

# COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS FOREIGN TRADE STATISTICS QUARTERLY REPORT SECOND QUARTER, 2022

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# PREFACE

The Bahamas National Statistical Institute presents this report in a series of Foreign Trade Quarterly Reports which is published within the quarter immediately following.

The report contains tables that provide data on the value and volume of Trade between The Bahamas and the rest of the world. The data are collected by The Bahamas Customs Department and are forwarded to the Bahamas National Statistics Institute where they are processed, analyzed and published by the Foreign Trade Section of The Bahamas National Statistics Institute.

The data in this report are provisional and represent data available at the time of publishing; therefore it is subject to changes when tabulated for the Annual Report.

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# THE FOREIGN TRADE STATISTICS QUARTERLY REPORT

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## **Data Notes and Explanation**

## 1. Data Source

The source documents of the statistics in this report are the Customs import entries, declarations and export documents submitted by importers and exporters, which are subject to verification and approval by The Bahamas Customs Department.

## 2. Coverage

As recommended by the United Nations International 'Merchandise Trade Statistics Manual', and to the extent possible, the General Trade System is used for the recording and compilation of external trade statistics for The Bahamas. This system covers all types of inward and outward movement of goods through a country or territory, including movements through warehouses and free zones. In essence, it includes all merchandise that either add to or reduce the stock of material resources of a country or territory by entering (imports) or leaving (exports) the country's economic territory.

## 3. Transaction Values

The value of imports are c.i.f., that is, the value at the port of importation including freight and insurance charges and other charges incidental to the delivery at the port of import.

The values of exports are f.o.b., that is, the value of goods including the cost of transportation and insurance to the border of the exporting country.

The values presented are Bahamian dollars and the exchange rates prevailing at the time of importation are used in converting foreign currencies.

## 4. Changes/Exclusion to Presentation of Trade Data

Excluded from the compilation of the foreign trade statistics are the goods traded that do not make any changes to the wealth and material resources of the country. Examples of such goods are crude oil, residual fuel oils and certain chemicals temporarily imported for storage purposes only.

## 5. Commodity Classification

The classifications of goods used in this report are the Harmonized Description and Coding System, better known as the Harmonized System (HS) and the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC). The HS arranges goods according to their degree of manufacture and classifies them into ninety-seven chapters which are grouped into twenty-one sections. Section twenty-two was added to accommodate local trade. The SITC on the other hand, arranges goods according to their stage of production. The SITC contains sixty-seven divisions which are condensed into ten sections.

## **Definitions and Abbreviations:**

**Imports** – Goods imported from foreign countries for further processing or local consumption.

**Domestic Exports** – Goods produced or manufactured locally and exported to foreign countries.

**Re-exports** – goods exported in the same condition as when imported from a foreign country

**Balance of Trade** – is the total export minus the total import. It is usually calculated totally for a country or for each trading partner.

**Port of Entry** – a port that serves as a first port of entry from an international port.

## Abbreviations:

Lbs.	Pound avoirdupois
Gal.	U.S. Gallons
Cwt.	Hundredweight cwt. =112 voirdupois
Ton	2240 pounds avoirdupois
1000 lin. inches	1000 Linear Inches
Stem	Stem = 28 pounds
Barrels	35 Imperial Gallons or 42 US Gallons
No.	Number

## **2ND QUARTER 2022 TRADE DATA HIGHLIGHTS**

## **IMPORTS**

Data on merchandise trade for 2nd quarter 2022 shows that the value of commodities imported into The Bahamas totaled \$810 million resulting in a decrease of 10% when compared with the same period last year.

The major groups of merchandise, were **'Food And Live Animals'** which totaled \$167 million, **'Machinery And Transport Equipment'** at \$135 million and **'Mineral Fuels Lubricants And Related Materials'** which totaled \$111 million. The combined value of these categories represented 51% of total imports.

Other categories that contributed to total imports were **'Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles'** which accounted for \$106 million, **'Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly By Materials'** value at \$104 million and **'Chemicals'**, at \$97 million (these groups together represented 38% of total Imports).

