



## BAHAMAS PUBLIC FORECAST

**BAHAMAS PUBLIC FORECAST FOR THIS AFTERNOON, NIGHT AND THE NEXT SIX (6) DAYS, ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 12:00 P.M. EST, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECAST WILL BE ISSUED AT 6:00 P.M. EST.**

<b>WARNING IN EFFECT:</b>	<p><i>A <b>Near Gale Watch</b> remains in effect for the Northern and Northwest Bahamas. Near-gale winds gusts are possible across the Northern and Northwest Bahamas. Mariners, especially small craft mariners, are advised to seek safe harbour and remain in port.</i></p> <p><i>For additional marine information, please see our Marine Forecast at our website, <a href="http://met.gov.bs">met.gov.bs</a>.</i></p>
<b>GENERAL SITUATION:</b>	<p>The combination of a pre-frontal trough, an active frontal boundary and an abundance of streaming tropical moisture are creating unsettled weather across most of the country today. Rainfall amounts of 1 to 1.5 inches is expected to fall in the Northern to the northern part of the Southeast islands today. Winds are gusting to near gale force across the Northern and parts of the Northwest Bahamas, while winds ahead of the front remains gentle to moderate in the remainder of the islands through tonight.</p> <p><b>Outlook:</b> The front is expected to stall across the Central Islands tomorrow while the trough travels further southeast and remains across the Southeast Bahamas. The Northern Bahamas should begin to see some clearing on Thursday and the Northwest Islands on Friday. The frontal boundary and associated moisture is expected to exit the entire island chain by Saturday afternoon. Rainfall amounts of 1 to 1.5 inches are expected in the Northwest and Central Bahamas on Thursday while the Southeast Bahamas is expected to see rainfall totals of about 1 to 2 inches.</p>
<b>SPECIAL WEATHER NOTES:</b>	<p><b>Thunderstorm Activity/ Severe Weather Potential:</b> There is a <b>moderate risk</b> of severe thunderstorm activity through Friday. Thunderstorms may bring locally gusty winds and periods of heavy showers across portions of the Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas and move into the Southeast Islands on Thursday. The public is urged to keep updated on all severe weather warnings issued by the Bahamas Department of Meteorology.</p> <p><b>Flash Flooding:</b> There is a <b>moderate risk</b> of localized flooding during heavy or prolonged rainfall over portions of the Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas today and across the Northwest, Central and Southeast Islands on Thursday. <i>Residents in low-lying, flood prone and urban areas are ask to exercise caution.</i></p> <p><b>Rip Currents:</b> There is a <b>moderate to high risk</b> of rip currents along all beaches of the archipelago. <i>Beachgoers in areas are urged not to enter into these waters.</i></p>

NORTHERN BAHAMAS (INCLUDING GRAND BAHAMA, ABACO, BIMINI & ADJACENT WATERS):			
<b>SKY CONDITIONS:</b>	Cloudy to overcast through tonight.		
<b>PRECIPITATION:</b>	40 to 60% chance of widespread showers, rain and an isolated thunderstorm.		
<b>WINDS:</b>	Northerly at 20 to 25 knots.		
<b>TEMPERATURES:</b>	<b>MAXIMUM:</b>	<b>MINIMUM:</b>	<b>WIND CHILL:</b>
	72°F – 77°F / 22°C – 25°C	64°F – 68°F / 18°C – 20°C	N/A

NORTHWEST BAHAMAS (INCLUDING NEW PROVIDENCE, ANDROS, THE BERRY ISLANDS, ELEUTHERA & ADJACENT WATERS):			
<b>SKY CONDITIONS:</b>	Cloudy to overcast through tonight.		
<b>PRECIPITATION:</b>	50 to 80% chance of widespread showers, rain and an isolated thunderstorm.		
<b>WINDS:</b>	Northerly at 10 knots or less increasing 15 to 20 knots tonight.		
<b>TEMPERATURES:</b>	<b>MAXIMUM:</b>	<b>MINIMUM:</b>	<b>WIND CHILL:</b>
	72°F – 77°F / 22°C – 25°C	66°F – 70°F / 19°C – 21°C	N/A



CENTRAL BAHAMAS (INCLUDING EXUMA, CAT ISLAND, LONG ISLAND, SAN SALVADOR, RUM CAY & ADJACENT WATERS):			
<b>SKY CONDITIONS:</b>	Cloudy to overcast through tonight.		
<b>PRECIPITATION:</b>	50 to 80% chance of widespread showers, rain and an isolated thunderstorm.		
<b>WINDS:</b>	South to southwest at 10 knots or less.		
<b>TEMPERATURES:</b>	<b>MAXIMUM:</b>	<b>MINIMUM:</b>	<b>WIND CHILL:</b>
	79°F – 82°F / 26°C – 28°C	70°F – 73°F / 21°C – 23°C	N/A

SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS (INCLUDING INAGUA, ACKLINS, CROOKED ISLAND, MAYAGUANA, RAGGED ISLAND & ADJACENT WATERS):			
<b>SKY CONDITIONS:</b>	Partly cloudy to cloudy through tonight		
<b>PRECIPITATION:</b>	20 to 30% chance of isolated showers or a thunderstorm.		
<b>WINDS:</b>	Southeast to south at 10 to 15 knots falling light and variable tonight.		
<b>TEMPERATURES:</b>	<b>MAXIMUM:</b>	<b>MINIMUM:</b>	<b>WIND CHILL:</b>
	79°F – 82°F / 26°C – 28°C	70°F – 73°F / 21°C – 23°C	N/A

