

# BUILDING CONSTRUCTION STATISTICS REPORT

## SECOND QUARTER 2017



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## **THE DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS RELEASES** **BUILDING CONSTRUCTION STATISTICS**

The National Accounts section of the Department of Statistics announces the release of the Building Construction Statistics for the second quarter of 2017.

The basic data are collected by the Ministry of Works located in New Providence and Grand Bahama, the Department of Local Government in conjunction with the Family Island Administrators, and the Grand Bahama Port Authority. The Permits data includes New Providence, Grand Bahama and the Family Islands. The Starts and Completions are only New Providence and Grand Bahama. The information is collected and summarized on a monthly basis by the aforementioned organizations, then forwarded to the Department of Statistics where it is processed, analyzed and published.

### **CONSTRUCTION PROGRESSION**

**Construction Permits** represent permission to construct, add or renovate a structure (i.e. buildings, walls, docks, etc.) at which time the estimated cost of the proposed structure is given.

**Construction Starts** represent those structures on which the first phase of construction has begun.

**Construction Completions** represent those structures which are registered as being completed.

### **TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION**

**"Public"** represents construction of buildings for public use such as schools, offices, airports, etc. by the Government.

**"Private/Residential"** represents construction of residential structures such as houses, apartments and duplexes.

**"Commercial/Industrial"** represents construction of offices, churches, malls, hotels etc. by private businesses or individuals.

## **DATA HIGHLIGHTS:**

### **CONSTRUCTION PERMITS**

The second quarter data for 2017 indicated that the total number of Permits Issued for All Bahamas (371) was eighty-eight units more than the figure recorded in the first quarter 2017. The value of Permits Issued decreased by approximately \$15 million during this period, from approximately \$94 million in the first quarter of 2017 to \$80 million in the second quarter. The main reasons for this decline in value were decreases in the Commercial/Industrial Sector (\$23 million) and the Public Sector (\$14 million). However, the effect of these decreases was partially mitigated by an increase in the Private/Residential Sector (\$22 million).

### **CONSTRUCTION STARTS**

Although there was an increase in the number of Construction Starts between 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2017 (102) and 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2017 (110), the value had decreased by approximately \$30 million. The main factors that contributed to the decline in the value of Construction Starts were decreases in the Grand Bahama's Public Sector (\$28 million) and in New Providence's Commercial/Industrial Sector (\$7 million).

### **CONSTRUCTION COMPLETIONS**

The total number of Construction Completions in the second quarter of 2017 showed an increase of 19 units - 136 units in the first quarter of 2017 compared to 155 in the second quarter. This increase was also reflected in the value, which increased from approximately \$49 million in the first quarter of 2017 to approximately \$62 million in the second quarter.

**NUMBER OF CONSTRUCTION PERMITS ISSUED  
ALL BAHAMAS BY QUARTER  
2014 - 2ND QUARTER 2017**

	NEW PROVIDENCE				GRAND BAHAMA			
PERIOD	PRIVATE/ RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL/ INDUSTRIAL	PUBLIC	TOTAL	PRIVATE/ RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL/ INDUSTRIAL	PUBLIC	TOTAL
<b>2014</b>	<b>851</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1088</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>306</b>
1ST QTR	198	43	3	244	63	29	4	96
2ND QTR	218	61	6	285	60	32	1	93
3RD QTR	240	55	5	300	33	18	2	53
4TH QTR	195	62	2	259	38	25	1	64
<b>2015</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>964</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>301</b>
1ST QTR	187	48	3	238	38	20	1	59
2ND QTR	204	81	0	285	48	23	6	77
3RD QTR	192	52	2	246	26	26	2	54
4TH QTR	143	49	3	195	70	32	9	111
<b>2016</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>895</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>234</b>
1ST QTR	188	39	2	229	48	28	4	80
2ND QTR	181	30	2	213	48	37	4	89
3RD QTR	184	81	1	266	24	14	0	38
4TH QTR	135	50	2	187	17	9	1	27
<b>2017</b>								
1ST QTR	184	28	5	217	32	28	5	65
2ND QTR	229	34	5	268	56	43	3	102
	OTHER FAMILY ISLANDS				THE BAHAMAS			
PERIOD	PRIVATE/ RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL/ INDUSTRIAL	PUBLIC	TOTAL	PRIVATE/ RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL/ INDUSTRIAL	PUBLIC	TOTAL
<b>2014</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1049</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1418</b>
1st QTR	0	0	0	0	261	72	7	340
2nd QTR	2	2	0	4	280	95	7	382
3rd QTR	2	1	0	3	275	74	7	356
4th QTR	0	12	5	17	233	99	8	340
<b>2015</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1298</b>
1st QTR	1	3	2	6	226	71	6	303
2nd QTR	1	3	0	4	253	107	6	366
3rd QTR	17	1	0	18	235	79	4	318
4th QTR	1	4	0	5	214	85	12	311
<b>2016</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1,136</b>
1ST QTR	0	1	0	1	236	68	6	310
2ND QTR	1	0	1	2	230	67	7	304
3RD QTR	0	1	0	1	208	96	1	305
4TH QTR	1	1	1	3	153	60	4	217
<b>2017</b>								
1ST QTR	0	0	1	1	216	56	11	283
2ND QTR	0	1	0	1	285	78	8	371

