

COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS

Capital: Nassau

GEODATA

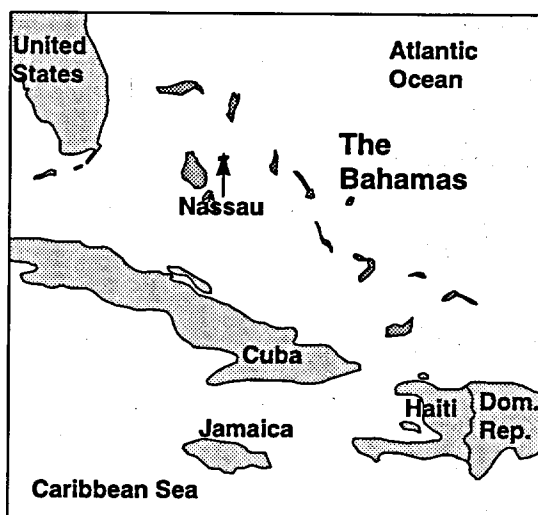
Area
13,939 km²

Population
270,000 (1994)

Population growth
1.9% (1994)

Major languages
English (official); some Creole among Haitian immigrants

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



POLITICAL DATA

Type of Government
Constitutional monarchy (E II)

Leader
Prime Minister Hubert J. Ingraham

Minister of Foreign Affairs
Janet G. Bostwick

Democratic Institutions
Bicameral legislature, multiparty

UN Human Development Index
Bahamas ranks 26th among 174 countries

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ECONOMIC DATA

GDP
\$2.71 billion US (1993 est.)

GDP growth rate
2% (1991)

GDP per capita
\$10,570 US (1993 est.)

Main Exports
Pharmaceuticals, cement, rum, crawfish

Main Imports
Petroleum and its products, manufactured goods

Main Exports to Canada
\$44.89 million (1994), including varboxylic acid, petroleum oils, rock lobster and other sea crawfish, adrenal derivatives

Main Imports from Canada
\$17.19 million (1994), including telephone equipment, flour, pharmaceuticals, engine repairs, refined sugar

Canadian bilateral assistance
\$0.06 million (1993-1994)