







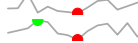


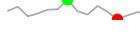





Trade and Competitiveness Monitoring Note



Bahamas, The

GDP (US\$ billions) (2015)	Population (millions) (2015)	Income per capita (current US\$) (2015)	Unemployment rate (2015)	Ease of Doing Business Rank (2015)
8.8e+00	3.9e-01	2.3e+04	1.3e+01	1.1e+02

Macro Indicators

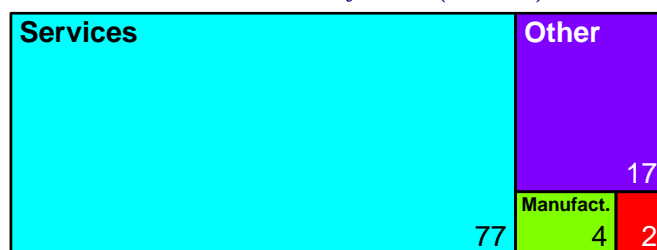
	Avg 2002-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
GDP growth (annual %)	0.724	2.217	0.022	1.023	1.653	2.515	
Current account balance	-9.473	-18.273	-17.719	-22.218	-15.992	-14.772	
Cash surplus/deficit (% of GDP)	-2.461	-5.477	-6.491	-4.216	-2.965	-2.113	
Gross Fixed Investment (% GDP)	25.018	27.053	26.141	27.517	21.385	19.817	
Gross capital formation (% of GDP) [1]	25.404	28.301	27.043	28.751	—	—	
Foreign direct investment, net inflows (% of GDP) [2]	14.194	13.060	13.192	18.217	—	—	
Private capital flows, total (% of GDP) [2]	57.844	46.717	—	—	—	—	
Total Trade in Goods and Services (% of GDP, real terms)	92.401	100.871	97.863	103.271	99.723	101.498	
Trade balance (% GDP, real terms)	-4.274	-3.841	-1.222	-5.408	1.363	4.208	
Exports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	1.646	7.205	-0.379	2.300	5.000	7.200	
Imports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	0.853	9.910	-5.353	10.805	-8.000	1.400	
General government gross debt [3]	32.682	48.445	56.273	60.894	62.112	62.218	
Total reserves in months of imports [1]	2.073	1.939	1.874	1.914	—	—	
Real Effective Exchange Rate (2010=100)	107.625	99.507	99.717	100.711	103.677	105.849	
Consumer Price Index, annual percent change	2.345	1.973	0.370	1.183	1.875	1.700	

Sources: MFM note, [1] World Development Indicators (WDI), [2] UNCTADSTAT, [3] World Economic Outlook (WEO)

Goods Export and Import volume growth, 2012-2015

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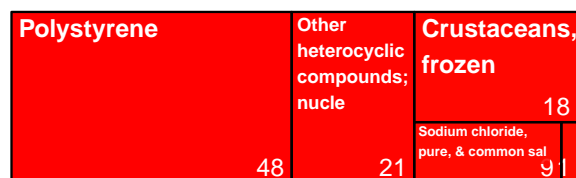
Gross Value Added by Economic Activity 2013 (% GDP)



Source: Development Prospects Group (DECPG)

Source: World Development Indicators (WDI)

Top 5 Exports by % of Total Value, 2014



Imports Categories by % of Total Value, 2014



Source: World Integrated Trade Solution (WITS)

Doing Business 2015 Ranks (among all countries)

	DB 2015 Rank	DB 2016 Rank	Change in Rank
Dealing with Construction Permits	89	94	-5
Ease of Doing Business Rank	108	106	2
Enforcing Contracts	60	60	0
Getting Credit	128	133	-5
Getting Electricity	109	114	-5
Paying Taxes	36	24	12
Protecting Minority Investors	109	111	-2
Registering Property	182	183	-1
Resolving Insolvency	61	61	0
Starting a Business	96	118	-22
Trading Across Borders	132	97	35

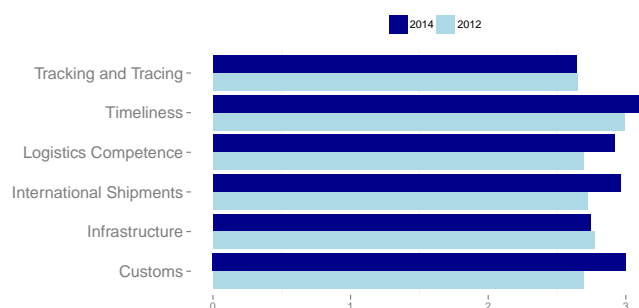
Source: Doing Business Report 2015

WEF Competitiveness Indicators (Scale 1-5, 5=best)

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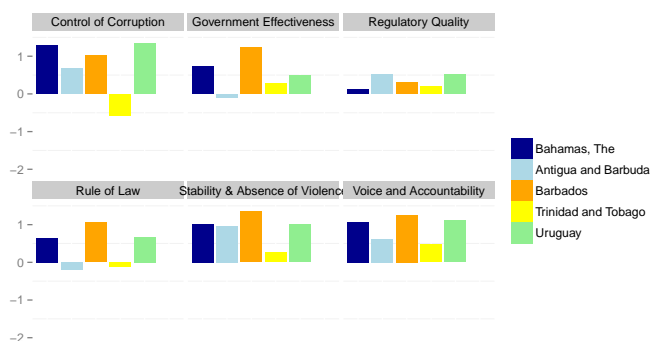
Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015

Logistics Performance Index (Scale 1-5, 5=best)



Source: Logistics Performance Index (World Bank)

World Governance indicators (Std. score, High=best)



Source: Worldwide Governance Indicators

Trade Policy

	2010	2014
Applied Tariff (Incl. Prefers. and Trade-Weighted)	33.4	30.6
Dispersion (Standard Deviation)	16.6	17.1
Import duties collected (% , 2011-2013) [1]	—	9.3
MFN Tariff (Agricul.)	23.2	22.4
MFN Tariff (Non-Agricul.)	38	37.6
MFN Tariff (Simple Average)	35.9	35.6
Services sectors with GATS commitments [1]	—	—

Sources: WITS, [1] WTO Trade Profiles

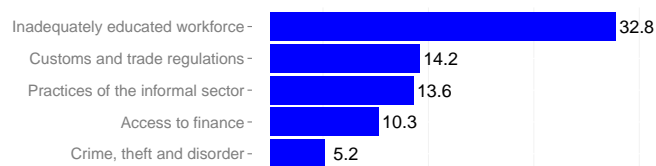
Private Sector's Views

Enterprise Survey 2013

	Latin America and Caribbean	Bahamas, The	All Countries
Number of electrical outages in a typical month	2.80	2.20	6.30
Percent of firms with a bank loan/line of credit	45.80	34.20	34.30
Proportion of investment financed by banks (%)	19.90	11.70	14.30
Proportion of investment financed internally (%)	62.90	83.10	71.80
Senior management time spent dealing with the requirements of government regulation (%)	14.00	3.90	9.90

Source: Enterprise Survey 2013

Top 5 constraints according to ES 2013 (% respondents)



Source: Enterprise Survey 2013

Top 5 constraints according to WEF 2015 survey (% respondents among 88 executives)

Data not available

Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015