3	8	2	2	4	-
Disagree moderately	5	1	1	3	-	6	2	2	1	1
Disagree strongly	5	-	3	2	-	6	2	1	2	1
A8b. Island culture change for better	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Agree strongly	268	84	85	60	39	307	79	101	74	53
Agree moderately	78	19	22	20	17	71	16	25	21	9
Neutral	47	19	12	11	5	58	13	19	17	9
Disagree moderately	82	19	27	25	11	101	28	28	19	26
Disagree strongly	46	7	19	13	7	57	11	12	16	18
A8c. Culture, religious duty be fulfilled	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Agree strongly	340	102	115	69	54	395	100	108	100	87
Agree moderately	91	23	27	27	14	87	23	33	17	14
Neutral	62	17	15	22	8	77	17	27	22	11
Disagree moderately	17	2	6	6	3	23	6	9	7	1
Disagree strongly	11	4	2	5	-	12	1	8	1	2

Source: 2003 Palau Population, Environment and Labor Force Survey

Table 21.6 Attitudes, Palau: 2003

Attitudes	Males					Females				
	Total	15-29	30-44	45-59	60 +	Total	15-29	30-44	45-59	60 +
A8d.Suicide is a problem in Palau	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Agree strongly	291	79	88	77	47	352	85	105	93	69
Agree moderately	118	29	43	28	18	110	27	36	22	25
Neutral	64	23	23	11	7	86	27	25	19	15
Disagree moderately	13	3	2	8	-	9	-	6	3	-
Disagree strongly	35	14	9	5	7	37	8	13	10	6
A8e.Okay for teens to use tobacco	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Agree strongly	51	16	13	16	6	52	10	23	10	9
Agree moderately	17	3	5	6	3	19	7	6	3	3
Neutral	25	10	10	2	3	23	8	5	6	4
Disagree moderately	47	11	10	15	11	38	7	9	13	9
Disagree strongly	381	108	127	90	56	462	115	142	115	90
A8f.Okay for teens to try alcohol	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Agree strongly	52	16	14	16	6	58	12	24	10	12
Agree moderately	24	5	7	8	4	20	5	7	4	4
Neutral	23	8	10	1	4	23	6	5	8	4
Disagree moderately	49	15	10	14	10	40	10	10	12	8
Disagree strongly	373	104	124	90	55	453	114	139	113	87
A8g.Alcoholics is a problem in Palau	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Agree strongly	430	127	137	104	62	517	127	161	126	103
Agree moderately	38	7	12	11	8	24	6	9	6	3
Neutral	12	8	3	-	1	18	5	6	4	3
Disagree moderately	7	2	2	3	-	5	1	2	2	-
Disagree strongly	34	4	11	11	8	30	8	7	9	6
A8h.Okay to chew tobacco	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Agree strongly	65	19	20	20	6	68	17	27	11	13
Agree moderately	27	7	6	8	6	19	5	6	4	4
Neutral	43	13	17	8	5	42	8	18	11	5
Disagree moderately	27	7	5	10	5	31	3	11	10	7
Disagree strongly	359	102	117	83	57	434	114	123	111	86
A8i.Family planning helps financially	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Agree strongly	391	117	131	86	57	453	116	146	106	85
Agree moderately	43	7	11	16	9	43	13	9	12	9
Neutral	51	16	13	15	7	60	12	21	16	11
Disagree moderately	17	3	5	6	3	15	2	2	6	5
Disagree strongly	19	5	5	6	3	23	4	7	7	5
A8j.Father must provide child support	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Agree strongly	454	133	148	105	68	527	131	164	130	102
Agree moderately	28	7	3	13	5	32	10	8	6	8
Neutral	15	3	5	4	3	17	2	9	4	2
Disagree moderately	16	4	7	4	1	13	3	4	3	3
Disagree strongly	8	1	2	3	2	5	1	-	4	-
A8k.Breastfeeding is good	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Agree strongly	493	142	159	115	77	581	143	179	144	115
Agree moderately	12	2	1	8	1	7	1	3	3	-
Neutral	13	3	4	5	1	6	3	3	-	-
Disagree moderately	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disagree strongly	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
A8l.Sexually transmitted disease affect unborn child	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Agree strongly	471	134	154	111	72	542	136	167	135	104
Agree moderately	22	3	5	11	3	32	7	11	8	6
Neutral	20	10	3	5	2	15	2	5	4	4
Disagree moderately	6	1	2	1	2	2	1	-	-	1
Disagree strongly	2	-	1	1	-	3	1	2	-	-
A8m.Women are responsible for family planning	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Agree strongly	318	91	100	74	53	385	92	116	98	79
Agree moderately	52	11	10	16	15	50	15	15	12	8
Neutral	70	24	19	20	7	59	12	18	18	11
Disagree moderately	26	9	8	9	-	33	10	12	8	3
Disagree strongly	55	13	28	10	4	67	18	24	11	14
A8n.Need medical help before contraceptive	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Agree strongly	438	129	148	97	64	525	124	164	135	102
Agree moderately	34	8	4	14	8	36	13	12	6	5
Neutral	38	9	11	12	6	28	9	8	6	5
Disagree moderately	7	2	1	3	1	4	1	1	-	2
Disagree strongly	4	-	1	3	-	1	-	-	-	1

Source: 2003 Palau Population, Environment and Labor Force Survey

Most respondents are against birth control, with Palau being a strongly pro-Life Republic.