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	NEW PROVIDENCE				GRAND BAHAMA			
PERIOD	PRIVATE/ RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL/ INDUSTRIAL	PUBLIC	TOTAL	PRIVATE/ RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL/ INDUSTRIAL	PUBLIC	TOTAL
<b>2014</b>	<b>298,315</b>	<b>155,487</b>	<b>24,663</b>	<b>478,465</b>	<b>19,160</b>	<b>24,597</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>44,165</b>
1ST QTR	72,068	25,558	251	97,877	5,477	6,434	19	11,929
2ND QTR	56,252	18,316	8,616	83,184	6,717	14,372	75	21,164
3RD QTR	105,439	60,346	15,721	181,506	3,097	1,088	206	4,390
4TH QTR	64,556	51,267	75	115,898	3,869	2,704	109	6,681
<b>2015</b>	<b>254,562</b>	<b>175,310</b>	<b>12,104</b>	<b>441,975</b>	<b>25,102</b>	<b>21,014</b>	<b>5,916</b>	<b>52,032</b>
1ST QTR	45,459	28,030	408	73,897	5,237	2,836	60	8,133
2ND QTR	106,738	39,550	-	146,289	5,239	9,511	5,291	20,041
3RD QTR	55,785	19,505	3,781	79,071	3,117	4,410	430	7,957
4TH QTR	46,579	88,224	7,915	142,718	11,510	4,257	135	15,902
<b>2016</b>	<b>292,127</b>	<b>124,443</b>	<b>31,836</b>	<b>448,406</b>	<b>18,399</b>	<b>26,911</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>46,129</b>
1ST QTR	52,505	21,587	24,603	98,695	7,537	12,881	599	21,017
2ND QTR	59,012	14,652	4,770	78,434	5,843	9,136	211	15,190
3RD QTR	100,670	49,508	480	150,658	3,125	2,414	-	5,539
4TH QTR	79,939	38,698	1,983	120,620	1,895	2,480	9	4,385
<b>2017</b>								
1ST QTR	35,663	16,345	4,008	56,016	3,368	22,752	12,113	38,233
2ND QTR	54,950	8,629	1,573	65,152	6,160	7,618	523	14,301
	OTHER FAMILY ISLANDS				THE BAHAMAS			
PERIOD	PRIVATE/ RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL/ INDUSTRIAL	PUBLIC	TOTAL	PRIVATE/ RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL/ INDUSTRIAL	PUBLIC	TOTAL
<b>2014</b>	<b>2,128</b>	<b>20,974</b>	<b>14,850</b>	<b>37,952</b>	<b>319,602</b>	<b>201,059</b>	<b>39,921</b>	<b>560,582</b>
1st QTR	-	-	-	-	77,545	31,992	270	109,806
2nd QTR	1,547	1,316	-	2,863	64,516	34,005	8,691	107,211
3rd QTR	581	10	-	591	109,117	61,443	15,927	186,487
4th QTR	-	19,648	14,850	34,498	68,424	73,619	15,034	157,077
<b>2015</b>	<b>29,733</b>	<b>23,244</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>53,798</b>	<b>309,397</b>	<b>219,568</b>	<b>18,841</b>	<b>547,806</b>
1st QTR	1,500	2,111	821	4,433	52,196	32,978	1,289	86,462
2nd QTR	200	17,753	-	17,953	112,177	66,814	5,291	184,282
3rd QTR	27,553	77	-	27,630	86,454	23,992	4,211	114,658
4th QTR	480	3,303	-	3,783	58,569	95,784	8,050	162,403
<b>2016</b>								
1ST QTR	-	39,124	-	39,124	60,042	73,591	25,203	158,835
2nd QTR	2,168	-	2,300	4,468	67,023	23,788	7,280	98,091
3RD QTR	-	450	-	450	103,795	52,372	480	156,646
4TH QTR	150	1,500	60	1,710	81,984	42,678	2,052	126,714
<b>2017</b>								
1ST QTR	-	-	218	218	39,031	39,097	16,339	94,468
2ND QTR	-	148	-	148	61,110	16,394	2,096	79,600

