



BAHAMAS PUBLIC FORECAST

BAHAMAS PUBLIC FORECAST FOR TONIGHT AND THE NEXT SIX (6) DAYS, ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 6:00 P.M. EDT, Friday, October 16, 2026. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECAST WILL BE ISSUED AT 6:00 A.M. EDT TOMORROW.

The Bahamas Department of Meteorology has issued a Special Weather Statement. A strong cold front to bring strong to gale force northeast winds and large and hazardous marine conditions this weekend into early next week.

Near Gale (28-33 knots) Watch is now in effect for the Northern and Northwest Bahamas. A Near Gale Watch means that there is an increased risk for strong, near gale-force winds of 28-33 knots within 48 hours or less. Near gale conditions are possible across the Northern Bahamas from midnight Saturday into Sunday and the Northwest Bahamas from 6 pm Sunday. Frequent gusts to near gale force are possible across the watch areas. Boaters, especially small craft, are urged to seek safe harbour by 6 pm Saturday evening and remain in port.

WARNING IN EFFECT:

Showers and thunderstorm activity will increase over portions of the Northern half of the country late tonight, as high pressure ridging shifts eastward in response to a prefrontal trough and its associated cold front, approaching the Northern Bahamas. These features will increase instability resulting in bouts of unsettled weather during overnight hours into Saturday across the Northern Bahamas and Northwest Bahamas by late morning into afternoon hours. Meanwhile, light southerly winds will occur over the Northern and Northwest Bahamas with moderate winds elsewhere.

GENERAL SITUATION:

Outlook: Showers and thunderstorms will precede an active cold front that will swiftly move across Florida on Saturday and enter the Northern Bahamas by early Sunday. *Heavy and excessive rainfall, along with bouts of unsettled weather is possible across portions of the Northern and Northwest Bahamas, especially on Sunday, as the front stalls near the capital on Monday.* High pressure building behind the front will strengthen the wind field, especially across the Northern Bahamas. *This effect will allow for gale force winds and dangerous, life-threatening maritime conditions to develop in areas north of the front. Please see the Special Weather Statement for more information.* The upper-level trough will gently nudge the swath of active weather tagged with the front southward through next week, allowing a stable weather pattern to settle behind the boundary as a dry air mass infiltrates the area.

SPECIAL WEATHER NOTES:

Rip Currents: There is a *slight* risk of rip currents across all Atlantic-exposed waters. *Beachgoers and swimmers are advised to exercise caution when entering the water, especially in the Southeast Bahamas.*

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

SKY CONDITIONS:	Variably cloudy tonight, becoming partly cloudy to cloudy on Saturday.		
PRECIPITATION:	20 to 30% chance of showers with the chance of isolated thunderstorms. Increasing 30 to 50% by late morning hours on Saturday.		
WINDS:	Southeast to south at 10 knots or less tonight. Shifting south to southwest at 10 knots or less on Saturday ahead of the front, winds are expected to shift north to northeast at 15 to 25 knots with higher gusts late Saturday night into overnight hours.		
TEMPERATURES:	MINIMUM: 75°F – 81°F / 24°C – 27°C	MAXIMUM: 84°F – 88°F / 29°C – 31°C	HEAT INDEX: N/A

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

SKY CONDITIONS:	Variably cloudy tonight with increasing cloudiness expected on Saturday.		
PRECIPITATION:	20 to 40% chance of showers with isolated thunderstorms possible tonight into Saturday.		
WINDS:	Southeast to south at 10 knots or less.		
TEMPERATURES:	MAXIMUM: 75°F – 81°F / 24°C – 27°C	MINIMUM: 84°F – 88°F / 29°C – 31°C	HEAT INDEX: N/A