Table 21.7 Behavior, Palau: 2003

Behavior	Males					Females				
	Total	15-29	30-44	45-59	60 +	Total	15-29	30-44	45-59	60 +
B1.Ever used any birth control	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Yes	73	25	28	14	6	169	50	74	32	13
No	448	123	137	115	73	425	97	111	115	102
B2.Feeling about using birth control	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Strongly support it	72	21	32	13	6	169	55	63	27	24
Support it	87	30	24	26	7	120	26	49	32	13
Don't care	72	20	24	14	14	57	12	16	16	13
Slightly against it	10	2	2	6	-	11	1	3	4	3
Strongly against it	11	-	1	6	4	14	1	4	3	6
Not aware	16	8	4	3	1	19	5	2	6	6
Not sure	144	46	37	41	20	109	35	26	29	19
NA	109	21	41	20	27	95	12	22	30	31
B3.How easy or difficult to discuss number of children	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Very easy	257	62	93	75	27	319	69	109	84	57
Somewhat easy	44	11	10	14	9	38	8	13	12	5
Difficult	47	16	12	9	10	61	16	17	17	11
Not sure	143	53	42	24	24	138	47	39	27	25
Will not discuss	30	6	8	7	9	38	7	7	7	17
B4.Intend to use birth control in future	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Yes	88	32	33	19	4	181	73	71	23	14
No	433	116	132	110	75	413	74	114	124	101
B5a.Are you currently using any birth control method	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Yes	52	21	20	10	1	131	47	62	20	2
No	469	127	145	119	78	463	100	123	127	113
B5b.If yes, which method	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Pill	13	5	5	3	-	61	19	35	7	-
IUD	1	-	-	1	-	6	1	2	3	-
Ijectable	2	2	-	-	-	15	10	4	1	-
Diaphram foam/jelly	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Condoms	25	12	11	1	1	2	1	1	-	-
Female sterilization	1	-	1	-	-	4	-	4	-	-
Male sterilization	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Norplant	-	-	-	-	-	20	12	6	2	-
Rhythm	1	-	-	1	-	2	-	2	-	-
Withdrawal	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-
Traditional	3	1	-	2	-	4	1	2	-	1
Other	3	-	1	2	-	9	2	3	3	1
NA	472	128	147	119	78	469	101	126	129	113
B6.Reason to use birth control	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Economic hardship	11	5	5	1	-	33	8	17	8	-
Avoid pregnancy	18	5	8	4	1	42	23	18	1	-
Mother's health	3	-	1	2	-	13	1	5	5	2
Child spacing	10	3	5	2	-	28	10	12	4	2
Prevent STDs	6	4	1	1	-	1	-	-	1	-
Other	1	-	-	-	1	7	3	1	2	1
Not sure	39	15	13	6	5	32	5	14	9	4
Not using	433	116	132	113	72	438	97	118	117	106

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Table 21.8 Behavior, Palau: 2003

Behavior	Males					Females				
	Total	15-29	30-44	45-59	60 +	Total	15-29	30-44	45-59	60 +
FREQUENCY OF DISCUSSION OF FAMILY PLANNING IN LAST 6 MONTHS										
B7a. Your spouse	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Many times	44	12	19	10	3	66	16	29	15	6
A few times	51	8	25	17	1	73	21	36	14	2
Never	426	128	121	102	75	455	110	120	118	107
B7b. Your children	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Many times	21	4	7	7	3	42	7	14	16	5
A few times	20	3	7	9	1	36	2	12	18	4
Never	480	141	151	113	75	516	138	159	113	106
B7c. Same sex friend	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Many times	19	3	6	6	4	41	13	14	12	2
A few times	23	4	11	7	1	45	9	19	15	2
Never	479	141	148	116	74	508	125	152	120	111
B7d. Opposite sex friend	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Many times	20	4	7	7	2	21	7	5	9	-
A few times	16	3	6	6	1	22	8	7	6	1
Never	485	141	152	116	76	551	132	173	132	114
B7e. Your parents	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Many times	19	6	5	7	1	43	17	14	10	2
A few times	22	8	9	4	1	47	23	15	6	3
Never	480	134	151	118	77	504	107	156	131	110
B7f. Physician/health worker	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Many times	19	4	5	7	3	42	13	17	9	3
A few times	26	3	12	7	4	73	17	32	16	8
Never	476	141	148	115	72	479	117	136	122	104
B7g. Family planning worker	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Many times	24	4	7	9	4	40	13	13	11	3
A few times	20	1	13	4	2	65	15	32	14	4
Never	477	143	145	116	73	489	119	140	122	108
B7h. Religious leader	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Many times	21	3	9	6	3	21	5	6	7	3
A few times	6	1	3	2	-	16	2	7	6	1
Never	494	144	153	121	76	557	140	172	134	111

Source: 2003 Palau Population, Environment and Labor Force Survey

Most respondents do not discuss family planning with anyone.

