Economic Impact of Tourism in The Bahamas

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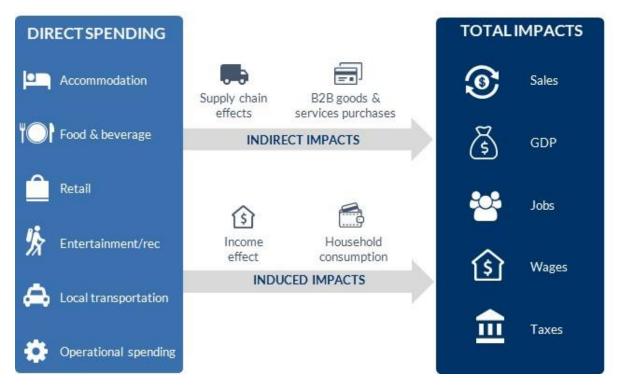
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Economic impact...what's included?

There are three "core" channels of impact: direct, indirect, and induced

Economic impact flowchart



Source: Tourism Economics



These assessments build layers of impact

And can include investment and government activity as well as direct spending

DIRECT TRAVEL& TOURISM IMPACT

PRODUCTS

- Accommodation
- Transportation
- Entertainment
- Attractions

PRODUCTION

- Hotels & catering
- Retail
- Transportation services
- Business services

SOURCES OF SPENDING

- Residents domestic T&T spending
- Businesses domestic travel spending
- Visitor exports
- Individual government T&T spending

INDIRECT TRAVEL & TOURISM IMPACT

T&T investment spending

Impact of purchases from suppliers

Government collective T&T spending

Net of imports

INDUCED (SPENDING OF DIRECT AND INDIRECT EMPLOYEES)

Food & beverage

Recreation

Clothing

Housing

Household goods

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF TOURISM

WIDER & CATALYTIC IMPACTS

Travel & Tourism goods' exports, supporting tourism spending in other countries

Provision of air travel infrastructure, catalyzing international trade

National image promotion

Maintaining families & social networks together

Cultural externalities

Spreading knowledge, supporting education

Training of skilled workers and diversity of talent

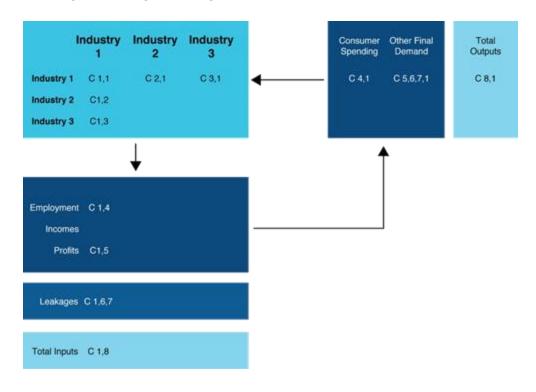
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IO models trace the impact of spending

They give snapshot of an economy at a point in time, showing the major spending flows

A simplified input-output model



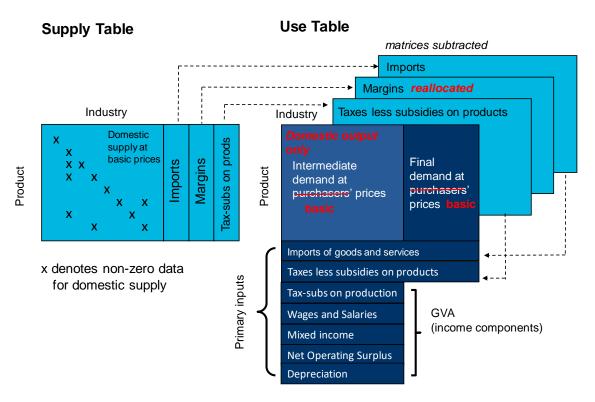
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IO models are derived from Supply and Use tables

By using data from the supply table to transform the use table into an IO table and then constructing a matrix of coefficients for the economy

Transforming supply and use tables into domestic input-output model



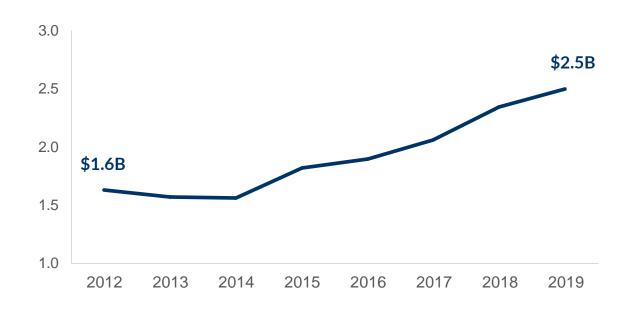
Thank you to The Bahamas Department of Statistics who provided detailed SUTs for 2012



