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KEY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS 1995-1999, 2001-2005

ITEM	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Total Labour Force										
All Bahamas	143,030	146,635	149,915	156,470	157,640	164,675	167,980	173,795	176,330	178,705
New Providence	98,900	102,965	104,315	111,370	113,240	117,900	119,700	123,380	125,385	128,630
Grand Bahama	21,500	20,945	22,495	22,200	23,900	25,055	25,190	26,350	26,465	27,305
Employed Labour Force										
All Bahamas	127,440	129,765	135,255	144,355	145,350	153,310	152,690	154,965	158,340	160,530
New Providence	88,200	90,665	93,465	103,270	104,440	109,770	108,255	108,685	111,725	114,660
Grand Bahama	19,300	18,730	20,535	20,090	21,625	23,345	23,580	24,050	24,000	24,305
Unemployed Labour Force										
All Bahamas	15,590	16,870	14,660	12,115	12,290	11,365	15,290	18,830	17,990	18,175
New Providence	10,700	12,300	10,850	8,100	8,800	8,130	11,445	14,695	13,660	13,970
Grand Bahama	2,200	2,215	1,960	2,110	2,275	1,710	1,610	2,300	2,465	3,000
Labour Force Participation Rate										
All Bahamas	73.9%	73.7%	74.9%	77.3%	76.8%	76.2%	76.4%	76.5%	75.7%	76.3%
New Providence	74.6%	76.1%	75.5%	78.3%	77.7%	78.1%	77.6%	78.0%	77.5%	77.5%
Grand Bahama	76.3%	72.8%	74.9%	73.0%	75.3%	75.2%	74.4%	76.0%	74.7%	74.7%
Unemployment Rate										
All Bahamas	10.9%	11.5%	9.8%	7.8%	7.8%	6.9%	9.1%	10.8%	10.2%	10.2%
New Providence	10.8%	11.9%	10.4%	7.3%	7.8%	6.9%	9.6%	11.9%	10.9%	10.9%
Grand Bahama	10.2%	10.6%	8.7%	9.6%	9.5%	6.8%	6.4%	8.7%	9.3%	11.0%

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LABOUR FORCE DATA ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR THE YEAR 2000 WHICH WAS CENSUS YEAR. THE CENSUS IS A MAJOR NATIONAL PROJECT THEREFORE, NO OTHER HOUSEHOLD SURVEYS ARE UNDERTAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT DURING THAT YEAR.