

**STOPOVER VISITORS BY MONTH
ISLANDS OF THE BAHAMAS
PRELIMINARY
2018**

Month	All Bahamas			Nassau/P.I			Grand Bahama			Out Islands		
	2018	2017	% Chg	2018	2017	% Chg	2018	2017	% Chg	2018	2017	% Chg
Jan	105,564	96,994	8.8%	73,190	67,185	8.9%	11,165	9,720	14.9%	21,209	20,089	5.6%
Feb	135,469	115,922	16.9%	89,204	76,531	16.6%	15,441	13,633	13.3%	30,824	25,758	19.7%
Mar	188,002	157,195	19.6%	125,220	102,654	22.0%	19,068	17,411	9.5%	43,714	37,130	17.7%
Apr	148,769	151,452	-1.8%	102,310	94,405	8.4%	15,228	16,711	-8.9%	31,231	40,336	-22.6%
May	143,709	133,084	8.0%	95,520	79,949	19.5%	14,197	13,985	1.5%	33,992	39,150	-13.2%
Jun	161,591	154,774	4.4%	100,303	94,085	6.6%	19,964	17,639	13.2%	41,324	43,050	-4.0%
Jul	171,229	169,123	1.2%	104,589	104,249	0.3%	18,787	18,071	4.0%	47,853	46,803	2.2%
Aug	144,230	121,454	18.8%	95,774	80,739	18.6%	15,504	13,039	18.9%	32,952	27,676	19.1%
Sep	68,943	44,399	55.3%	50,469	31,400	60.7%	6,067	4,868	24.6%	12,407	8,131	52.6%
Oct	83,254	66,918	24.4%	63,628	49,097	29.6%	6,209	7,482	-17.0%	13,417	10,339	29.8%
Nov	119,221	97,986	21.7%	85,501	70,484	21.3%	10,173	9,078	12.1%	23,547	18,424	27.8%
Dec	157,140	132,393	18.7%	109,777	91,024	20.6%	12,945	12,428	4.2%	34,418	28,941	18.9%
Total	1,627,121	1,441,694	12.9%	1,095,485	941,802	16.3%	164,748	154,065	6.9%	366,888	345,827	6.1%

Source: Immigration Cards and Research and Statistics Dept. Bahamas Ministry of Tourism

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The Lynden Pindling Airport in Nassau in the Bahamas was closed on Sept. 8th and 9th 2017 in anticipation of Hurricane Irma. Hurricane Irma passed through The Bahamas between September 8 to 11, 2017, although some airports in the Bahamas closed on the 7th in anticipation of the storm. Some islands like Grand Bahama and Bimini did not sustain direct hits from the hurricane but were severely affected by tornados that spun out as a result of Hurricane Irma as that storm approached Florida.

Hurricane Maria passed close to the Southern Islands of the Bahamas and near the Turks and Caicos Islands on September 22, 2017.

Hurricane Jose stayed in the Atlantic Ocean but meandered off the coast of some of the Caribbean islands September 9th to September 17, 2017. Hurricane Matthew passed through the Islands of the Bahamas between October 5 to 8, 2016 and did cause hotel closures in Nassau/P.I. & other islands that extended into 2017.

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	2017	2016	% Chg	2017	2016	% Chg	2017	2016	% Chg	2017	2016	% Chg
Jan	96,994	100,431	-3.4%	67,185	66,779	0.6%	9,720	16,780	-42.1%	20,089	16,872	19.1%
Feb	115,922	123,575	-6.2%	76,531	82,099	-6.8%	13,633	19,385	-29.7%	25,758	22,091	16.6%
Mar	157,195	183,020	-14.1%	102,654	116,521	-11.9%	17,411	26,662	-34.7%	37,130	39,837	-6.8%
Apr	151,452	143,360	5.6%	94,405	92,544	2.0%	16,711	21,733	-23.1%	40,336	29,083	38.7%
May	133,084	140,044	-5.0%	79,949	82,433	-3.0%	13,985	22,742	-38.5%	39,150	34,869	12.3%
Jun	154,774	155,838	-0.7%	94,085	91,370	3.0%	17,639	27,289	-35.4%	43,050	37,179	15.8%
Jul	169,123	175,109	-3.4%	104,249	104,296	0.0%	18,071	29,921	-39.6%	46,803	40,892	14.5%
Aug	121,454	125,297	-3.1%	80,739	79,296	1.8%	13,039	22,949	-43.2%	27,676	23,052	20.1%
Sep	44,399	78,428	-43.4%	31,400	48,636	-35.4%	4,868	15,530	-68.7%	8,131	14,262	-43.0%
Oct	66,918	55,121	21.4%	49,097	43,002	14.2%	7,482	3,627	106.3%	10,339	8,492	21.7%
Nov	97,986	92,195	6.3%	70,484	68,333	3.1%	9,078	4,380	107.3%	18,424	19,482	-5.4%
Dec	132,393	127,810	3.6%	91,024	88,371	3.0%	12,428	10,307	20.6%	28,941	29,132	-0.7%
Total	1,441,694	1,500,228	-3.9%	941,802	963,680	-2.3%	154,065	221,305	-30.4%	345,827	315,243	9.7%

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