



THE BAHAMAS CURRENT ACCOUNT

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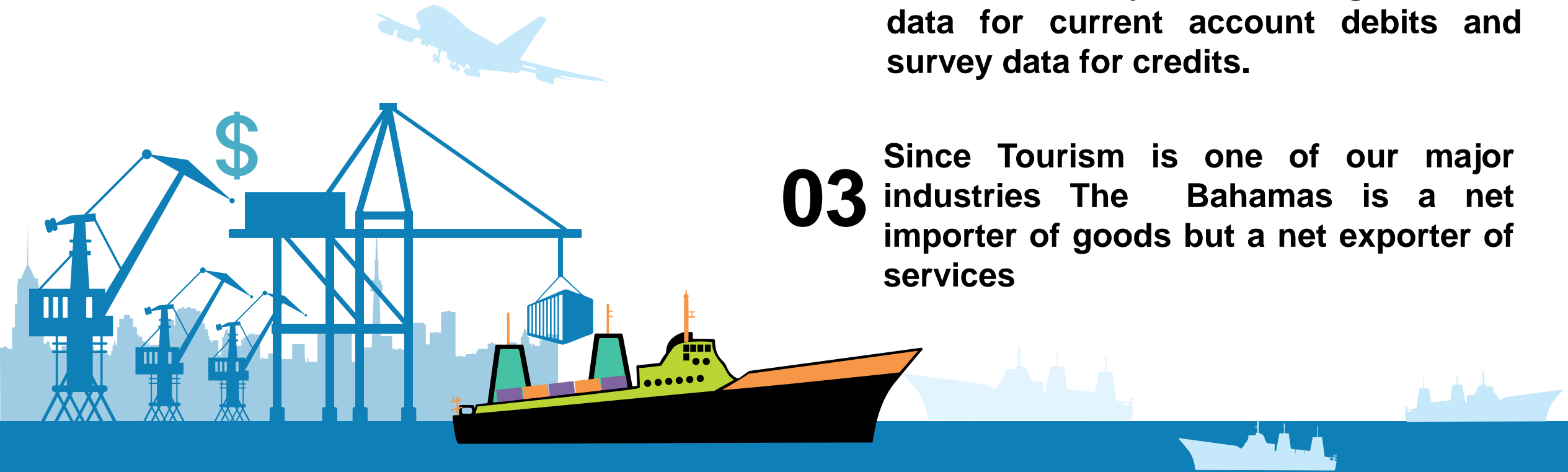


Summary

01 Balance of Payments is compiled quarterly with quarterly and annual series published each quarter.

02 The Bank is currently using the BPM5 format but is transitioning to BPM6. Reliance mainly on Exchange Control data for current account debits and survey data for credits.

03 Since Tourism is one of our major industries The Bahamas is a net importer of goods but a net exporter of services



Exchange Control Data Defined...

...transactions on outflows mainly and on a cash **not** accrual basis.

- collected mainly from the banking sector
- collection of data from the private sector is used primarily for compilation of the capital account



Current Account Data Sources



Type of Account	Data Sources
Goods	Department of Customs
	Department of Statistics
	Surveys (oil companies)
Services	Exchange Control Foreign Currency Sales
	Expenditure (Ministry of Tourism)
	Surveys (hotels, airlines, shipping companies, manufacturing, etc.)
Income	Exchange Control Foreign Currency Sales
	Surveys

Current BPM5 Format

Data is published with a 6-month lag in the quarterly statistical digest and with a 3-month lag in the quarterly economic review (on a 'net' basis)



(B\$ Millions)