CENTRAL BAHAMAS			
(INCLUDING EXUMA, CAT ISLAND, LONG ISLAND, SAN SALVADOR, RUM CAY & ADJACENT WATERS):			
SKY CONDITIONS:	Mostly fair with few patches of clouds tonight. Expect a mix of sun and clouds on Saturday.		
PRECIPITATION:	10 to 30% chance of showers with isolated thunderstorms possible.		
WINDS:	East to southeast at 10 to 15 knots tonight, decreasing to 10 knot or less by Saturday afternoon.		
TEMPERATURES:	MAXIMUM:	MINIMUM:	HEAT INDEX:
	75°F – 81°F / 24°C – 27°C	84°F – 88°F / 29°C – 31°C	N/A

SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS			
(INCLUDING INAGUA, ACKLINS, CROOKED ISLAND, MAYAGUANA, RAGGED ISLAND & ADJACENT WATERS):			
SKY CONDITIONS:	Mostly fair tonight. Expect a mix of sun and clouds on Saturday.		
PRECIPITATION:	10 to 30% chance of showers with isolated thunderstorms possible.		
WINDS:	East to southeast at 15 knots or less, decreasing 10 to 15 knots by Saturday afternoon.		
TEMPERATURES:	MAXIMUM:	MINIMUM:	HEAT INDEX:
	75°F – 81°F / 24°C – 27°C	84°F – 88°F / 29°C – 31°C	N/A

TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:	<i>Tropical cyclone activity is not expected during the next seven (7) days.</i>
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EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SUNDAY 18 TH OCTOBER 2026:			
SKY CONDITIONS:	Northern and Northwest Bahamas: Cloudy to overcast.		
	Central Bahamas: A mix of sun and clouds at first, becoming partly cloudy to cloudy by the afternoon hours.		
	Southeast Bahamas: Partly sunny, turning partly cloudy at night.		
PRECIPITATION:	Northern Bahamas: 30 to 50% chance of showers with thunderstorms during the day, decreasing to a 10 to 30% chance of showers by nightfall. <i>Showers may become heavy and thunderstorms strong to severe at times. Localized to extensive flooding is possible.</i>		
	Northwest and Central Bahamas: 40 to 70% chance of showers with thunderstorms, decreasing to a 30 to 50% chance by nightfall. <i>Showers may become heavy and thunderstorms strong to severe at times. Localized to extensive flooding is possible.</i>		
	Southeast Bahamas: 10 to 30% chance of showers.		
WINDS:	Northern Bahamas: Northeasterly at 20 to 30 knots with <i>gusts up to 35 knots.</i>		
	Northwest Bahamas: North-northeast to east-northeast at 10 to 15 knots, increasing 15 to 25 knots with higher gusts by the afternoon hours.		
	Central and Southeast Bahamas: East to southeast at 10 knots or less, shifting northeast to east at 10 to 15 knots by nightfall.		
TEMPERATURES:	MAXIMUM:	MINIMUM:	HEAT INDEX:
	79°F – 86°F / 26°C – 30°C	73°F – 79°F / 23°C – 26°C	N/A

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR MONDAY 19 TH OCTOBER 2026:			
SKY CONDITIONS:	Northern Bahamas: A mix of sun and clouds, turning mostly fair at night.		
	Northwest and Central Bahamas: Partly cloudy.		
	Southeast Bahamas: Partly sunny at first. Expect a mix of sun and clouds by the afternoon hours, turning partly cloudy at night.		
PRECIPITATION:	Northern Bahamas: 10 to 20% chance of showers.		
	Northwest and Southeast Bahamas: 20 to 40% chance of showers with thunderstorms.		
	Central Bahamas: 30 to 50% chance of showers with thunderstorms. <i>Showers may become heavy and thunderstorms strong to severe at times. Localized to extensive flooding is possible.</i>		
WINDS:	Northern Bahamas: Northeasterly at 20 to 25 knots with <i>gusts up to 35 knots.</i>		
	Northwest Bahamas: Northeasterly at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts, decreasing to 15 knots by nightfall.		
	Central and Southeast Bahamas: Northeast to east at 10 to 15 knots.		
TEMPERATURES:	MAXIMUM:	MINIMUM:	HEAT INDEX:
	79°F – 86°F / 26°C – 30°C	73°F – 79°F / 23°C – 26°C	N/A