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**NUMBER OF CONSTRUCTION STARTS ISSUED  
ALL BAHAMAS BY QUARTER  
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	NEW PROVIDENCE				GRAND BAHAMA				THE BAHAMAS			
PERIOD	PRIVATE/ RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL/ INDUSTRIAL	PUBLIC	TOTAL	PRIVATE/ RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL/ INDUSTRIAL	PUBLIC	TOTAL	PRIVATE/ RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL/ INDUSTRIAL	PUBLIC	TOTAL
<b>2014</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>448</b>
1ST QTR	96	11	0	107	23	12	1	36	119	23	1	143
2ND QTR	68	5	0	73	21	10	1	32	89	15	1	105
3RD QTR	71	9	1	81	17	8	0	25	88	17	1	106
4TH QTR	62	6	1	69	19	6	0	25	81	12	1	94
<b>2015</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>412</b>
1ST QTR	72	4	1	77	19	9	0	28	91	13	1	105
2ND QTR	56	2	1	59	16	8	2	26	72	10	3	85
3RD QTR	83	10	0	93	26	8	1	35	109	18	1	128
4TH QTR	54	7	0	61	17	16	0	33	71	23	0	94
<b>2016</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>352</b>
1ST QTR	63	6	0	69	53	5	0	58	116	11	0	127
2nd QTR	73	6	0	79	21	11	0	32	94	17	0	111
3RD QTR	45	3	1	49	9	5	0	14	54	8	1	63
4TH QTR	40	3	0	43	6	2	0	8	46	5	0	51
<b>2017</b>												
1ST QTR	63	13	1	77	11	4	10	25	74	17	11	102
2ND QTR	80	6	1	87	21	2	0	23	101	8	1	110

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<b>2014</b>	<b>87,071</b>	<b>21,216</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>108,508</b>	<b>13,847</b>	<b>6,845</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>20,771</b>	<b>100,918</b>	<b>28,060</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>129,279</b>
1ST QTR	32,408	12,473	-	44,881	3,421	4,091	5	7,516	35,829	16,564	5	52,397
2ND QTR	15,174	768	-	15,943	3,598	2,104	75	5,777	18,772	2,872	75	21,719
3RD QTR	17,165	4,527	111	21,802	3,361	22	-	3,384	20,526	4,549	111	25,186
4TH QTR	22,324	3,447	111	25,883	3,467	627	-	4,094	25,791	4,075	111	29,977
<b>2015</b>	<b>72,802</b>	<b>20,338</b>	<b>1,158</b>	<b>94,298</b>	<b>13,500</b>	<b>4,270</b>	<b>5,020</b>	<b>22,790</b>	<b>86,302</b>	<b>24,608</b>	<b>6,178</b>	<b>117,088</b>
1ST QTR	20,210	2,059	62	22,331	3,397	876	-	4,272	23,607	2,934	62	26,603
2ND QTR	17,027	948	1,095	19,070	2,191	143	20	2,354	19,217	1,091	1,115	21,424
3RD QTR	21,083	9,746	-	30,828	4,254	840	5,000	10,094	25,337	10,585	5,000	40,922
4TH QTR	14,483	7,586	-	22,069	3,658	2,412	-	6,070	18,141	9,998	-	28,139
<b>2016</b>	<b>58,571</b>	<b>8,564</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>67,383</b>	<b>14,958</b>	<b>13,896</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,853</b>	<b>73,528</b>	<b>22,459</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>96,237</b>
1ST QTR	13,701	4,667	-	18,368	8,521	1,751	-	10,271	22,222	6,418	-	28,639
2nd QTR	19,217	1,387	-	20,604	2,907	6,977	-	9,884	22,124	8,365	-	30,489
3RD QTR	11,753	1,368	249	13,370	1,724	2,132	-	3,857	13,477	3,500	249	17,227
4TH QTR	13,900	1,142	-	15,041	1,806	3,035	-	4,841	15,705	4,177	-	19,882
<b>2017</b>												
1ST QTR	16,200	14,565	857	31,621	2,240	61	27,756	30,057	18,440	14,626	28,613	61,678
2ND QTR	21,142	7,250	108	28,500	2,316	875	-	3,191	23,457	8,125	108	31,690