	2018 Qtr.IIIp		2018 Qtr.IVp		2019 Qtr.Ip		2019 Qtr.IIpp		2019 Qtr.IIIp	
	Credit	Debit	Credit	Debit	Credit	Debit	Credit	Debit	Credit	Debit
1. CURRENT ACCOUNT	1082.927	1534.599	1072.699	1567.059	1397.488	1370.547	1486.104	1551.285	1160.209	1276.435
A. Goods & Services	1029.612	1267.909	1014.365	1340.952	1324.376	1179.100	1418.901	1321.601	944.033	1114.801
a. Goods	153.303	785.439	151.321	787.657	154.341	678.006	277.796	903.312	108.797	681.902
1. Merchandise	87.549	780.252	96.608	782.655	97.000	674.312	212.897	897.783	50.828	676.715
i. Oil Trade (local Consumption)	0.000	212.479	0.000	177.093	0.000	167.753	0.000	199.634	0.000	199.213
ii. Non-Oil Merchandise	87.549	567.773	96.608	605.563	97.000	506.559	212.897	698.149	50.828	477.502
2. Goods procured in port by carrie	65.754	5.186	54.713	5.002	57.341	3.694	64.899	5.529	57.969	5.186
b. Services	876.309	482.470	863.044	553.295	1170.035	501.094	1141.105	418.289	835.236	432.899
1. Transportation	23.026	115.976	17.200	116.911	20.475	130.300	21.147	124.717	22.769	86.055
i. Passenger Services	8.407	41.144	5.923	48.367	6.037	60.560	6.659	48.866	8.407	19.357
ii. Air and Sea Freight Services	0.000	51.156	0.000	54.561	0.000	45.640	0.000	62.903	0.000	43.022
iii. Port & Airport Charges	14.620	23.676	11.277	13.983	14.438	24.099	14.488	12.949	14.363	23.676
2. Travel	747.334	94.105	778.985	102.716	1072.051	71.538	1047.935	71.478	757.329	94.216
3. Insurance Services	0.000	35.193	0.000	44.921	0.000	36.847	0.000	34.941	0.000	48.574
i. Freight Insurance	0.000	5.684	0.000	6.062	0.000	5.071	0.000	6.989	0.000	4.780
ii. Non-Merchandise Insurance	0.000	29.509	0.000	38.859	0.000	31.776	0.000	27.952	0.000	43.793
4. Construction Services	0.000	9.120	0.000	17.090	0.000	10.900	0.000	10.900	0.000	9.120
5. Royalty and License Fees	0.000	2.175	0.000	1.982	0.000	2.416	0.000	2.476	0.000	2.592
6. Offshore companies local exper	89.357	0.000	51.142	0.000	58.511	0.000	52.381	0.000	34.176	0.000
7. Other Services	6.120	180.505	5.956	230.294	5.968	170.045	5.735	137.153	5.804	147.278
8. Government Services	10.472	45.396	9.761	39.381	13.031	79.048	13.906	36.624	15.157	45.065
i. Resident government	1.410	45.396	2.663	39.381	3.572	79.048	2.730	36.624	2.062	45.065
ii. Foreign government	9.061	0.000	7.098	0.000	9.459	0.000	11.176	0.000	13.095	0.000
B. Income	10.397	203.133	13.039	159.251	7.356	122.633	7.146	179.361	5.330	105.008
a. Compensation of Employees	0.000	7.914	0.000	11.656	0.000	11.733	0.000	14.268	0.000	16.757
1. Labour Income	0.000	7.914	0.000	11.656	0.000	11.733	0.000	14.268	0.000	16.757
b. Investment Income	10.397	195.219	13.039	147.595	7.356	110.900	7.146	165.093	5.330	88.251
1. Direct Investment	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
2. Official Transactions	4.770	22.030	4.832	50.979	3.740	22.000	3.836	51.208	3.683	20.445
i. Central Bank Investment In	4.770	0.000	4.832	0.000	3.740	0.000	3.836	0.000	3.683	0.000
ii. Interest on Government Tr	0.000	22.030	0.000	50.979	0.000	22.000	0.000	51.208	0.000	20.445
3. Other Private Interest and Divid	5.627	173.189	8.207	96.616	3.616	88.899	3.310	113.885	1.647	67.806
i. Commercial Banks	5.477	77.122	8.057	22.010	3.266	25.900	2.960	27.862	1.297	29.962
ii. Other Companies	0.150	96.067	0.150	74.605	0.350	62.999	0.350	86.023	0.350	37.844
C. Current Transfers	42.918	63.558	45.295	66.856	65.757	68.814	60.056	50.322	210.847	56.626
a. General Government	27.918	1.323	30.295	1.901	50.757	9.393	45.056	3.068	37.308	4.216
b. Other Sectors	15.000	62.235	15.000	64.955	15.000	59.421	15.000	47.254	173.539	52.410
1. Workers Remittances	0.000	47.481	0.000	41.822	0.000	35.515	0.000	26.887	0.000	30.671
2. Other Transfers	15.000	14.754	15.000	23.133	15.000	23.906	15.000	20.367	173.539	21.740

The Bahamas is a **service-based economy** with export of services (travel) being the highest value account and an importer of goods with this account being the highest value for imports.