Categories that showed significant increases were **'Beverages And Tobacco'**, and **'Chemicals'** which both increased by 33%, and **'Animal And Vegetable Oils And Fats'** 27% respectively when compared to the same quarter last year.

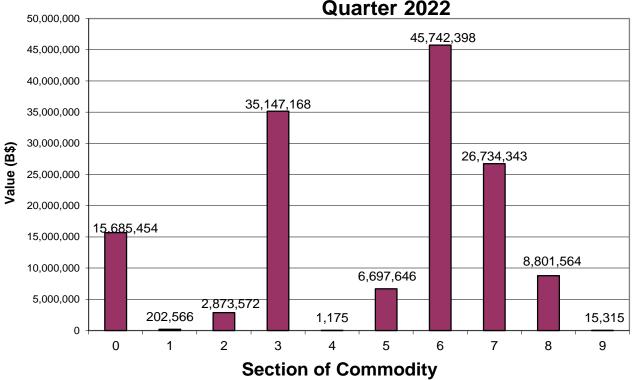
## **EXPORTS**

As it relates to total exports, for 2nd quarter 2022, data shows that the value of commodities exported (Domestic and Re-Export) from The Bahamas totaled \$142 million resulting in an increase of 20% when compared with the same period last year.

The categories that contributed the largest proportion to the exports were **'Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly By Materials'** which totaled \$46million, **'Mineral Fuels, Lubricants And Related Materials'** at \$35 million and **'Machinery And Transport Equipment'** \$27million representing 76% of total exports.

Commodities that showed significant increases were 'Machinery And Transport Equipment', and 'Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly By Materials' which increased by 266%, and 211% respectively when compared to the same quarter last year.

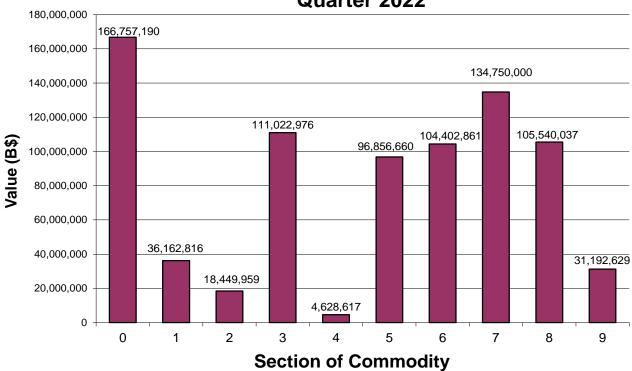
The groups that decreased in value when compared to the same period last year were **'Chemicals'**, and **'Crude Mineral Fuels, Lubricants And Related Equipment'** which declined by 70%, and 38%, respectively.



## Value of Exports by Section of Commodity: 2nd Quarter 2022

## LEGEND

0 Food And Live Animals	5 Chemicals
1 Beverages And Tobacco	6 Manufactured Goods Classified
	Chiefly By Materials
2 Crude Minerals, Inedible Except Fuels	7 Machinery And Transport Equipment
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## VALUE OF IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND BALANCE OF TRADE BY 2nd QUARTER, 2021 – 2nd QUARTER, 2022

TABLE 1					В\$
	2021				2022
	2nd QTR 2021	3rd QTR 2021	4th QTR 2021	1st QTR 2022	2nd QTR 2022
IMPORTS	903,584,306	954,716,992	924,897,594	838,785,870	809,763,745
Oil Trade	152,017,596	186,105,677	200,022,078	136,683,725	111,022,976
Other Merchandise	751,566,710	768,611,315	724,875,516	702,102,145	698,740,769
EXPORTS	118,697,240	149,530,581	171,020,114	123,689,271	141,901,201
Oil Trade	48,557,869	53,459,839	33,877,013	43,435,279	35,147,168
Other Merchandise	70,139,371	96,070,742	137,143,101	80,253,992	106,754,033
BALANCE OF TRADE	-784,887,066	-805,186,411	-753,877,480	-715,096,599	-667,862,544