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**NUMBER OF CONSTRUCTION COMPLETIONS ISSUED  
ALL BAHAMAS BY QUARTER  
2014 - 2ND QUARTER 2017**

	NEW PROVIDENCE				GRAND BAHAMA				THE BAHAMAS			
PERIOD	PRIVATE/ RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL/ INDUSTRIAL	PUBLIC	TOTAL	PRIVATE/ RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL/ INDUSTRIAL	PUBLIC	TOTAL	PRIVATE/ RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL/ INDUSTRIAL	PUBLIC	TOTAL
<b>2014</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>630</b>
1ST QTR	79	23	0	102	34	12	0	46	113	35	0	148
2ND QTR	74	31	1	106	26	16	0	42	100	47	1	148
3RD QTR	92	13	0	105	22	8	0	30	114	21	0	135
4TH QTR	125	27	3	155	27	16	1	44	152	43	4	199
<b>2015</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>586</b>
1ST QTR	69	25	0	94	10	5	0	15	79	30	0	109
2ND QTR	86	21	0	107	12	21	1	34	98	42	1	141
3RD QTR	94	23	1	118	16	23	0	39	110	46	1	157
4TH QTR	109	14	3	126	41	11	1	53	150	25	4	179
<b>2016</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>626</b>
1ST QTR	83	18	2	103	15	6	0	21	98	24	2	124
2nd QTR	96	16	0	112	21	18	2	41	117	34	2	153
3RD QTR	116	26	0	142	29	33	0	62	145	59	0	204
4TH QTR	82	32	0	114	22	9	0	31	104	41	0	145
<b>2017</b>												
1ST QTR	89	22	0	111	14	10	1	25	103	32	1	136
2ND QTR	91	23	3	117	26	12	0	38	117	35	3	155

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<b>2014</b>	<b>120,605</b>	<b>38,582</b>	<b>54,733</b>	<b>213,920</b>	<b>21,349</b>	<b>15,128</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>36,627</b>	<b>141,953</b>	<b>53,710</b>	<b>54,883</b>	<b>250,546</b>
1ST QTR	18,176	5,582	-	23,758	6,403	1,293	-	7,696	24,579	6,875	-	31,454
2ND QTR	19,472	13,678	1,200	34,350	3,929	1,147	-	5,076	23,401	14,825	1,200	39,426
3RD QTR	33,814	5,201	-	39,015	3,425	1,885	-	5,310	37,239	7,087	-	44,325
4TH QTR	49,143	14,120	53,533	116,797	7,592	10,803	150	18,545	56,735	24,923	53,683	135,341
<b>2015</b>	<b>147,015</b>	<b>57,757</b>	<b>3,231</b>	<b>208,003</b>	<b>12,630</b>	<b>8,285</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>20,933</b>	<b>159,644</b>	<b>66,042</b>	<b>3,249</b>	<b>228,936</b>
1ST QTR	23,811	11,719	-	35,529	2,547	1,414	-	3,962	26,358	13,133	-	39,491
2ND QTR	45,654	15,187	-	60,841	1,695	1,249	10	2,954	47,349	16,437	10	63,795
3RD QTR	42,022	14,532	322	56,876	2,537	3,679	-	6,216	44,559	18,212	322	63,092
4TH QTR	35,527	16,319	2,910	54,757	5,851	1,942	8	7,800	41,378	18,261	2,918	62,557
<b>2016</b>	<b>177,261</b>	<b>74,203</b>	<b>6,574</b>	<b>258,037</b>	<b>21,485</b>	<b>24,947</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>46,619</b>	<b>198,745</b>	<b>99,150</b>	<b>6,761</b>	<b>304,656</b>
1ST QTR	22,477	5,008	5,010	32,495	2,698	8,587	-	11,285	25,176	13,594	5,010	43,780
2nd QTR	25,112	22,226	-	47,337	3,013	7,493	173	10,678	28,125	29,718	173	58,016
3RD QTR	30,965	5,091	-	36,056	4,413	3,452	-	7,866	35,378	8,543	-	43,921
4TH QTR	28,685	12,422	-	41,108	5,193	1,763	-	6,956	33,879	14,185	-	48,064
<b>2017</b>												
1ST QTR	28,342	17,346	-	45,688	1,891	1,096	15	3,002	30,233	18,442	15	48,690
2ND QTR	41,680	12,110	1,563	55,354	4,275	2,556	-	6,832	45,955	14,666	1,563	62,185

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