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR: THURSDAY 19 <sup>TH</sup> , MARCH 2026.			
<b>SKY CONDITIONS:</b>	<b>Northern Bahamas:</b> Partly cloudy <b>All remaining areas:</b> Cloudy to overcast.		
<b>PRECIPITATION:</b>	<b>Northern Bahamas:</b> 10 to 20% chance of isolated showers. <b>Northwest, Central and Southeast Bahamas:</b> 40 to 80% chance of rain, showers and thunderstorms.		
<b>WINDS:</b>	<b>Northern Bahamas:</b> Northeasterly at 15 to 25 knots with <i>near gale gusts</i> . <b>Northwest Bahamas:</b> Northerly 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts. <b>Central Bahamas:</b> Southwest to west at 10 to 15 knots ahead of the front and northwest to north at 10 to 15 knots behind the front. <b>Southeast Bahamas:</b> Light and variable at 10 knots or less.		
<b>TEMPERATURES:</b>	<b>MAXIMUM:</b>	<b>MINIMUM:</b>	<b>WIND CHILL:</b>
	75°F – 82°F / 24°C – 28°C	64°F – 73°F / 18°C – 23°C	N/A

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR: FRIDAY 20 <sup>TH</sup> , MARCH 2026.			
<b>SKY CONDITIONS:</b>	<b>Northern and Northwest Bahamas:</b> Variably cloudy <b>Elsewhere:</b> Partly cloudy to cloudy becoming overcast in the Southeast Bahamas.		
<b>PRECIPITATION:</b>	<b>Northern and Northwest Bahamas:</b> 20 to 30% chance of showers or an isolated thunderstorm <b>Central and Southeast Bahamas:</b> 30 to 60% chance of showers with thunderstorms.		
<b>WINDS:</b>	<b>Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas:</b> North to Northeast at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts <b>Southeast Bahamas:</b> Variable at less than 10 knots or less, becoming west to northwest at 10 to 15 knots by afternoon hours.		
<b>TEMPERATURES:</b>	<b>MAXIMUM:</b>	<b>MINIMUM:</b>	<b>WIND CHILL:</b>
	79°F – 84°F / 26°C – 29°C	66°F – 77°F / 19°C – 24°C	N/A

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR: SATURDAY 21 <sup>ST</sup> , MARCH 2026.			
<b>SKY CONDITIONS:</b>	<b>All areas:</b> Partly sunny, fair at night.		
<b>PRECIPITATION:</b>	<b>All areas:</b> 10 to 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms.		
<b>WINDS:</b>	<b>Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas:</b> Northeasterly at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts <b>Southeast Bahamas:</b> Northeasterly at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts, decreasing to 10 to 15 knots.		
<b>TEMPERATURES:</b>	<b>MAXIMUM:</b>	<b>MINIMUM:</b>	<b>WIND CHILL:</b>
	79°F – 84°F / 26°C – 29°C	70°F – 77°F / 21°C – 24°C	N/A

**EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR: SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup>, MARCH 2026.**

<b>SKY CONDITIONS:</b>	<b>All areas:</b> Partly to mostly sunny, fair at night.		
<b>PRECIPITATION:</b>	<b>All areas:</b> 10% chance of showers.		
<b>WINDS:</b>	<b>Northern &amp; Northwest Bahamas:</b> Easterly at less than 10 knots <b>Central &amp; Southeast Bahamas:</b> Northeast to east at 10 to 15 knots.		
<b>TEMPERATURES:</b>	<b>MAXIMUM:</b>	<b>MINIMUM:</b>	<b>WIND CHILL:</b>
	79°F – 86°F / 26°C – 30°C	70°F – 77°F / 21°C – 24°C	N/A

**EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR: MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup>, MARCH 2026.**

<b>SKY CONDITIONS:</b>	<b>All areas:</b> Partly cloudy.		
<b>PRECIPITATION:</b>	<b>All areas:</b> 10-30% chance of showers.		
<b>WINDS:</b>	<b>Northern Bahamas:</b> East to southeast at 10 knot or less. <b>Northwest and Central Bahamas:</b> East to southeast at 10 to 15 knots. <b>Southeast Bahamas:</b> East to southeast at 15 knots with higher gusts.		
<b>TEMPERATURES:</b>	<b>MAXIMUM:</b>	<b>MINIMUM:</b>	<b>WIND CHILL:</b>
	79°F – 86°F / 26°C – 30°C	72°F – 77°F / 22°C – 25°C	N/A

**EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR: TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup>, MARCH 2026.**

<b>SKY CONDITIONS:</b>	<b>All areas:</b> A mix of sun and clouds during the day. Mostly fair at night.		
<b>PRECIPITATION:</b>	<b>All areas:</b> 10% chance of showers.		
<b>WINDS:</b>	<b>Northern and Northwest Bahamas:</b> Variable at 10 knots or less. <b>Central Bahamas:</b> Easterly at 10 to 15 knots. <b>Southeast Bahamas:</b> Easterly at 15 knots.		
<b>TEMPERATURES:</b>	<b>MAXIMUM:</b>	<b>MINIMUM:</b>	<b>WIND CHILL:</b>
	79°F – 86°F / 26°C – 30°C	72°F – 77°F / 22°C – 25°C	N/A

<b>SUNSET:</b>	<b>SUNRISE:</b>	<b>MOONSET:</b>	<b>MOONRISE:</b>
7:18 PM	7:15 AM THU	7:10 PM	7:27 AM THU

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