

# Trade and Competitiveness Monitoring Note

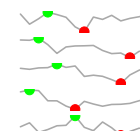


## Bahamas, The

GDP (US\$ billions) (2016)	Population (millions) (2016)	Income per capita (current US\$) (2016)	Unemployment rate (2014)	Ease of Doing Business Rank (2016)
9.13	0.39	23,227.27	15.40	106.00

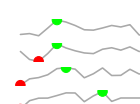
### Macro Indicators

	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
Fiscal balance (% of GDP)	-2.461	-5.477	-6.491	-4.216	-2.965	-2.113
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



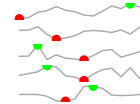
### Investment indicators

	Avg 2002-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Gross domestic investment (% GDP)	25	27	26	28	21	20
Gross domestic investment, of w: Private investment (% GDP) [1]	26	28	27	29	—	—
Inward FDI (% of GDP) [2]	14	13	13	18	—	—
Inward FDI, % of private investment [2]	58	47	NA	—	—	—



### Trade Indicators

	Avg 2002-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total Trade in Goods and Services (% of GDP, real terms)	92.40	100.87	97.86	103.27	99.72	101.50
Trade balance (% GDP, real terms)	-4.27	-3.84	-1.22	-5.41	1.36	4.21
Exports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	1.65	7.21	-0.38	2.30	5.00	7.20
Imports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	0.85	9.91	-5.35	10.80	-8.00	1.40
Total reserves in months of imports [1]	2.07	1.94	1.87	1.91	—	—

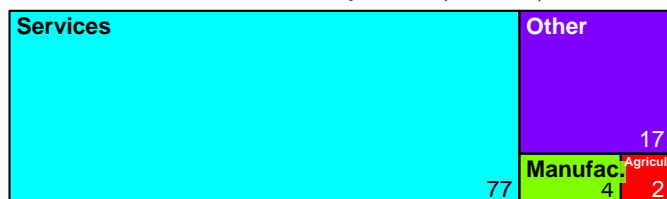


Sources: MFM note, [1] World Development Indicators (WDI), [2] UNCTADSTAT, [3] World Economic Outlook (WEO)

### 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

Polystyrene	Other heterocyclic compounds; nucle	Crustaceans, frozen	Sodium chloride, pure, & common sal
48	21	18	9
			1

### Imports Categories by % of Total Value, 2014

Consumer goods	Capital goods	Intermediate goods
65	15	12
		8

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

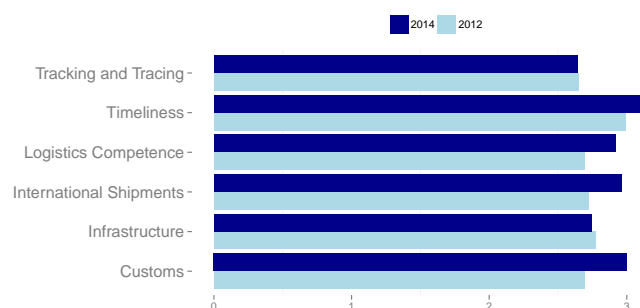
Source: Doing Business Report 2015

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

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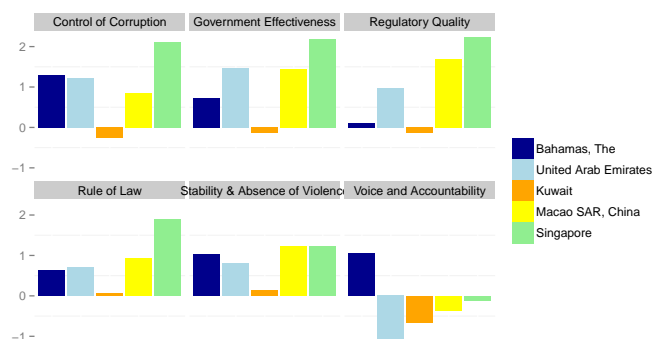
Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015

## 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 (Agriculture)	23.2	22.4
MFN Tariff (Non-Agriculture)	38	37.6
MFN Tariff (Simple Average)	35.9	35.6
Services sectors with GATS commitments [1]	—	—

Sources: WITS, [1] WTO Trade Profiles

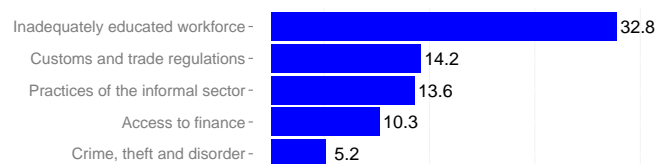
## Private Sector's Views

### 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