

Table XII

**KEY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**  
**1995-1999, 2001-2006 (2000 was Census Year)**

ITEM	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>Total Labour Force</b>											
All Bahamas	143,030	146,635	149,915	156,470	157,640	164,675	167,980	173,795	176,330	178,705	181,890
New Providence	98,900	102,965	104,315	111,370	113,240	117,900	119,700	123,380	125,385	128,630	131,405
Grand Bahama	21,500	20,945	22,495	22,200	23,900	25,055	25,190	26,350	26,465	27,305	27,540
<b>Employed Labour Force</b>											
All Bahamas	127,440	129,765	135,255	144,355	145,350	153,310	152,690	154,965	158,340	160,530	168,060
New Providence	88,200	90,665	93,465	103,270	104,440	109,770	108,255	108,685	111,725	114,660	122,760
Grand Bahama	19,300	18,730	20,535	20,090	21,625	23,345	23,580	24,050	24,000	24,305	25,240
<b>Unemployed Labour Force</b>											
All Bahamas	15,590	16,870	14,660	12,115	12,290	11,365	15,290	18,830	17,990	18,175	13,830
New Providence	10,700	12,300	10,850	8,100	8,800	8,130	11,445	14,695	13,660	13,970	8,645
Grand Bahama	2,200	2,215	1,960	2,110	2,275	1,710	1,610	2,300	2,465	3,000	2,300
<b>Labour Force Participation Rate</b>											
All Bahamas	73.9%	73.7%	74.9%	77.3%	76.8%	76.2%	76.4%	76.5%	75.7%	76.3%	75.1%
New Providence	74.6%	76.1%	75.5%	78.3%	77.7%	78.1%	77.6%	78.0%	77.5%	77.5%	79.7%
Grand Bahama	76.3%	72.8%	74.9%	73.0%	75.3%	75.2%	74.4%	76.0%	74.7%	74.7%	74.6%
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>											
All Bahamas	10.9%	11.5%	9.8%	7.8%	7.8%	6.9%	9.1%	10.8%	10.2%	10.2%	7.6%
New Providence	10.8%	11.9%	10.4%	7.3%	7.8%	6.9%	9.6%	11.9%	10.9%	10.9%	6.6%
Grand Bahama	10.2%	10.6%	8.7%	9.6%	9.5%	6.8%	6.4%	8.7%	9.3%	11.0%	8.4%

Source: Department of Statistics