

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%

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
- 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 Hotel Industry
- 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

The statistics contained in this publication were compiled by The Department of Statistics, Ministry of Finance and The Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas. Other Government and Quasi-Government Departments also produce their own statistics some of which is incorporated in this pamphlet

National Bird



Flamingo

SECTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT

- Census & Social Statistics
- Consumer Prices
- Business Establishment
- Geographic Information Systems
- Foreign Trade
- Labour Force
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- National Accounts & Construction Statistics
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National Tree



Lignum Vitae



The Department of Statistics

National Flower



Yellow Elder

The Bahamas In Figures

2015

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

National Fish



Blue Marlin

2013 2014 2015

CLIMATE

Seasons:	Mean Air Temperature (F)	
Dry: Nov. - April	Max.	89 (Summer)
Rainy: May - Oct	Min.	75 (Winter)
Rainfall	40" - 60" Per year	

POVERTY

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

Mid-year Estimates ('000)	362	366	370
Percent Distribution of Population			
Under 15 Years	25.4	25.4	24.5
15 - 64 Years	68.3	68.7	69.0
65 Years & over	6.3	6.4	6.5

(Note: Revised figures are based on Official Population Projections 2010 - 2040)

	2013	2014	2015
Population Density Per Sq. Mile	67.3	68.0	69.0
Average Household Size	3.5 (c)	3.4 (c)	

(Note: (c) Data is for Census years 2000 and 2010 All Bahamas.)

VITAL STATISTICS

	2013	2014	2015
Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop)	12.3	12.8(P)	N/A
Death Rate (per 1,000 pop)	5.8	6.0(P)	N/A
Infant Mortality Rate	22.7	19.4(p)	N/A
Life Expectancy (Years)	1999-2001	2009-2011	2009-2011
Male	69.9	70.6	70.6
Female	76.4	76.8	76.8

(The latest Life Expectancy is for the period 2009 - 2011)

LABOR FORCE

Total Labor Force	195,660	198,710	208,895
Employed	163,995	171,275	183,915
Unemployed	31,665	27,435	24,980
Unemployment Rate (%)	16.2	13.8	12.0

2013 2014 2015

TOURISM

Air Visitor arrivals ('000)	1,280.7	1,343.1	1,390.9
Cruise Ship visitors ('000)	4,709.2	4,977.1	4,721.2
Average Length of stay (days)	6.8	6.7	6.8
Total Expenditure (B\$Mills)	2,284.6	2,316.4	2,537.5

ELECTRICITY: ALL BAHAMAS

Electricity Generated (MWH)	2,022	1,748(R)	1,742(R)
Electricity Sold (MWH)	1,727	1,606(R)	1,507(R)
Water: NEW PROVIDENCE	4,369.0	3,855.5	3,333.5
Water Consumption	1,979.4	2,109.4	2,148.3

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

No. of Subscribers	N/A	430,500	551,933
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(Note: 2013 does not include cellular customers.)

CONSTRUCTION: (B\$ '000)

NEW PROVIDENCE			
Approved Permits	402,217	478,465	446,808
Buildings Started	126,089	108,508	94,630
Buildings Completed	181,921	213,920	208,688

GOVERNMENT FINANCE (B\$Mills)

Total Revenue & Grants	1,355	1,450	1,701
Total Expenditure	1,804	1,849	1,992
Total National Debt	5,587	6,276	6,638

MONEY AND BANKING

International Reserves (B\$Mills):	741.6	787.7	811.9
Total B\$ Deposits	5,970.2	6,112.3	6,186.3
Total Domestic Credit (B\$)	8,109.4	8,269.6	8,386.1

MONEY SUPPLY (B\$MILL.)

M (1)	1,641.2	1,995.7	2,071.2
M (2)	6,043.2	6,165.2	6,186.0

2013 2014 2015

EXPENDITURE ON THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT AT CURRENT PRICES

Expenditure on the Gross Domestic Product (B\$ Mills)	10,677(R)	10,844	11,262
GDP Growth Rate (%)	-0.4	1.6	3.7

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME (B\$)

All Bahamas	N/A	36,341	36,480
New Providence	N/A	38,275	39,978
Grand Bahama	N/A	35,310	35,656

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

All Items Index

All Bahamas	98.95(R)	100.13(R)	102.01
New Providence	98.65(R)	100.14	101.92

Inflation Rate (%)

All Bahamas	0.3(R)	1.2(R)	1.9
New Providence	0.7(R)	1.5(R)	1.8

FOREIGN TRADE

Imports (B\$Mills)	3,366	3,791	3,162
Exports (B\$Mills)	811	689	442

EDUCATIONAL INDICATORS

Gross Enrollment

Primary	86.2	82.4	87.2
Secondary	82.1	75.3	83.0

Net Enrollment

Primary	78.2	75.8	80.6
Secondary	73.0	66.8	75.3

(r) - Revised

(pv) - Provisional

(p) - Preliminary