

## 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 Poitier Bridge
- 2013 - January 10<sup>th</sup> named Majority Rule Day
- 2013 - Discovery Day renamed National Heroes Day

## PUBLICATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS

Available Online

### Social Reports

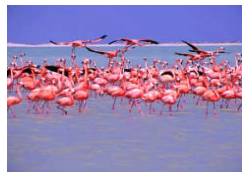
- 2010 Census of Population Report, All Bahamas
- 2010 Census of Population Report, Family Islands
- 2010 Census Family Island Population by Settlement
- 2010 Census Disability Report, All Bahamas
- 2010 Census Internal Migration Report, All Bahamas 2010
- 2010 Census International Migration Report , 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 booklet.

National Bird



Flamingo

## SECTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT

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

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National Tree



Lignum Vitae



The Department of  
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National Flower



Yellow Elder

The Bahamas  
In Figures

2013

## 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

2011 2012 2013

## 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%
Poverty Line (per person per year)			\$4,247

## POPULATION AND HOUSEHOLDS

Mid-year Estimates ('000)	357	362	367
Percent Distribution of Population			
Under 15 Years	25.8	25.6	25.5
15 - 64 Years	68.0	68.1	68.0
65 Years & over	6.2	6.3	6.5

	2000	2010
Population Density Per Sq. Mile	56.0 (c)	65.3 (c)
Average Household Size	3.5 (c)	3.4 (c)

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

## VITAL STATISTICS

	2011	2012	2013
Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop)	14.0	12.0(p)	10.7(p)
Death Rate (per 1,000 pop)	5.9	5.3	5.6
Infant Mortality Rate	16.2	19.1	N/A
Life Expectancy	1999 - 2001	2009 - 2011	
Male	69.9	70.6	
Female	76.4	76.8	

## LABOUR FORCE

Total Labour Force	190,075	188,310(p)	195,660
Employed	164,120	160,650(p)	163,995
Unemployed	25,955	27,655(p)	31,655
Unemployment Rate	13.7	14.7	16.2

2011 2012 2013

## TOURISM

Air Visitor arrivals ('000)	1,267.5	1,357.4	1,280.7
Cruise Ship visitors ('000)	4,161.3	4,434.2	4,709.2
Average Length of stay (days)	6.7	6.7	6.8
Total Expenditure (B\$Mill)	2,254.1(r)	2,366.8	N/A

## UTILITIES

Electricity Generated (MWH)	1,781	2,044	2,022
Electricity Sold	1,894	1,777	1,727
Water Production (mill of imp gal)	4,029	4,306	4,368
Water Consumption (mill of imp gal)	1,781	1,762	2,044

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

No. of Subscribers	418,211	131,000	430,500
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Note: 2012 does not include cellular customers.

## CONSTRUCTION: (B\$ '000)

Approved Permits	1,752,537	457,464	402,217
Buildings Started	117,665	100,674	126,089
Buildings Completed	370,918	202,701	181,921

## GOVERNMENT FINANCE (B\$)

Total Revenue & Grants	1,433	1,447	1,356
Total Expenditure	1,731	1,795	1,804
Total National Debt	4,364	4,999	5,573

## MONEY AND BANKING

International Reserves (B\$Mill):	884.8	810.2	741.6
Total B\$ Deposits	6,016.5	5,990.1	5,970.2
Total Domestic Credit (B\$)	7,828.1	7,952.8	8,109.9
MONEY SUPPLY (B\$MILL.)			
M (1)	1434.8	1574.9	1,641.2
M (2)	6,104.4	6,088.0	6,101.5

2011 2012 2013

## EXPENDITURE ON THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT AT CURRENT PRICES

Expenditure on the Gross Domestic Product (B\$ '000)	7,931.49(r)	8,218.82(pv)	8,420.36 (p)
GDP Growth Rate	0.3 (r)	3.6	2.5

## AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME (B\$ '000)

All Bahamas	38,512	37,192	N/A
New Providence	40,677	41,460	N/A
Grand Bahama	38,901	35,785	N/A

## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

All Items Index			
All Bahamas	103.89	105.95	106.31
New Providence	103.83	106.0	106.7
Inflation Rate			
All Bahamas	3.17	0.72	0.87
New Providence	3.06	0.71	1.48

## FOREIGN TRADE

Imports (B\$Mill)	3,411	3,657 (r)	3,366
Exports	726 (r)	829	811

## EDUCATIONAL INDICATORS

Gross Enrollment			
Primary	95.6	86.2	N/A
Secondary	92.9	82.1	N/A
Net Enrollment			
Primary	85.4	78.2	N/A
Secondary	92.9	73.0	N/A

(r) - Revised

(pv) - Provisional

(p) - Preliminary