## VALUE OF IMPORTS CLASSIFIED BY SECTION OF COMMODITY AND 2nd QUARTER, 2021 – 2nd QUARTER, 2022

	TABLE 2					\$B
	SECTION OF COMMODITY	IMPORTS	IMPORTS	IMPORTS	IMPORTS	IMPORTS
		2nd QTR 2021	3rd QTR 2021	4th QTR 2021	1st QTR 2022	2nd QTR 2022
0	FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS	178,841,708	182,895,012	161,427,105	156,609,805	166,757,190
1	BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	27,156,804	32,539,951	28,840,695	27,175,561	36,162,816
2	CRUDE MINERALS, INEDIBLE EXCEPT FUELS	21,748,632	19,855,897	19,700,947	20,693,254	18,449,959
3	MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS	152,017,596	186,105,677	200,022,078	136,683,725	111,022,976
4	ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS	3,653,671	3,910,068	5,156,341	4,240,274	4,628,617
5	CHEMICALS	73,044,672	103,497,302	89,267,636	87,556,653	96,856,660
6	MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIALS	131,447,209	132,697,444	119,453,167	117,334,048	104,402,861
7	MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	184,346,023	154,984,109	139,419,844	149,224,963	134,750,000
8	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	96,556,875	101,499,865	121,024,680	106,920,106	105,540,037
9	COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO KIND	34,771,116	36,731,667	40,585,101	32,347,481	31,192,629
	TOTAL	903,584,306	954,716,992	924,897,594	838,785,870	809,763,745

## VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS CLASSIFIED BY SECTION OF COMMODITY AND 2nd QUARTER, 2021 – 2nd QUARTER, 2022

TABLE 3

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	SECTION OF COMMODITY	DOMESTIC EXPORTS	DOMESTIC EXPORTS	DOMESTIC EXPORTS	DOMESTIC EXPORTS	DOMESTIC EXPORTS
		2nd QTR 2021	3rd QTR 2021	4th QTR 2021	1st QTR 2022	2nd QTR 2022
0	FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS	10,850,302	17,234,429	61,692,168	29,540,707	15,593,093
1	BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	258,570	268,607	251,212	257,563	202,566
2	CRUDE MINERALS, INEDIBLE EXCEPT FUELS	3,495,390	3,969,378	4,763,400	9,383,490	2,244,970
3	MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS	-	2,350	-	-	-
4	ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS	-	-	-	-	-
5	CHEMICALS	21,403,098	18,062,846	4,752,078	28,983	545
6	MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIALS	13,080,103	26,757,855	4,761,659	2,024,090	2,739,837
7	MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	1,199,824	2,850,442	-	1,932	200
8	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	7,569,202	16,551,931	2,391,745	25	1,645
9	COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO KIND	-	6,384	-	-	-
	TOTAL	57,856,489	85,704,402	78,612,262	41,236,790	20,782,856

### VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS CLASSIFIED BY SECTION OF COMMODITY AND 2nd QUARTER, 2021 – 2nd QUARTER, 2022

	TABLE 4					В\$
		RE- EXPORTS	RE- EXPORTS	RE- EXPORTS	RE- EXPORTS	RE- EXPORTS
	SECTION OF COMMODITY	2nd QTR 2021	3rd QTR 2021	4th QTR 2021	1st QTR 2022	2nd QTR 2022
0	FOOD AND LIVE ANIMALS		1,847	160,961	299,492	92,361
1	BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	-	1,108	-	-	-
2	CRUDE MINERALS, INEDIBLE EXCEPT FUELS	474,862	2,655,224	637,628	311,619	628,602
3	MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS	48,557,869	53,457,309	33,877,013	43,435,279	35,147,168
4	ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS	-	-	10	1,100	1,175
5	CHEMICALS	995,080	318,390	266,771	200,116	6,697,101
6	MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIALS	1,620,392	588,373	14,267,064	22,475,513	43,002,561
7	MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	6,094,809	6,529,463	20,328,327	8,524,778	26,734,143
8	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES	55,071	274,465	22,870,078	7,191,013	8,799,919
9	COMMODITIES AND TRANSACTIONS NOT CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO KIND	-	-	-	13,571	15,315
	TOTAL	57,798,083	63,826,179	92,407,852	82,452,481	121,118,345

