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KEY STATISTICS

Vocational education

Enrolment in secondary vocational, both sexes (number)

2.6 thousand

Of which female (%)

-

SDG4

Participation in education and training in the previous year

-

Participation in vocational education (youth)

-

General education

Net Enrolment Rate, secondary education, male (%)

59.9%

For female students

65%

Education finance

Government expenditure on education (% of total)

10.1%

On vocational education (% of total)

-

Socio-economic

GDP (current USD)

11.2 billion

GDP growth (annual %)

13.7%

Labour Market

Unemployment (%)

13.2%

Unemployment, youth (%), modeled ILO estimate

30.8%

Literacy

Youth literacy rate, population 15-24 years, both sexes (%)

-

Labor force participation rate, total (% of total...)

50.9%

Demography

Total Population

396.9 thousand

Population aged 15-24 years (%)

16.8%

Vocational education

Bahamas

Secondary education

Enrolment in secondary vocational, both sexes (number)

Source: World Bank / UIS

2.6 thousand (1976)

Percentage of students who are female (%)

Source: World Bank / UIS

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Upper secondary education (ISCED 3)

Students enrolled in vocational programmes, both sexes (%)

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics

0 (2018)

Percentage of students who are female (%)

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics

0 (2018)

Tertiary education (ISCED 5)

Population with at least short-cycle tertiary degree, both sexes (%). ISCED 5

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics

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Population with at least short-cycle tertiary degree, female (%). ISCED 5

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics

27 (2010)

SDG4

Bahamas

Target 4.3.1 - Participation of youth and adults in formal and non-formal education and training in the previous 12 months.

Both sexes (%)

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics



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Male (%)

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics



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Female (%)

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics



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Target 4.3.3 - Participation in technical and vocational programmes, 15-24 year-olds.

Both sexes (%)

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics



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Male (%)

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics



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Female (%)

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics



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General education

Bahamas

Primary education (ISCED 1)

Gross Enrolment Rate (%)

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics



96.1
(2006)

Students who are female (%)

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics



94.5
(2006)

Secondary education, all programs

Net Enrolment Rate, secondary education, male (%)

Source: World Bank / UIS



59.9
(2018)

Net Enrolment Rate, secondary education, female (%)

Source: World Bank / UIS



65
(2018)

Gross Enrolment Rate (%)

Source: World Bank / UIS



76.9
(2013)

Percentage of students who are female (%)

Source: World Bank / UIS



78.9
(2013)

Higher secondary (ISCED-3)

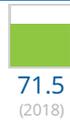
Gross Enrolment Rate (%)

Source: World Bank / UIS



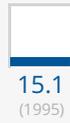
68.3
(2018)

Students who are female (%)
Source: World Bank / UIS



Tertiary education (ISCED 5-8)

Gross Enrolment Rate
Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics



Students who are female (%)
Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics



Education finance

Bahamas

Government expenditure

Expenditure (% of total)
Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics



Expenditure on vocational education (% of total government expenditure)
Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics

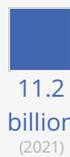


Socio-economic

Bahamas

Gross Domestic Product

GDP (current USD)
Source: World Bank



GDP growth (annual %)
Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics

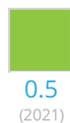


GDP per capita (current USD)
Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics



By sector

Agriculture, value added (% GDP)
Source: World Bank



Industry, value added (% GDP)
Source: World Bank



Services, value added (% GDP)
Source: World Bank



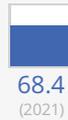
Labour Market

Bahamas

Employment

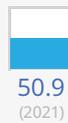
Labor force participation rate (% of total pop. ages 15+)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



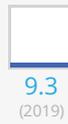
Labor force participation rate (% of total population ages 15-24)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



Vulnerable employment, total (%)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



Youth unemployment (%)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



Gender-wise Employment Indicators

Unemployment, male (% of male labor force)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



Unemployment, female (% of female labor force)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



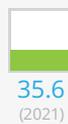
Unemployment, youth male (% of male labor force ages 15-24)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



Unemployment, youth female (% of female labor force ages 15-24)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



Labor force participation rate, male (%)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



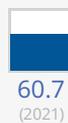
Labor force participation rate, female (%)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



Labor force participation rate, male (% of male population aged 15-24)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



Labor force participation rate, female (% of female population aged 15-24)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



Vulnerable employment, male (% of male employment)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



Vulnerable employment, female (% of female employment)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



Youth unemployment, male (%)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



Youth unemployment, female (%)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



Employment, Sectoral Indicators

Employment in agriculture (%)

Source: World Development Indicators



(2019)

Employment in agriculture, male (% of male employment)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



(2019)

Employment in agriculture, female (% of female employment)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



(2019)

Employment in services (%)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



(2019)

Employment in services, male (% of male employment)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



(2019)

Employment in services, female (% of female employment)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



(2019)

Employment in industry (%)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



(2019)

Employment in industry, male (% of male employment)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



(2019)

Employment in industry, female (% of female employment)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



(2019)

Self-employed (%)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



(2019)

Self-employed, male (% of male employment) (Modeled ILO Estimate)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



(2019)

Self-employed, female (% of female employment) (Modeled ILO Estimate)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



(2019)

