

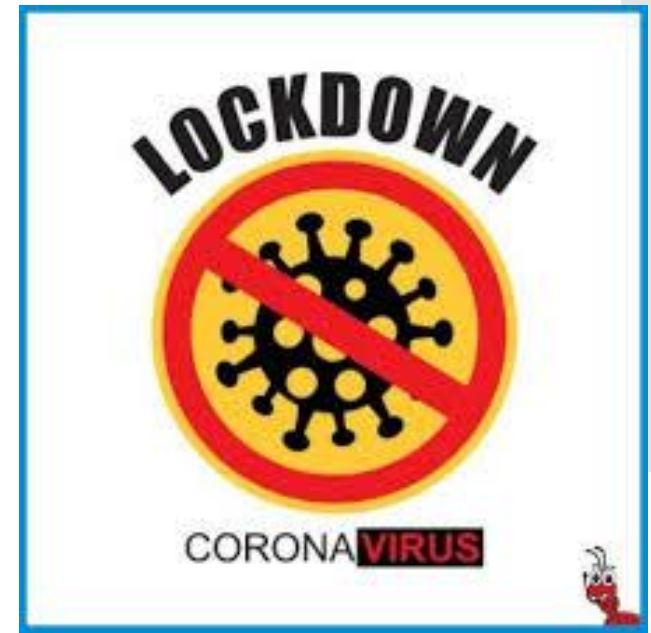
The Bahamas National Accounts

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)



Data collection

- Affected data included:
 - Business Establishment Survey (low response rate)
 - Foreign Trade Statistics
 - Consumer Price Index

Data Dissemination



- 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.