



BAHAMAS PUBLIC FORECAST

FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS, ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 6:00 A.M. EDT, Monday, August 17, 2026, FOR TODAY, TONIGHT AND THE NEXT SIX (6) DAYS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECAST WILL BE ISSUED AT 12:00 P.M. EDT.

A Heat Advisory remains in effect for the Northern and Northwest Bahamas. Residents and visitors should take the necessary precautions while outdoors during peak sunshine hours (10 am – 4 pm) and to safeguard their health as heat indices ranging from 102°F to 116°F are anticipated.

WARNING IN EFFECT:

A Dust Advisory remains in effect for the entire Bahamas, as well as the Turks & Caicos Islands through tomorrow. The level of dust is expected to reach moderate levels which may impact air quality and hinder visibility at times. Residents, especially those with respiratory illnesses, should take precautions to safeguard their health.

High pressure ridging will continue to support generally dry, stable, and warm conditions across most of the island chain today, while Saharan dust lingering across the area will maintain hazy skies while further limiting shower development. A weak pressure gradient across the country will keep breezes light to gentle across the Northern and Northwest Bahamas, and gentle to moderate across the Central and Southeast Bahamas.

GENERAL SITUATION:

Outlook: Shower chances will begin to increase across portions of the Northern Bahamas on Tuesday as weak troughing develops nearby and moisture begins to stream across the area from the Gulf. Meanwhile, ridging and lingering Saharan dust will maintain generally stable conditions across the remainder of the island chain. By Wednesday, troughing is forecast to dig farther south, increasing shower chances across portions of the Northwest Bahamas. By late Thursday into early Friday, an approaching tropical wave will begin to enhance shower activity across the Southeast Bahamas before extending into the Central Bahamas later on Friday.

Rip Currents: There is a moderate to high risk of rip currents for the Central and Southeast Bahamas, while a slight to moderate risk exists over the Northern and Northwest Bahamas. *Beachgoers and swimmers, particularly those in the Central and Southeast Bahamas, are strongly advised to refrain from entering waters along eastern and southern shorelines and Atlantic exposed beaches at this time.*

SPECIAL WEATHER NOTES:

UV Index: Members of the public are advised to wear protective clothing and sunscreen and seek shaded areas while outside during peak sunshine hours (11am – 4pm), as UV indices are expected to be in the very high to extreme range tomorrow.

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

SKY CONDITIONS:	Partly sunny to sunny and hazy today, becoming mostly fair tonight.		
PRECIPITATION:	10% chance of showers this morning, increasing to 10 to 20% this afternoon.		
WINDS:	Southwest to west at less than 10 knots, falling light and variable by the evening hours		
TEMPERATURES:	MAXIMUM:	MINIMUM:	HEAT INDEX:
	90°F – 95°F / 32°C – 35°C	75°F – 82°F / 24°C – 28°C	110°F – 116°F / 43°C – 47°C



NORTHWEST BAHAMAS

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

SKY CONDITIONS: Partly sunny to sunny and hazy today, becoming fair tonight.
PRECIPITATION: 10% chance of showers.
WINDS: Southeast to south at less than 10 knots, becoming light and variable this afternoon.
TEMPERATURES: **MAXIMUM:** **MINIMUM:** **HEAT INDEX:**
90°F – 93°F / 32°C – 34°C 75°F – 82°F / 24°C – 28°C 102°F – 106°F / 38°C – 40°C

CENTRAL BAHAMAS

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

SKY CONDITIONS: Partly sunny and hazy today, becoming fair tonight
PRECIPITATION: 10% chance of showers.
WINDS: Northeast to east at 10 knots or less
TEMPERATURES: **MAXIMUM:** **MINIMUM:** **HEAT INDEX:**
88°F – 92°F / 30°C – 33°C 77°F – 84°F / 25°C – 29°C 98°F – 104°F / 37°C – 39°C

SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS

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

SKY CONDITIONS: A mix of sun, clouds and haze today, becoming mostly fair tonight.
PRECIPITATION: 10% chance of showers.
WINDS: Northeast to east at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts.
TEMPERATURES: **MAXIMUM:** **MINIMUM:** **HEAT INDEX:**
88°F – 92°F / 30°C – 33°C 77°F – 84°F / 25°C – 29°C 98°F – 104°F / 37°C – 39°C

TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK: Tropical cyclone activity is not expected during the next 7 days.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR TUESDAY 18TH AUGUST, 2026:

SKY CONDITIONS: **Northern Bahamas:** Partly sunny during the morning hours, becoming a mix of sun and clouds during the afternoon hours.
Elsewhere: Partly sunny
PRECIPITATION: **Northern Bahamas:** 20% chance of showers and isolated afternoon thunderstorms
Elsewhere: 10 to 20% chance of showers.
Northern and Northwest Bahamas: Southwest to west at 10 knots or less, falling light and variable.
WINDS: **Central Bahamas:** Variable at less than 10 knots
Southeast Bahamas: Easterly at 10 to 15 knots, becoming variable at 10 knots or less by the afternoon hours.
TEMPERATURES: **MAXIMUM:** **MINIMUM:** **HEAT INDEX:**
84°F – 90°F / 29°C – 32°C 77°F – 82°F / 25°C – 28°C 96°F – 104°F / 36°C – 40°C

