

BAHAMAS

Capital: Nassau

GEODATA

Area

13,939 km²

Official language

English

Major religious groups

Baptist (32%), Anglican (20%),
Roman Catholic (19%)

Surrounding countries

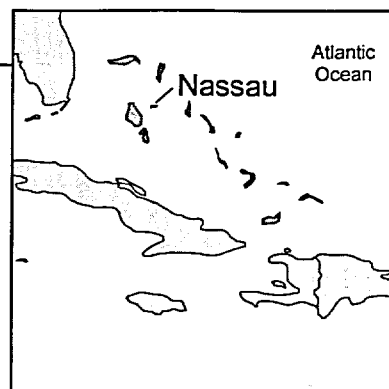
Cuba, Haiti, United States

Population

294,982 (July 2000 est.)

Population growth rate

1.01% (2000 est.)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Constitutional monarchy

National legislature

Upper chamber: Senate

Lower chamber: House of Assembly; multiparty

Leaders

Governor General Orville Turnquest

Prime Minister Hubert A. Ingraham

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Janet Bostwick

UN Human Development Index (2000)

Bahamas ranks 33rd among 174 countries

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$4.5 billion US (1999)

GDP growth rate

6% (1999)

GDP per capita

\$11,790 US (1999)

Main exports

Crayfish, salt, other fisheries products, rum, citrus products, aragonite, pharmaceuticals, refined petroleum products, cement

Main imports

Machinery and transport equipment, food, beverages, tobacco, manufactured goods, crude oil, vehicles, electronics

Main exports to Canada

\$25.9 million (1999), including mineral fuel, fish and seafood, plastic, organic chemicals, iron and steel

Main imports from Canada

\$26.3 million (1999), including dairy products, electrical machinery, furniture and bedding, milled products, malt, starch, machinery

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