Literacy

Bahamas

Literacy

Youth literacy rate, population 15-24 years, both sexes (%)

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics



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Labor force participation rate (% of total population ages 15-24)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



(2021)

Demography

Bahamas

Population

Total Population

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics



396.9

thousand

(2021)

Population aged 15-24 years (thousands)

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics



66.1

(2019)

Population aged 15-24 years (%)

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics



16.8

(2019)

Population growth (annual, %)

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics



0.9

(2021)

Population ages 65 and above (%)

Source: World Bank



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Median Age of Population

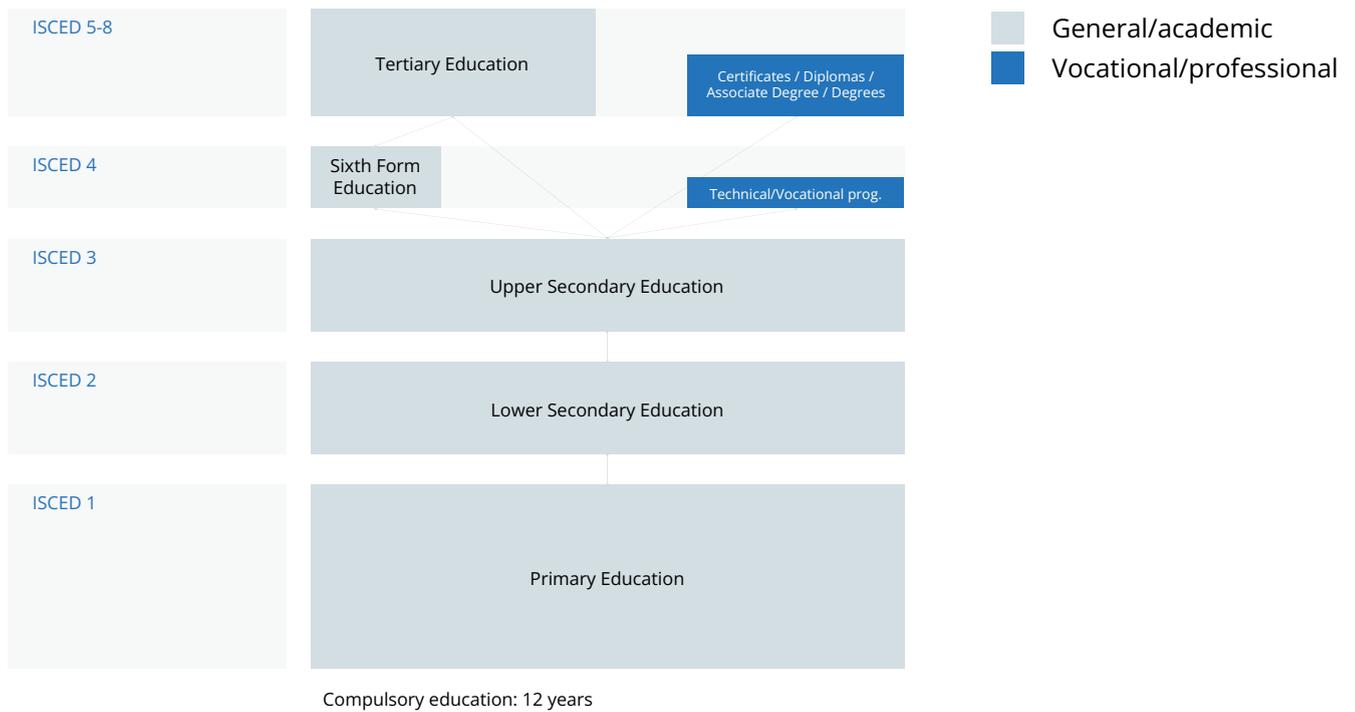
Source: UNDESA



32.3

(2020)

FORMAL EDUCATION SYSTEM



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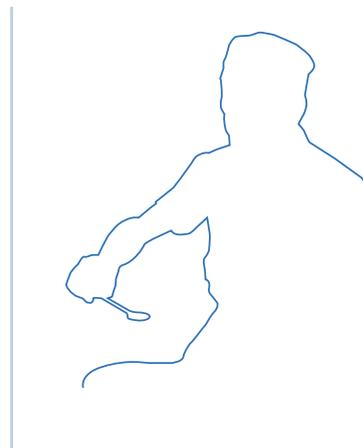
TVET institutions and responsible ministry

Vocational Schools

55

(2017)

Ministry of Education,
Science and Technology



National Qualifications Framework

The Bahamas do not have a National Qualifications Framework.

NON-FORMAL TVET

KEY TVET POLICY DOCUMENTS

Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute Act [↗](#)

2010

An act to provide for the incorporation of the Bahamas technical and vocational institute, its governance, control and administration by a board.

Education Act [↗](#)

2001

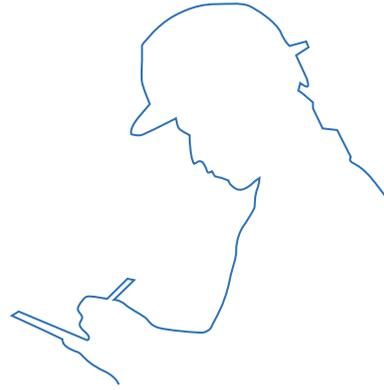
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