



BAHAMAS PUBLIC FORECAST

BAHAMAS PUBLIC FORECAST FOR THIS AFTERNOON AND TONIGHT AND THE NEXT SIX (6) DAYS, ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 12:00 P.M. EDT, THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECAST WILL BE ISSUED AT 6:00 P.M. EDT.

WARNING IN EFFECT:

There are currently no public warnings in effect at this time. For additional marine information, please view our Marine forecast on our website, met.gov.bs.

GENERAL SITUATION:

An unsettled weather pattern remains over portions of the Central and Southeast Bahamas this afternoon, as an upper-level disturbance meanders along the eastern flanks of the island chain. Gradually improving conditions is anticipated across the southern islands by this evening, as the disturbance begins to move further into the Atlantic. Meanwhile, a strengthening surface ridge will produce locally brisk winds across the Bahamas, with pleasant weather conditions persisting across the northern territories throughout the period.

Outlook: This disturbance will continue to linger near the island chain before eventually shifting to the east by Friday. Lingering low-level moisture moving within the easterly wind regime will keep shower chances slightly elevated for the Bahamas heading into the weekend through early next week. By Sunday, strong ridging is expected to dominate weather conditions across the island chain, allowing breezes to strengthen. Near-gale gusts are possible across portions of the Southeast Bahamas through to midweek.

SPECIAL WEATHER NOTES:

Rip Currents: There is a *moderate* to *high* risk of rip currents on all east-coast and Atlantic coastal waters of the island chain. *Swimmers are advised to exercise caution when entering these waters.*

Heat and UV Index: Residents across the **Northern, Northwest & the Central Bahamas** are advised to remain hydrated, wear protective clothing and sunscreen and seek shaded areas while outside during peak sunshine hours today (**11am – 4pm**), as UV indices are expected to be in the *very high* range and heat indices can reach the *upper 90's*.

NORTHERN BAHAMAS

(INCLUDING GRAND BAHAMA, ABACO, BIMINI & ADJACENT WATERS):

SKY CONDITIONS: Mostly sunny this afternoon, turning mostly fair tonight.

PRECIPITATION: 10 – 20% chance of showers.

WINDS: Southeasterly at 10 to 15 knots.

TEMPERATURES:

	MAXIMUM:	MINIMUM:	HEAT INDEX:
	84°F – 90°F / 29°C – 32°C	73°F – 77°F / 23°C – 25°C	93°F – 98°F / 34°C – 37°C

NORTHWEST BAHAMAS

(INCLUDING NEW PROVIDENCE, ANDROS, THE BERRY ISLANDS, ELEUTHERA & ADJACENT WATERS):

SKY CONDITIONS: Partly sunny this afternoon, turning mostly fair tonight.

PRECIPITATION: 10 – 20% chance of showers.

WINDS: East to southeast at 10 to 15 knots with gusty periods.

TEMPERATURES:

	MAXIMUM:	MINIMUM:	HEAT INDEX:
	84°F – 90°F / 29°C – 32°C	73°F – 77°F / 23°C – 25°C	93°F – 98°F / 34°C – 37°C

CENTRAL BAHAMAS

(INCLUDING EXUMA, CAT ISLAND, LONG ISLAND, SAN SALVADOR, RUM CAY & ADJACENT WATERS):

SKY CONDITIONS: A mix of sun and clouds this afternoon, turning mostly fair tonight.

PRECIPITATION: 20 – 40% chance of showers with possible thunderstorms this afternoon, decreasing to a 10 – 30% chance of showers tonight.

WINDS: East to southeast at 15 knots with higher gusts.

TEMPERATURES:

	MAXIMUM:	MINIMUM:	HEAT INDEX:
	82°F – 88°F / 28°C – 31°C	75°F – 79°F / 24°C – 26°C	93°F – 98°F / 34°C – 37°C

**SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS**

(INCLUDING INAGUA, ACKLINS, CROOKED ISLAND, MAYAGUANA, RAGGED ISLAND & ADJACENT WATERS):

SKY CONDITIONS: Partly cloudy to cloudy.
PRECIPITATION: 30 – 50% chance of showers with thunderstorms this afternoon, decreasing to a 20 – 30% chance tonight.
WINDS: East to southeast at 15 to 20 knots but gusty at times.
TEMPERATURES: **MAXIMUM:** 79°F – 86°F / 26°C – 30°C **MINIMUM:** 75°F – 79°F / 24°C – 26°C **HEAT INDEX:** N/A

TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK: The tropics remain quiet and tropical cyclone formation is not expected during the next seven (7) days.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR FRIDAY 22ND MAY, 2026.

