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### Symbols

—	zero or less than ½%
p	provisional
*	fiscal year: 1 April – 31 March
r	revised
\$m	millions of dollars
kWh	kilowatt hour
000s	thousands
N.A.	not available
e	estimate

## HISTORICAL NOTES

### 16th Century

Bermuda was sighted by Spanish seaman, Juan de Bermudez, before 1511 (when Bermuda was shown for the first time in Legatio Babylonica by Peter Martyr).

### 17th Century

- 1609 Start of human settlement as a result of shipwreck of the *Sea Venture*, which was bound for Virginia.
- 1612 Permanent settlers arrived from England, one of them being Richard Moore, the first Governor. Town of St. George established.
- 1616 One black and one Indian arrived from West Indies as indentured servants to dive for pearls.
- 1620 House of Assembly formed, giving some measure of internal self-government.

Economy: Whaling, ship-building, tobacco-growing, and beginning of salt-raking in Turks Island (1668-1801).

### 18th Century

- 1730s Resistance to slavery continued to grow.  
First newspaper begins publication (*Bermuda Gazette*).
- 1784 First Postal Service began.
- 1792 Building of Hamilton began.

Economy: Privateering became main economic activity as result of hostilities between England and European countries.

### 19th Century

- 1810 Construction of Dockyard began.
- 1815 Hamilton became the capital city.
- 1834 Abolition of slavery.
- 1839 Bermuda Library founded.
- 1847 Arrival of first Portuguese labourers.
- 1858 First bank established.
- 1887-90 Introduction of first telephone and cable service.
- 1894 King Edward VII Memorial Hospital established.

Economy: Agriculture gained in economic importance; export of spring vegetables to eastern United States.

## 20th Century

- 1901 Tourism emerged as winter season economic activity.
- 1904 Introduction of electricity.
- 1930s Bermuda began promoting itself as a summer tourist resort.
- 1931- 48 Bermuda Railway in operation.
- 1938 Introduction of passenger air service between Bermuda and New York.
- 1944 Women's suffrage granted (with property qualification).
- 1946 General use of cars; establishment of first broadcasting station.
- 1963 Establishment of first political party.
- 1965 Formation of the Bermuda Regiment.
- 1968 New Constitution brought ministerial Government and first general election under universal adult suffrage.
- 1972 Bermuda College was established.
- 1979 Constitutional Conference.
- 1979 Women voluntarily joined the Bermuda Regiment.
- 1984 The Human Rights Act of 1981 became operative.
- 1997 Pamela Gordon was appointed Premier by her United Bermuda Party colleagues, becoming the first female to hold this position.
- 1998 The Progressive Labour Party won its first general election, marking the first change in Government since the establishment of party politics thirty years ago.
- 1998 Jennifer M. Smith, on November 9, 1998, became the first female political party leader to lead her party to a general election victory and then to become the Premier of Bermuda as a result of the said general election.
- Economy: Tourism moved to forefront as primary foreign exchange earner, but gave way to international business during the last decade of the century.

## 21st Century

- 2003 U.K. Parliament passed an Order in Council to amend the parliamentary election process as laid out in the Bermuda Constitution from one based on 20 dual-seat constituencies to 36 single-seat constituencies comprising near equal numbers of eligible voters.
- 2008 Dame Lois Browne-Evans was celebrated as Bermuda's first national hero on the inaugural National Heroes' Day, 13 October 2008.
- 2012 The One Bermuda Alliance won its first general election on 17 December.

## Origin and Geography

Islands (approximately 138) are volcanic in origin with limestone cap. Mainland comprises 7 largest islands linked by bridges.

Latitude: 32° 19' north

Area: approx. 20.5 sq. miles

Longitude: 64° 46' west

Max. elevation: 259.4 ft

### Climate

Climate is sub-tropical and frost free.

	2014	2015	2016
Air Temperature (F)			
Absolute Maximum	(Aug) 87.1	(Jul) 88.7	(Aug) 88.9
Absolute Minimum	(Mar) 54.5	(Jan & Feb) 51.8	(Feb) 52.9
Mean Daily Maximum	76.9	76.7	76.7
Mean Daily Minimum	68.5	69.0	69.0
Mean Relative Humidity (%)	75.5	74.3	73.7
Annual Rainfall (ins)	68.24	56.76	71.58
Total no. of Rain days	170	184	182



<b>Population and Vital Statistics</b>			
Population: <sup>1</sup>	1991	2000	2010
Civilian non-institutional	58,460	62,059	64,237
Male	28,345	29,802	30,858
Female	30,115	32,257	33,379
Population Density (per sq. mile)	3,160 <sup>2</sup>	2,992 <sup>3</sup>	3,097 <sup>3</sup>
<b>Population Characteristics:</b>			
<b>Ethnicity</b>			
% Black	58	55	54
% White and other	42	45	46
<b>Nativity</b>			
% Bermuda-born	73	71	69
<b>Age</b>			
% 21 yrs. Plus	73	74	77
<b>Religion</b>			
% Anglican	28	23	16
% Roman Catholic	15	15	15
% A.M.E.	12	11	9
% Methodist	5	4	3
% 7th-Day Adventists	6	7	7
% Other <sup>4</sup>	34	40	50
Vital Statistics: <sup>5</sup>	2014	2015	2016
Crude birth rate	9.3	9.4	9.6
Crude death rate	7.7	7.4	8.0
Infant mortality rate	1.7	3.4	3.4
Crude marriage rate	7.7	8.2	7.3
Crude divorce rate <sup>6</sup>	1.7	1.9	1.6
Life expectancy at birth:	1991	2000	2010
Female	78	81	84
Male	70	75	76

