The Department of Statistics

The Bahamas

In Figures

PUBLICATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS

Available Online

Social Reports
- 2010 Census of Population Report, All Bahamas
- 2010 Census of Population Report, Family Islands
- 2010 Census Family Island Population by Settlement
- 2010 Census Disability Report, All Bahamas
- 2010 Census Internal Migration Report, All Bahamas
- 2010 Census International Migration Report, All Bahamas
- Annual Labour Force and Household Income Report
- Annual Vital Statistics Report
- Labour Market Information Newsletter
- Occupation and Wages in the Hospitality Sector 2016: New Providence
- Occupation and Wages Report
- Population Projections for The Bahamas
- Socio–Economic Report
- The Bahamas in Figures

Economic Reports
- Annual Foreign Trade Statistics Report
- Annual Review of Prices Report
- Building Construction Statistics Report
- National Accounts of The Bahamas Report

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Business Establishment
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Foreign Trade
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Labour Market
National Accounts & Construction Statistics
Vital Statistics

SOME SIGNIFICANT DATES

1492 - Discovery of The Bahama Islands by Columbus
1718 - Arrival of Woodes Rogers
1785 - 7 Arrival of Loyalists
1807 - Abolition of Slave Trade
1838 - Slave Emancipation
1860 - 65 - American Civil War – Gun Running Era
1891 - The first Telegraph was laid between The Bahamas and Jupiter, Florida
1907 - The first Telecom Station was introduced by the government
1919 - Volstead Act (Prohibition – Bootlegging)
1929 - First Meeting of the House of Assembly
1929 - First Air Link with the Outside World
1942 - Burma Road Riots
1958 - General Strike
1962 - The Progressive Liberal Party declared Official Opposition Party
1962 - Women given the right to Vote
1963 - Constitution Reform
1967 - Constitution Reform
1973 - Independence of The Bahamas
1974 - The National Insurance Board was introduced
1996 - Local Government
2009 - Unemployment Benefit introduced
2012 - The Paradise Island Bridge renamed The Sir Sidney Poitier Bridge
2013 - January 10th named Majority Rule Day
2013 - Discovery Day renamed National Heroes Day
2015 - VALUE ADDED TAX INTRODUCED @ 7.5%

NATIONAL FLORA

National Flower
- Yellow Elder

National Bird
- Flamingo

National Tree
- Lignum Vitae

2016
### Mission Statement

To ensure that the Bahamian Government, Business and People are never hampered in their activities by any inadequacies of statistics, their recent trends or their interpretation; and in particular, to ensure that the managers of the Bahamian economy in the Ministry of Finance, the Central Bank and elsewhere, never lack adequate statistics nor argue about them.

### Historical Overview

- **1968**: Department of Statistics Established
- **1969**: J.E. Tertullien appointed First Director
- **1973**: Statistics Act Passed
- **1973**: Freeport Office Established
- **1986**: First Personal Computer Introduced
- **1991**: Institutional Strengthening/Technical Cooperation
- **1993**: Charles Stuart appointed Second Director
- **1995**: Local Area Network Introduced
- **2008**: Kelsie Dorsett appointed Third Director
- **2008**: DOS Website Launched
- **2009**: Annual Statistics Day Initiated

### CLIMATE

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<tr>
<th>Season</th>
<th>Mean Air Temperature (°F)</th>
<th>2014</th>
<th>2015</th>
<th>2016</th>
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<td>Dry: Nov. - April</td>
<td>Max.</td>
<td>89 (Summer)</td>
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<td>Rainy: May - Oct</td>
<td>Min.</td>
<td>75 (Winter)</td>
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<td>Rainfall</td>
<td>40° - 60° Per year</td>
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### Poverty

- **Rate**: 12.5% 12.5%
- **Poverty Line (per person per year)**: $4,247 $4,247

(Note: Poverty Estimates is for the year 2013, All Bahamas)

### Population and Households

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<th>Mid-year Estimates ('000)</th>
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<td>Population Density Per Sq. Mile</td>
<td>68.1</td>
<td>68.9</td>
<td>69.4</td>
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<td>Average Household Size</td>
<td>3.5 (c)</td>
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(Note: Figures are based on Official Population Projections 2010 - 2040)

### Vital Statistics

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<th>Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop)</th>
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<td>N/A</td>
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<td>Death Rate (per 1,000 pop)</td>
<td>6.0 (P)</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>Infant Mortality Rate</td>
<td>9.1 (P)</td>
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### Government Finance (B$Mill)

- **Total Revenue & Grants**: 1,450 1,701 1,929
- **Total Expenditure**: 1,849 1,992 2,236
- **Total National Debt**: 6,285 6,669 7,054

### Money and Banking

- **International Reserves**: 787.7 811.9 904.0
- **Total BS Deposits**: 6,112.3 6,186.3 6,508.1
- **Total Domestic Credit (B$)**: 8,269.6 8,386.1 8,698.5

### Educational Indicators

- **Gross Enrollment**: Primary 86.2 87.2 N/A
- **Secondary**: 82.1 83.0 N/A
- **Net Enrollment**: Primary 78.2 80.6 N/A

### Consumer Price Index

- **All Items Index**: 101.3 102.01 101.66
- **New Providence**: 101.14 101.92 101.57

(Note: 2013 does not include cellular customers.)

### Construction

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<th>Approved Permits</th>
<th>2014</th>
<th>2015</th>
<th>2016</th>
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<td>Buildings Started:</td>
<td>108,508</td>
<td>94,630</td>
<td>67,83</td>
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<td>Buildings Completed:</td>
<td>213,920</td>
<td>208,003</td>
<td>157,107</td>
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### Telecommunications

- **No. of Subscribers**: N/A 430,500 551,933

### Expenditure on the Gross Domestic Product at Current Prices

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<td>Expenditure on the Gross Domestic Product (B$Mill)</td>
<td>10,844 (R)</td>
<td>11,240</td>
<td>11,262</td>
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