



**THE  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE  
BAHAMAS**

**VITAL STATISTICS  
REPORT  
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## **PREFACE**

The annual report of vital statistics is produced by the Department of Statistics from registered vital events of the Registrar General's Department. This includes births, deaths, and marriages for 2013. Statistical information on divorces was compiled from the records of the Supreme Court Registry. However, divorces presented in this report are limited to the yearly aggregates.

National registration of vital events such as births and deaths became mandatory within the legal framework of this country over two centuries ago. Statistical tabulations of births and deaths in The Bahamas which date back to the 1940s were produced by the Registrar General's Department (Civil Registry). In 1968, the Department of Statistics was established by law. As a result, all statistical reporting of vital events and other data became the responsibility of the Department.

The Department of Statistics maintains a close working relationship with the Ministry of Health, as it pertains to a number of vital statistics occurrences such as the annual census of live births. Crude rates such as infant mortalities and stillbirths are estimated on the number of occurrences. These annual percentages and rates are key when measuring demographic changes.

Historically, the annual registration of births in The Bahamas has lagged more than 30%. In recent years the percentage of births registered has increased considerably. This is due in part to technological improvements. In 2013, the country recorded 4,441 live births of which 4,330 were registered, resulting in an under registration of 2.5% or 111 live births that were not registered and are therefore not included in the live-birth analysis of this report.

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**AGE-SPECIFIC FERTILITY RATES,  
BASED ON LIVE-BIRTHS BY OCCURRENCE,  
ALL BAHAMAS: 2011 – 2013**

**TABLE 7**

AGE GROUP	2011R			2012R			2013		
	Number of Women	Number of Live Births Occurrence	Age-Specific Fertility Rate	Number of Women	Number of Live Births Occurrence	Age-Specific Fertility Rate	Number of Women	Number of Live Births Occurrence	Age-Specific Fertility Rate
15 - 19	15,730	520	33.3	15,860	545	33.3	15,920	462	29
20 - 24	13,630	883	60.3	14,040	1121	60.3	14,530	1075	72.1
25 - 29	13,800	1,471	111	13,630	1,225	111	13,450	1108	82.4
30 - 34	14,050	891	69.1	14,080	1,060	69.1	14,150	954	67.4
35 - 39	15,200	993	69.4	15,050	691	69.4	14,820	642	43.3
40 - 44	13,990	139	9.8	14,380	210	9.8	14,790	187	12.6
45 - 49	13,210	98	7.1	13,300	16	7.1	13,340	9	0.67
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>99,610</b>	<b>4,995</b>		<b>100,340</b>	<b>4,865</b>		<b>101,000</b>	<b>4,437</b>	

Note: Figures for 2011 and 2012 were revised.