SKY CONDITIONS: **Southeast Bahamas:** Partly to variably cloudy during the day, becoming mostly fair at night
Elsewhere: A mix of sun and clouds during the day becoming mostly fair at night.
PRECIPITATION: **Northern and Northwest Bahamas:** 10 to 30% chance of showers with possible afternoon thunderstorms.
Central and Southeast Bahamas: 20 to 40% chance of showers with possible thunderstorms.
WINDS: **Northern and Northwest Bahamas:** East to southeast at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts across the Northwest Bahamas
Central and Southeast Bahamas: East to southeast at 15 to 20 knots.
TEMPERATURES: **MAXIMUM:** 77°F – 88°F / 25°C – 31°C **MINIMUM:** 73°F – 79°F / 23°C – 26°C **HEAT INDEX:** 93°F – 97°F / 34°C – 36°C

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SATURDAY 23RD MAY, 2026.

SKY CONDITIONS: **All areas:** A mix of sun and clouds
PRECIPITATION: **All areas:** 20 to 30% chance of showers.
WINDS: **Northern and Northwest Bahamas:** East to southeast at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts across the Northwest Bahamas.
Central and Southeast Bahamas: Easterly at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts.
TEMPERATURES: **MAXIMUM:** 79°F – 84°F / 26°C – 29°C **MINIMUM:** 73°F – 79°F / 23°C – 26°C **HEAT INDEX:** 93°F – 97°F / 34°C – 36°C

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SUNDAY 24TH MAY, 2026.

SKY CONDITIONS: **All areas:** A mix of sun and clouds
PRECIPITATION: **All areas:** 20 to 30% chance of showers.
WINDS: **Northern and Northwest Bahamas:** East to southeast at 15 knots with higher gusts by the evening hours
Central and Southeast Bahamas: Easterly at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts, increasing to 20 to 25 knots with gusts to **near gale** force possible across the Southeast Bahamas by Sunday night
TEMPERATURES: **MAXIMUM:** 79°F – 84°F / 26°C – 29°C **MINIMUM:** 73°F – 79°F / 23°C – 26°C **HEAT INDEX:** 93°F – 97°F / 34°C – 36°C

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR MONDAY 25TH MAY, 2026.

SKY CONDITIONS: **All areas:** Partly sunny to sunny, turning mostly fair at night.
PRECIPITATION: **All areas:** 10 to 30% chance of showers.
WINDS: **Northern & Northwest Bahamas:** East to southeast at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts.
Central & Southeast Bahamas: Easterly at 20 to 25 knots with gusts to **near gale** force possible across the Southeast Bahamas.
TEMPERATURES: **MAXIMUM:** 81°F – 88°F / 27°C – 31°C **MINIMUM:** 73°F – 79°F / 23°C – 26°C **HEAT INDEX:** N/A

**EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR TUESDAY 26TH MAY, 2026.**

SKY CONDITIONS:	North and Northwest Bahamas: Partly sunny to sunny Central and Southeast Bahamas: Partly sunny		
PRECIPITATION:	Northern and Northwest Bahamas: 10 to 20% chance of shower Central and Southeast Bahamas: 20 to 30% chance of showers		
WINDS:	Northern and Northwest Bahamas: East to southeast 15 to 20 knots. Central and Southeast Bahamas: Easterly at 20 to 25 knots with gusts to near gale force across the Southeast Bahamas.		
TEMPERATURES:	MAXIMUM: 81°F – 88°F / 27°C – 31°C	MINIMUM: 73°F – 79°F / 23°C – 26°C	HEAT INDEX: N/A

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR WEDNESDAY 27TH MAY, 2026.

SKY CONDITIONS:	All Areas: A mix of sun and clouds during the day, becoming mostly fair at night		
PRECIPITATION:	All Areas: 20 to 30% chance of showers.		
WINDS:	Northern Bahamas: Southeasterly at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts Northwest and Central Bahamas: East to southeast 15 to 20 knots. Southeast Bahamas: Easterly at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts		
TEMPERATURES:	MAXIMUM: 77°F – 88°F / 25°C – 31°C	MINIMUM: 73°F – 79°F / 23°C – 26°C	HEAT INDEX: 93°F – 97°F / 34°C – 36°C

SUNSET:

7:48 PM

SUNRISE:6:23 AM FRI**MOONSET:**12:57 AM FRI**MOONRISE:**12:17 PM FRI

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