Pre-crisis direct tourism GDP had increased 54% from 2012 levels

Direct tourism GDP

Amounts in billions of nominal dollars



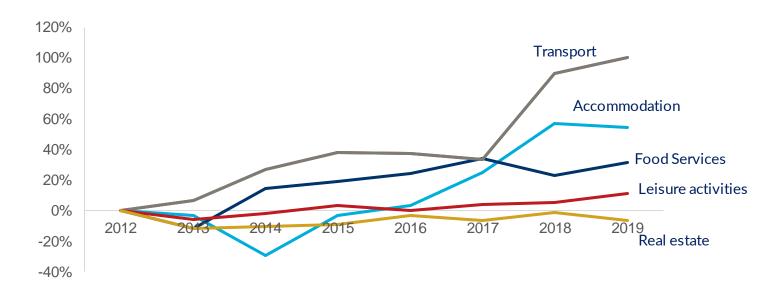
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Although sub-sector growth varied during this period

Components of direct tourism GDP

Amounts in percentage change since 2012

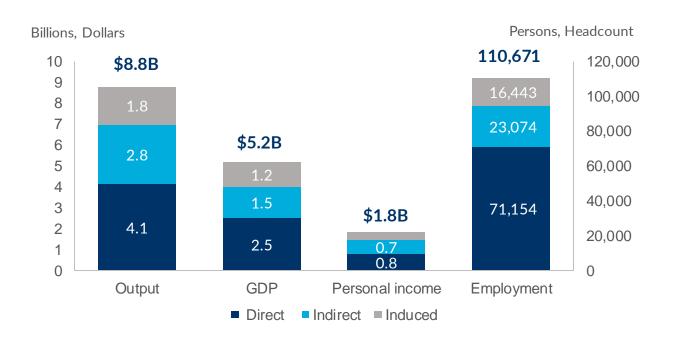


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Adding together the direct impact with the multiplier effects gives the total impact

Total impacts of tourism in The Bahamas, 2019



Source: Tourism Economics

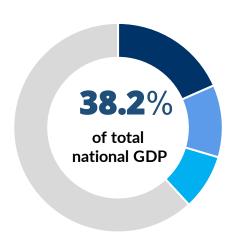


Tourism's total impact represented 38.2% of Bahamas GDP in 2019

And 51.5% of total employment

Economic impacts in context

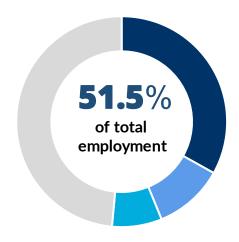
Share of Bahamian total GDP and employment sustained by tourism





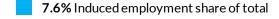












Impact assessments can be critical to the promotion of tourism development



Track the importance of the tourism industry

In absolute and share terms and in comparison to other sectors of the economy



Assess diversification across industries

Including benchmarking to other destinations



Evaluate policy options

Such as air service development, taxes, openness, marketing, investment incentives



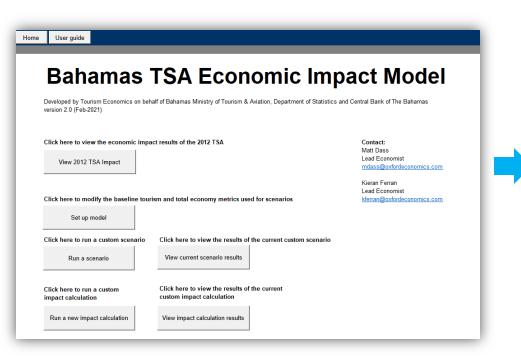
Monitor the recovery

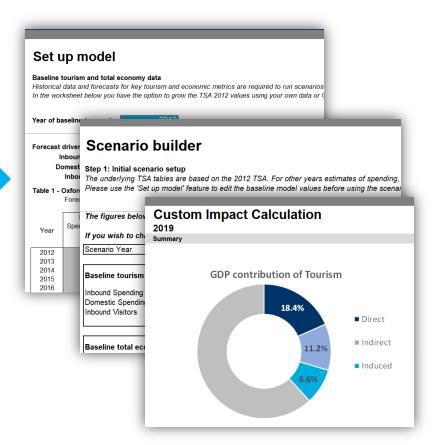
Both domestically and in key source markets



Bahamas TSA Economic Impact Model

An interactive tool to measure the impact of tourism on the Bahamian economy







Bahamas TSA Economic Impact Model

The model builds upon the existing TSA and supply and use tables but allows users to run custom impact calculations and scenarios based on user entered values.

Key model data:

Bahamas TSA 2012

Supply and Use Tables 2012 / Input-Output Model

Model user custom values:

Required

Total economy GDP & employment

Direct tourism GVA

Optional

Direct tourism employment

Government collective spending

Capital investment

Optional Oxford Economics' forecasts to help generate custom impacts:

Inbound spending

Domestic spending

Inbound visitors



Outputs

Impact of tourism (direct, indirect and induced):

Output

GVA

Employment

Compensation of employment

Additional Custom Outputs

Scenario impact results

Comparison of scenario vs baseline impacts



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