

## BAHAMAS

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The Bahamas is an island country consisting of more than 700 islands. It is north of Cuba and the Dominican Republic and southeast of Miami FL. Nassau is the capital and largest city. The total population on the islands including foreigners is 49,000.

Today, the descendants of slaves and free Africans form the majority of the population. The Bahamas became an independent commonwealth from Great Britain in 1973.

The Bahamas is one of the richest countries in the Americas, following the US and Canada. Tourism as an industry accounts for over 60% of the GDP and provides jobs for more than half of the country's workforce. The next most important sector is financial services which account for around 15% of GDP.

95% profess to be Christians. 36% are evangelicals.

Challenges for prayer: Christian commitment is low. Many congregations are without adequate pastoral care. Most households own bibles but few read them. Revival and a desire for the spreading of the gospel are needed.