Preliminary Mapping BPM5 to BPM6

Current Presentation – BPM5

	2017				2017
	Qtr.I ^P	Qtr.II ^P	Qtr.III ^P	Qtr.IV ^P	
A. Current Account Balance (I+II+III+IV)	(384.8)	(302.6)	(421.9)	(399.8)	(1509.10)
I. Merchandise (Net)	(618.2)	(650.7)	(640.9)	(628.5)	(1588.84)
Exports	139.4	181.9	117.5	131.7	570.60
Imports	757.7	832.6	758.4	760.3	3109.00
II. Services (Net)	336.1	462.9	317.4	328.8	1445.17
Transportation	(96.8)	(98.5)	(90.0)	(98.1)	(383.44)
Travel	706.2	778.5	556.6	583.9	2625.17
Insurance Services	(18.2)	(28.0)	(32.6)	(35.2)	(114.03)
Offshore Companies Local Expenses	30.8	17.5	49.5	32.2	130.07
Other Government	(43.2)	(27.3)	(33.8)	(1.5)	(105.80)
Other Services	(242.6)	(179.3)	(132.3)	(152.6)	(706.80)
III. Income (Net)	(101.9)	(98.2)	(79.7)	(80.9)	(360.69)
1. Compensation of Employees	(10.4)	(9.9)	(9.8)	(8.6)	(38.74)
2. Investment Income	(91.5)	(88.4)	(69.9)	(72.3)	(321.94)
IV. Current Transfers (Net)	(0.8)	(16.6)	(18.7)	(19.2)	(55.18)
1. General Government	23.2	34.9	31.1	24.8	113.97
2. Private Sector	(23.9)	(51.5)	(49.8)	(44.0)	(169.15)

Future Presentation – BPM6

Indicator	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	A
	2017Q1	2017Q2	2017Q3	2017Q4	2017A
Goods	- 577.09	- 583.95	- 611.75	- 632.70	- 2,392.06
Credit	141.64	240.20	109.23	150.07	641.13
Debit	718.73	824.14	720.97	782.78	3,033.19
General merchandise on a balance of	- 577.09	- 583.95	- 611.75	- 632.70	- 2,392.06
Credit	141.64	240.20	109.23	150.07	641.13
Debit	718.73	824.14	720.97	782.78	3,033.19
<i>Of which Re-exports (credit)</i>	27.42	84.87	27.13	32.41	171.83
Net exports of goods under merchanting (credit)	-	-	-	-	-
Goods acquired under merchanting	-	-	-	-	-
Goods sold under merchanting (credit)	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmonetary gold	-	-	-	-	-
Credit	-	-	-	-	-
Debit	-	-	-	-	-

Process has begun but further assessment is needed to identify any data gaps and to ensure that the mapping is correct.



Challenges

- No jurisdiction over reporting companies
- Incomplete Reporting forms
- Maintaining working relationships with companies
- Timeliness of Supporting Agencies (i.e. Government agencies)
- The to develop models or finding relevant indicators or proxies for data not readily available.
- Treatment of offshore companies (international entities) in BMP6
- Dated Tourism Satellite Account not since 2012

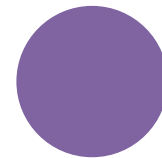
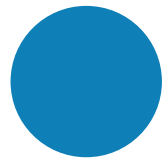
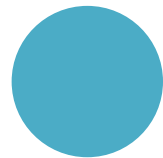


The Way Forward

Training and
Technical
Assistance

Seeking to work on
several iterations of the
BPM6 prior to
finalization and
publication

Release of partial
accounts by Early
2021





Questions?