



ABOUT US

The Statistical Institute of Belize is an autonomous body and the country's only national statistical agency. We are the official source of information on Belize's population, economy, and social conditions.

The law which governs the SIB and all the work that we do is the SIB Act No. 9 of 2006. This law gives the SIB the authority to collect information from households, business establishments, and other agencies. It also charges the Institute with the responsibility of keeping all information collected strictly confidential.

The data collected by the SIB is compiled, analyzed and used to produce regular updated statistics on our country. These figures are used for decision-making, planning, and research.

Our statistics include:

- Population and housing conditions
- Employment and unemployment
- Economic conditions
- Imports and exports
- Prices
- Poverty



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OUR SERVICES

The work of the SIB all centers on producing timely, accurate, reliable, quality, and relevant statistics for making informed decisions.

IS INFORMATION SAFE WITH SIB?

All data we collect, on persons or business establishments, are held in the strictest of confidence. The figures we publish show statistics at the national or district level only.

At no time does the SIB publish or share data that could identify an individual or business establishment. The law that governs the SIB prohibits us from sharing any confidential information with anyone outside of our institution.

CORE SERVICES:

Throughout the year, the SIB conducts several surveys to collect information. This information is used to produce and publish various statistics on the population, economy, labour force, and social conditions in Belize.

DATA DISSEMINATION:

All the SIB's statistics are freely available to the public on our website (www.sib.org.bz) and specific tables can be produced upon request. We also work along with researchers from other agencies who wish to access our data sets for approved research purposes, through our Micro data Access Program.

On the last Wednesday of each month, our most updated statistics are published through press releases, posted on our website and sent out to our subscribers by e-mail.

ASSISTANCE WITH INDEPENDENT SURVEYS:

As the only organization in Belize with expertise in conducting large-scale household surveys, the SIB provides support and assistance to other agencies who wish to carry out surveys. Assistance can include various aspects of conducting surveys, such as developing questionnaires, selecting samples, training interviewers, collecting data, and processing and analyzing data.

Depending on the research topic, the SIB can also incorporate a module to one of its existing national surveys.

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS):

In recent years, the Institute has been developing its capacity in this field. Our GIS Unit produces maps illustrating our various statistics and showing how they compare across districts. These are disseminated to the public and used internally when conducting surveys.

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

The SIB maintains an ongoing internship program through which university students can apply to spend a semester working in one of the departments of the Institute, including our IT, Economic Statistics, Census, Surveys and Administrative Statistics, and GIS units.

MISSION

To provide with the highest degree of integrity, quality and with strict adherence to professional and international standards, accurate, reliable and timely statistical information to facilitate effective policy and decision-making for local and international clients.

VISION

The Statistical Institute of Belize shall be recognized as the leading national statistical agency, operating with professionalism and transparency in providing accurate and timely information that contributes to the development of Belize.

CORE VALUES

The dedicated staff of the SIB constantly strives to ensure that all aspects of the work we do reflect the values that are important to us as an institution:

- Professionalism
- Accountability
- Transparency
- Respect
- Confidentiality
- Customer service
- Integrity and reliability
- Team work
- Innovation