## VALUE OF IMPORTS, DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS CLASSIFIED BY SECTION OF COMMODITY 2nd QUARTER, 2022

#### TABLE 5

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SECTIONS	DESCRIPTIONS	IMPORTS	DOMESTIC EXPORTS	RE-EXPORTS
Section 1.	Live Animals Animal Products	56,707,146	15,934,830	-
Section 2.	Vegetable Products	39,974,740	-	151,108
Section 3.	Animal or Vegetable Fats Oils & Their Cleavage Products Prepared Edible Fats Animal or Vegetable Waxes	6,355,606	-	1,175
Section 4.	Prepared Food Stuffs Beverages Spirits Vinegar Tobacco & Manufactured Substitutes	108,017,108	202,566	91,303
Section 5.	Mineral Products	116,136,183	1,626,380	35,147,173
Section 6.	Products of The Chemical or Allied Industries	69,690,693	545	351,512
Section 7.	Plastics & Articles Thereof Rubber & Articles Thereof	52,797,830	-	8,139,169
Section 8.	Raw Hides & skin Leather Furskins & Articles Thereof Saddlery Harness Travel Goods Handbags & Similar Containers Articles of Animal Gut (Other Than Silk-Worm Gut)	4,709,162	-	89,121
Section 9.	Wood and Articles of Wood Charcoal Cork & Articles of Cork Manufactures of Staw Esparto or Other Plaiting Materials Basket ware & Wickerwork	23,489,923	168,701	-
Section 10.	Pulp of Wood Other Fibrous Cellulosic Material Recovered (Waste & Scrap) Paper or Paperboard Paper & Paperboard Articles Thereof	14,867,209	-	41,689,548
Section 11.	Textiles and Textile Articles	21,854,476	-	330,096
Section 12.	Footwear Headgear Umbrellas Sun Umbrellas Walking-Stick Seat-Sicks Whips Riding-Crops & Parts Thereof Prepared Feather & Articles Artificial Flowers Articles of Human Hair	6,104,687	-	4,552
Section 13.	Articles of Stone Plaster Cement Asbestos Mica or Similar Materials Ceramic Products Glass & Glassware	17,066,605	-	122,442
Section 14.	Natural or Cultured Pearls Precious or Semi-Precious Stones Precious Metal Metals Clad With Precious Metal & Articles Thereof Imitation Jewellery Coin	12,781,690	-	828,441
Section 15.	Base Metal and Articles of Base Metal	44,585,919	2,849,834	1,678,779
Section 16.	Machinery and Mechanical Appliances Electrical Equipment Parts Thereof Sound Recorders & Reproducers Television Image Sound Recorders & Reproducers Part & Accessories of Such Articles	96,017,379	-	10,977,940
Section 17.	Vehicles Aircraft Vessels & Associated Transport Equipment	39,050,168	-	15,535,021
Section 18.	Optical Photographic Cinematographic Measuring Checking Precision Medical Surgical Instruments Apparatus Clocks Watches Musical Instruments Parts & Accessories Thereof	14,702,845	-	1,943,570
Section 19.	Arms & Ammunition Parts & Accessories Thereof	70,537	-	-
Section 20.	Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	30,042,099	-	3,945,124
Section 21.	Work of Art Collectors' Pieces & Antiques	32,032,155	-	92,271
Section 22.	Human Remains	2,709,585	-	-
TOTAL		809,763,745	20,782,856	121,118,345

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2ND QUARTER, 2021 – 2ND QUARTER, 2022