<sup>1</sup> Census Data<sup>2</sup> Does not include land leased to the US government in 1980 and 1991<sup>3</sup> The population density includes former baselands<sup>4</sup> Includes non-religious and not stated<sup>5</sup> Per 1,000<sup>6</sup> Rates based on divorces granted in the year filed

<b>Economic Activity</b>			
<b>Consumer Price Index (April 2015 = 100.0)</b>			
	2014	2015	2016
All items C.P.I. <sup>1</sup>	98.6	100.0	101.5
% change over previous year <sup>2</sup>	2.0r	1.5	1.5
<b>Retail Sales Index (2015 = 100.0)</b>			
All retail sales <sup>3</sup>	96.1	100.0r	102.0
% change over previous year	1.0	4.0r	2.0
<b>Imports and Exports</b>			
	2014	2015	2016
Merchandise imports (\$m)	962.4	929.0	971.1
Merchandise exports (\$m)	22.6r	21.4r	18.0
<b>Imports by country (%)<sup>4</sup>:</b>			
United States	71	66	70
United Kingdom	3	4	3
Canada	13	15	11
Caribbean (mainly fuels)	2	3	2
All other countries	11	13	13
<b>Central Government Finance (\$m)*</b>			
	13/14	14/15	15/16
<b>Total Revenue</b>	867.8	927.9	951.7
<b>Principal sources:</b>			
Customs duty	170.5	190.2	196.2
Payroll tax	323.0	346.7	383.1
Hotel occupancy tax	10.2	10.0	8.7
Passenger tax	33.1	39.4	41.0
Land tax	55.7	58.5	57.8
International company tax	66.1	62.8	54.2
Stamp duties	21.5	25.1	22.4
<b>Total Expenditure<sup>5</sup></b>	1,103.9	1,114.9	1,122.0
<b>Current expenditure:</b>			
Salaries and wages	432.2	439.1	421.4
Other goods and services	307.4	300.2	291.2
Grants and contributions	216.0	216.5	200.4
<b>Capital expenditure:</b>	46.3	47.4	55.1

<sup>1</sup> Annual averages revised to reflect new base period (April 2015)

<sup>2</sup> Revised percentage changes based on rebased index numbers

<sup>3</sup> Annual averages revised to reflect new base year (2015)

<sup>4</sup> Totals may not add due to rounding

<sup>5</sup> Includes current and capital



<b>Company Statistics<sup>1</sup></b>	2014	2015	2016
Local Companies	3,222	3,307	3,364
<b>International Companies:</b>			
Exempted	11,403	11,548	11,188
Exempted partnership	985	1,022	1,056
Non-resident	569	595	585
Non-resident insurance	8	8	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,965</b>	<b>13,173</b>	<b>12,840</b>
<b>Consumer Spending</b>	2014	2015	2016
Food, beverages and tobacco	463.5 r	476.8r	491.2
Housing, light and power	1,001.8	1,023.1r	1,052.7
Clothing and footwear	61.1r	63.7r	62.0
Household goods and services	100.2	100.1r	102.5
Other goods and services	1,409.6r	1,464.8r	1,466.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,036.2r</b>	<b>3,128.5r</b>	<b>3,175.2</b>
<b>Banking (\$m)<sup>2</sup></b>	2014	2015	2016
<b>Commercial Bank Assets<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>23,078</b>	<b>24,072</b>	<b>22,713</b>
Cash	76	81	104
Demand and time deposits <sup>4</sup>	5,281	3,813	3,564
Investments	8,641	10,425	9,600
Loans and advances	8,291	9,073	8,773
Premises and equipment	453	406	418
Other assets	335	274	254
<b>Commercial Bank Liabilities<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>23,078</b>	<b>24,072</b>	<b>22,713</b>
Demand deposits	10,540	11,668	10,607
Savings	6,038	6,493	6,613
Time deposits	3,768	3,204	2,996
Other liabilities	430	567	563
Capital and reserves	2,301	2,141	1,935
No. of commercial banks	4	4	4

<sup>1</sup> Registrar of Companies

<sup>2</sup> Bermuda Monetary Authority (BMA)

<sup>3</sup> Totals may not add due to rounding

<sup>4</sup> BMA has reallocated demand deposits and included them with time deposits

