

Bahamas

Country Official Name: Commonwealth of the Bahamas

Capital: Nassau

Geodata

Area: 13 940 km²

Population: 255 811 (91), growth 1.4%

Natural Resources: salt, aragonite, timber

Major Religions: 32% Baptist, 20% Anglican, 19% Roman Catholic

Major Language(s): English; some Creole among the Haitian immigrants



Political Data

Type of Government: Constitutional monarchy (E II)

Leaders: Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Hubert Ingraham

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Justice and Attorney General Orville Turnquest

Democratic Institutions: Bicameral legislature, multiparty

UN Human Development Index: 32/173 (high)

Economic Data

GDP (per capita): US \$ 9 900 (90)

Main Exports: pharmaceuticals, cement, rum, crawfish

Main Imports: petroleum and its products, manufactured goods

Export to Canada: C \$ 50.2 million (92)

Import from Canada: C \$ 23.2 million (92)

External Debt: US \$ 267.7 million (Dec. 90)

Main Donors:

U.K.

Canadian ODA: C \$ 0.08 million (FY 91-92) est.