TABLE 6

	2nd QTR 2021	3rd QTR 2021	4th QTR 2021	1st QTR 2022	2nd QTR 2022
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Imports	903,584,306	954,716,992	924,897,594	838,795,870	809,763,745
Exports	115,654,572	149,530,581	171,020,114	123,689,271	141,901,201
Balance	-787,929,734	-805,186,411	-753,877,480	-715,096,599	-667,862,544
UNITED KINGDOM					
Imports	5,751,622	4,934,437	7,178,364	5,785,910	6,494,631
Exports	1,546,478	407,443	17,083,113	333,651	324,135
Balance	-4,205,144	-4,526,994	-9,904,749	-5,452,259	-6,170,496
CANADA					
Imports	8,924,881	6,071,611	7,008,027	6,062,903	7,112,181
Exports	196	31,001	132,049	42,586	2,453
Balance	-8,924,685	-6,040,610	-6,875,978	-6,020,317	-7,109,728
Dalance	-0,924,003	-0,040,010	-0,075,976	-0,020,317	-7,109,720
U.S.A.					
Imports	758,682,772	813,188,820	799,360,721	676,229,822	649,488,177
Exports	88,483,919	114,005,537	107,226,241	71,482,623	111,011,234
Balance	-670,198,853	-699,183,283	-692,134,480	-604,747,199	-538,476,943
CARIBBEAN COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES					
Imports	15,156,865	6,062,355	3,864,286	3,938,077	15,621,606
Exports	32	217,526	11,366	15,880	47,965
Balance	-15,156,833	-5,844,829	-3,852,920	-3,922,197	-15,573,641
EUROPEAN COMMON-MARKET COUNTRIES					
Imports	21,402,601	20,107,846	23,910,117	21,002,848	38,339,954
Exports	1,010,351	91,171	15,024,061	94,275	527,628
Balance	-20,392,250	-20,016,675	-8,886,056	-20,908,573	-37,812,326
O.P.E.C					
Imports	1,032,927	429,140	5,351,652	6,925,283	652,662
Exports	_	-	83,250	-	-
Balance	-1,032,927	-429,140	-5,268,402	-6,925,283	-652,662
OTHER COUNTRIES					
Imports	92,632,638	103,922,783	78,224,427	118,841,027	92,054,534
Exports	24,613,596	34,777,903	31,460,034	51,720,256	29,987,786
Balance	68,019,042	-69,144,880	-46,764,393	-67,120,771	-62,066,748

### TOTAL IMPORTS BY ISLAND OF ENTRY AND 2nd QUARTER, 2021 - 2nd QUARTER, 2022

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TABLE 7	2021				2022
PORT OF ENTRY	2 <sup>№</sup> QTR 2021	3 <sup>RD</sup> QTR 2021	4 <sup>™</sup> QTR 2021	1 <sup>st</sup> QTR 2022	2 <sup>ND</sup> QTR 2022
NEW PROVIDENCE	560,486,197	579,013,540	644,768,701	610,452,475	606,752,020
GRAND BAHAMA	269,954,763	311,190,326	198,238,239	136,851,534	114,326,626
ABACO	16,775,548	15,146,721	19,692,503	22,473,866	20,166,174
ANDROS	6,710,547	4,729,525	10,131,604	8,576,060	8,296,053
BIMINI	3,508,049	4,944,643	6,306,493	6,145,871	5,435,425
CAT ISLAND	908,536	3,531,854	873,647	1,244,983	1,181,689
CHUB CAY	7,461,988	1,180,691	683,387	922,701	905,757
ELEUTHERA	11,438,787	11,593,367	15,793,207	20,453,926	22,387,130
EXUMA, GEORGE TOWN	11,988,620	11,054,133	15,044,677	15,881,753	12,764,553
INAGUA	4,507,690	1,449,516	1,465,777	1,633,802	2,279,155
MAYAGUANA	-	1,006,755	-	-	-
CAT CAY	1,229,920	1,625,224	1,800,605	1,652,146	2,029,637
SAN SALVADOR	281,205	157,973	189,821	267,926	236,113
GREAT HARBOUR CAY	7,337,152	7,090,379	8,169,435	10,017,088	10,583,218
RUM CAY	33,338	-	2,699	-	2,593
LONG ISLAND	961,966	1,002,345	1,736,799	2,211,739	2,417,602
TOTAL	903,584,306	954,716,992	924,897,594	838,785,870	809,763,745