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EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR TUESDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2026:

SKY CONDITIONS:	Northern and Northwest Bahamas: Partly sunny, turning mostly fair at night.		
	Central and Southeast Bahamas: Partly cloudy to cloudy.		
PRECIPITATION:	Northern and Northwest Bahamas: 10 to 20% chance of showers.		
	Central and Southeast Bahamas: 20 to 40% chance of showers with thunderstorms.		
WINDS:	Northern and Northwest Bahamas: Northeasterly at 15 to 25 knots with higher gusts.		
	Central Bahamas: Northeast to east at 10 to 15 knots, increasing 15 to 20 knots.		
TEMPERATURES:	Southeast Bahamas: East to southeast at 10 knots or less, shifting northeast to east at 15 knots.		
	MAXIMUM:	MINIMUM:	HEAT INDEX:
	84°F – 90°F / 29°C – 32°C	73°F – 79°F / 23°C – 26°C	N/A

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2026:

SKY CONDITIONS:	Northern and Northwest Bahamas: Mostly sunny, turning fair at night.		
	Central Bahamas: A mix of sun and clouds, turning mostly fair at night.		
PRECIPITATION:	Southeast Bahamas: Partly cloudy.		
	Northern and Northwest Bahamas: 10 to 20% chance of showers.		
WINDS:	Central Bahamas: 20 to 30% chance of showers with thunderstorms.		
	Southeast Bahamas: 30 to 50% chance of showers with thunderstorms.		
TEMPERATURES:	Northern and Northwest Bahamas: North-northeast to east-northeast at 15 to 20 knots.		
	Central and Southeast Bahamas: Northeast to east at 10 to 15 knots at first, decreasing 10 knots or less and falling light and variable at times by the afternoon hours.		
	MAXIMUM:	MINIMUM:	HEAT INDEX:
	82°F – 88°F / 28°C – 31°C	72°F – 79°F / 22°C – 26°C	N/A

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2026:

SKY CONDITIONS:	Northern and Northwest Bahamas: Mostly sunny, turning fair at night.		
	Central and Southeast Bahamas: Partly cloudy		
PRECIPITATION:	Northern and Northwest Bahamas: 10 to 20% chance of showers.		
	Central Bahamas: 20 to 30% chance of showers with thunderstorms.		
WINDS:	Northern and Northwest Bahamas: North to northeast at 10 to 15 knots.		
	Central and Southeast Bahamas: Northeast to east at 10 to 15 knots, falling light and variable at times.		
TEMPERATURES:	MAXIMUM:	MINIMUM:	HEAT INDEX:
	84°F – 88°F / 29°C – 31°C	72°F – 79°F / 22°C – 26°C	N/A

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER, 2026:

SKY CONDITIONS:	Partly cloudy to cloudy.		
	Northern and Northwest Bahamas: 20 to 30% chance of showers with thunderstorms.		
PRECIPITATION:	Central and Southeast Bahamas: 30 to 50% chance of showers with thunderstorms. <i>Showers can become heavy and thunderstorms strong to possibly severe at times.</i>		
	Northern and Northwest Bahamas: Northeasterly at 10 to 15 knots, falling light and variable at times.		
WINDS:	Central Bahamas: Northeast to east at 10 knots or less.		
	Southeast Bahamas: Southeast to south at 10 knots or less.		
TEMPERATURES:	MAXIMUM:	MINIMUM:	HEAT INDEX:
	84°F – 88°F / 29°C – 31°C	72°F – 79°F / 22°C – 26°C	N/A

SUNSET:

06:40 PM

SUNRISE:

07:09 AM SAT

MOONSET:

11:02 PM

MOONRISE:

01:21 PM SAT

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