The Bahamas National Accounts

During the global COVID-19 pandemic
Operations despite lockdowns

• 1st lockdown approx. two (2) months (March 20th – May 11th)
• Department of Statistics offices closed completely during the first lockdown.
• 2nd lockdown August 2020
• 3rd lockdown Oct 8th 2020
Working Remotely

- Limited Ability (Required Govt laptop/VPN Access)
- Only the National Accounts Supervisor and Unit Coordinator had remote access
- During the lockdown staff were only able to participate in virtual meetings (reviewed data prior to public release)
• Affected data included:
  • Business Establishment Survey (low response rate)
  • Foreign Trade Statistics
  • Consumer Price Index
• There was not an official press release at the office
• The National Accounts Annual Report 2019 released (late July 2020)
• Quarterly National Accounts
  • Production and Expenditure
    (1st Qtr 2015 – 4th Qtr 2019)
• Regional GDP (GDP by Island) 2015-2019 was published 1st week Oct, 2020
• Preliminary TSA completed and approved – report currently being prepared for publication.