Table 21.9 Sexually Transmitted Disease, Palau: 2003

Sexually Transmitted	Males					Females				
	Total	15-29	30-44	45-59	60 +	Total	15-29	30-44	45-59	60 +
S1.Easy or difficult to only have single partner	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Yes	318	89	106	85	38	376	92	122	98	64
No	203	59	59	44	41	218	55	63	49	51
S2.Heard of HIV/AIDS	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Yes	475	131	154	121	69	551	144	176	135	96
No	46	17	11	8	10	43	3	9	12	19
HOW POSSIBLE TO CONTRACT HIV/AIDS:										
S3a.Sexual intercourse	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Possible	491	141	162	123	65	558	142	179	138	99
Not possible	6	2	1	2	1	5	2	1	1	1
Not sure	15	4	2	4	5	22	2	4	7	9
Not heard of AIDS	9	1	-	-	8	9	1	1	1	6
S3b.Blood transfusion	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Possible	490	141	161	122	66	560	144	177	142	97
Not possible	6	1	2	2	1	3	-	2	-	1
Not sure	15	4	2	5	4	22	2	5	4	11
Not heard of AIDS	10	2	-	-	8	9	1	1	1	6
S3c. Kissing an infected person	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Possible	229	64	76	60	29	265	65	92	63	45
Not possible	159	44	53	44	18	149	41	45	37	26
Not sure	122	39	36	24	23	171	41	46	46	38
Not heard of AIDS	11	1	-	1	9	9	-	2	1	6
S3d. Mosquito or bed bug bites	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Possible	372	118	117	87	50	417	114	129	96	78
Not possible	65	14	25	17	9	67	13	25	16	13
Not sure	74	14	23	25	12	101	20	30	33	18
Not heard of AIDS	10	2	-	-	8	9	-	1	2	6
S3e. Sharing a razor with person	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Possible	465	137	157	111	60	533	135	169	132	97
Not possible	22	6	3	10	3	12	5	2	4	1
Not sure	25	4	5	8	40	6	13	10	11	11
Not heard of AIDS	9	1	-	-	8	9	1	1	1	6
S3f. Breastfeeding	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Possible	354	99	117	93	45	432	106	143	105	78
Not possible	42	12	12	12	6	32	8	10	9	5
Not sure	115	35	36	24	20	120	32	31	31	26
Not heard of AIDS	10	2	-	-	8	10	1	1	2	6
S3g.Taking care of AIDS patient	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Possible	176	52	57	48	19	210	54	77	44	35
Not possible	151	36	52	39	24	156	46	42	39	29
Not sure	181	58	54	41	28	216	45	65	61	45
Not heard of AIDS	13	2	2	1	8	12	2	1	3	6

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Table 21.10 Sexually Transmitted Disease, Palau: 2003

Sexually Transmitted	Males					Females				
	Total	15-29	30-44	45-59	60 +	Total	15-29	30-44	45-59	60 +
S4.Talk to spouse about Sexually Transmitted Disease	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Very easy	285	65	97	82	41	345	75	120	93	57
Somewhat easy	29	7	12	9	1	41	12	13	11	5
Somewhat difficult	19	6	5	4	4	22	11	4	4	3
Very difficult	14	6	4	2	2	14	4	3	3	4
Not sure	117	49	31	19	18	116	35	30	24	27
Not relevant	57	15	16	13	13	56	10	15	12	19
S5.Tell if person look or behave HIV/AIDS	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Yes	34	5	14	13	2	39	6	9	14	10
No	487	143	151	116	77	555	141	176	133	105
S6.Ever talk about preventing STD	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Yes	92	24	37	22	9	92	19	45	19	9
No	429	124	128	107	70	502	128	140	128	106
S7.Past 6 mos,been tested for HIV	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Yes	66	14	24	19	9	74	18	32	13	11
No	455	134	141	110	70	520	129	153	134	104
S8.Condoms can prevent HIV/AIDS	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Yes	378	117	114	92	55	409	102	114	109	84
No	143	31	51	37	24	185	45	71	38	31
S9.Faithful to one partner prevents HIV/AIDS	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Yes	473	134	152	116	71	536	130	162	139	105
No	48	14	13	13	8	58	17	23	8	10
S10.Do anything prevent HIV/AIDS	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Yes	224	58	88	58	20	249	67	93	64	25
No	297	90	77	71	59	345	80	92	83	90
S11.If yes, what are you doing?	224	58	88	58	20	249	67	93	64	25
Only one partner	208	52	82	54	20	242	63	91	63	25
Reduced number of partners	3	-	2	1	-	1	1	-	-	-
Using condoms	13	6	4	3	-	6	3	2	1	-
Stopped sharing razors or needl	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Urinate after sex	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tell if person have disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
S12.Do if you have AIDS	521	148	165	129	79	594	147	185	147	115
Nothing different	136	32	43	40	21	88	26	29	20	13
Stop having sex	237	77	75	54	31	312	88	89	66	69
Only have sex with condoms	148	39	47	35	27	194	33	67	61	33

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