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR WEDNESDAY 19TH AUGUST, 2026:

SKY CONDITIONS: **All Areas:** A mix of sun and clouds.
PRECIPITATION: **Northern Bahamas:** 20 to 30% chance of showers and isolated afternoon thunderstorms
Elsewhere: 10 to 20% chance of showers.
Northern and Northwest Bahamas: South to southwest at 10 knots or less
Central Bahamas: East to southeast at 10 knots or less, falling light and variable by the afternoon hours
WINDS: **Southeast Bahamas:** Easterly at 10 knots with higher gusts, increasing to 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts by the evening hours.
TEMPERATURES: **MAXIMUM:** **MINIMUM:** **HEAT INDEX:**
84°F – 90°F / 29°C – 32°C 77°F – 82°F / 25°C – 28°C 96°F – 104°F / 36°C – 40°C



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EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR THURSDAY 20TH AUGUST, 2026:

SKY CONDITIONS: **Northern and Northwest Bahamas:** A mix of sun and clouds.
Central and Southeast Bahamas: Partly sunny

PRECIPITATION: **Northern and Northwest Bahamas:** 20 to 30% chance of showers and isolated afternoon thunderstorms.
Central and Southeast Bahamas: 10 to 20% chance of showers.

WINDS: **Northern and Northwest Bahamas:** Southerly at 10 to 15 knots, becoming 10 knots or less by the evening hours.
Central Bahamas: East to southeast at 10 knots or less, increasing to 10 to 15 knots by the evening
Southeast Bahamas: Easterly at 10 to 15 knots, with higher gusts during the evening hours.

TEMPERATURES: **MAXIMUM:** **MINIMUM:** **HEAT INDEX:**
84°F – 90°F / 29°C – 32°C 77°F – 82°F / 25°C – 28°C 96°F – 104°F / 36°C – 40°C

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR FRIDAY 21ST AUGUST, 2026:

SKY CONDITIONS: **Southeast Bahamas:** Partly cloudy
Elsewhere: A mix of sun and clouds.

PRECIPITATION: **Southeast Bahamas:** 20 to 30% chance of showers and isolated thunderstorms
Elsewhere: 10 to 20% chance of showers.

WINDS: **Northern and Northwest Bahamas:** South-southeast to south-southwest at 10 knots or less, falling light and variable at times across the Northwest Bahamas.
Central Bahamas: Easterly at 10 to 15 knots
Southeast Bahamas: East to southeast at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts, increasing to 15 to 20 knots by the evening hours.

TEMPERATURES: **MAXIMUM:** **MINIMUM:** **HEAT INDEX:**
84°F – 91°F / 29°C – 33°C 77°F – 82°F / 25°C – 28°C 96°F – 107°F / 36°C – 42°C

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SATURDAY 22ND AUGUST 2026:

SKY CONDITIONS: **All Areas:** A mix of sun and clouds, with increasing cloudiness through the day

PRECIPITATION: **Northern and Northwest Bahamas:** 20 to 30% chance of showers and isolated thunderstorms
Central and Southeast Bahamas: 10 to 30% chance of showers and isolated thunderstorms
Northern Bahamas: Southeast to south at 10 knots or less, becoming east to southeast at 10 knots or less by the evening hours.

WINDS: **Northwest Bahamas:** East to southeast at 10 to 15 knots, falling light and variable at times
Central and Southeast Bahamas: East to southeast at 15 to 20 knots, with higher gusts across the Southeast Bahamas.

TEMPERATURES: **MAXIMUM:** **MINIMUM:** **HEAT INDEX:**
84°F – 91°F / 29°C – 33°C 77°F – 82°F / 25°C – 28°C 96°F – 107°F / 36°C – 42°C

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST, 2026:

SKY CONDITIONS: **Northern and Northwest Bahamas:** A mix of sun and clouds
Central and Southeast Bahamas: Partly cloudy

PRECIPITATION: **All Areas:** 20 to 30% chance of showers.

WINDS: **Northern and Northwest Bahamas:** Southeast to south at 10 to 15 knots, decreasing to 10 knots or less by the afternoon, becoming east to southeast at 10 to 15 knots across the Northwest Bahamas.
Central and Southeast Bahamas: East to southeast at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts.

TEMPERATURES: **MAXIMUM:** **MINIMUM:** **HEAT INDEX:**
88°F – 95°F / 31°C – 35°C 77°F – 82°F / 25°C – 28°C 98°F – 108°F / 36°C – 42°C

SUNRISE:

6:45 AM

SUNSET:

07:41 PM

MOONRISE:

11:26 A.M.

MOONSET:

10:45 P.M.

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