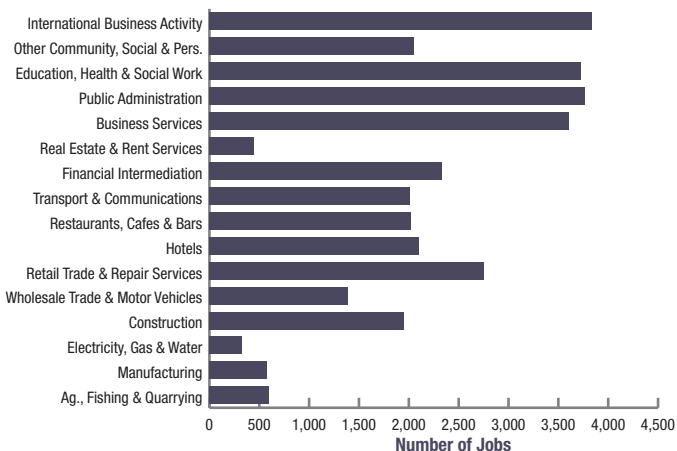
<b>National Accounts</b>	2014	2015	2016
GDP at market price (\$m)	5,700.0r	5,923.0r	6,127.3
GDP at constant price (\$m) (2006=100)	4,612.8r	4,640.8r	4,635.1
GDP per capita	92,255r	95,943r	99,317
<b>Balance of Payments</b>	2014	2015	2016
Current Account balance (\$m)	867.5r	885.1r	772.9
<b>Local Food Production (\$000)</b>	2014	2015	2016
Vegetables	3,740	4,150	4,500
Fruit	171	189	230
Milk	1,518	1,520	1,459
Honey	45	55	36
Total	5,474	5,914	6,225
<b>Housing</b>	2014	2015	2016
Residential dwelling units (000s) <sup>1</sup>	31	33	33
New dwelling units completed	88	58	57

<sup>1</sup> As at Jan. 14, Jan. 15, Jan. 16



<b>Employment</b>			
<b>Jobs by Industry:</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Ag., Fishing & Quarrying	581	602	592
Manufacturing	585	573	575
Electricity, Gas & Water	325	321	322
Construction	1,925	1,928	1,954
Wholesale Trade & Motor Vehicles	1,401	1,331	1,386
Retail Trade & Repair Services	2,692	2,646	2,757
Hotels	2,287	2,174	2,104
Restaurants, Cafes & Bars	1,833	1,838	2,023
Transport & Communications	2,046	2,037	2,009
Financial Intermediation	2,253	2,369	2,332
Real Estate & Renting Services	452	460	448
Business Services	3,425	3,565	3,602
Public Administration	4,163	3,936	3,767
Education, Health & Social Work	3,642	3,688	3,722
Other Community, Social & Pers.	1,928	1,951	2,056
International Business Activity	3,937	3,900	3,832
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,475</b>	<b>33,319</b>	<b>33,481</b>

**Employment 2016 (Jobs by Industry)**



<b>Proportion (%) of jobs held by:</b>	2014	2015	2016
Males	51	51	51
Females	49	49	49
Bermudians	71	71	70
Non-Bermudians	29	29	30

#### Total Information Communication Technology (ICT) Employment in Bermuda

	2014	2015	2016
Total ICT Employment <sup>1</sup>	885r	884r	923
ICT Employment as % of Total Workforce	2.6%r	2.7%r	2.8%

#### Occupational Rankings by Number of Jobs and Bermudian Status in the Information Technology Sector

Occupation	2016		
	Total	Bermudian	Non Bermudian
Telecommunication Technician	152	133	19
Telephone Installer/Repairman	21	21	0
Computer Analyst	87	57	30
Electronic Computer and Related Equipment Mechanic	23	19	4
Miscellaneous	2014	2015	2016
Trade union membership			
Bermuda Industrial Union	3,618	3,682	3,647
Bermuda Public Service	3,268	3,475	3,362
Avg. employment income (\$)	94,810r	97,168r	97,263
Avg. hours worked per week	33.3	35.5	36.0
Fisheries Industry	2014	2015	2016
Registered fishermen	293	300	277

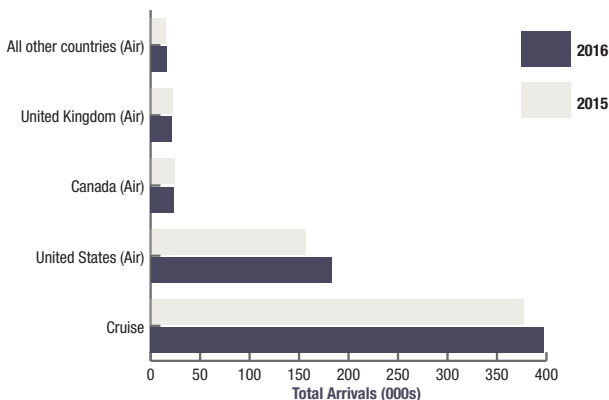
<sup>1</sup> Occupations that are involved in the development, delivery and support of advanced technological products.

<b>Tourism</b>			
Visitor Arrivals (000)	2014	2015	2016
Cruise Arrivals	355.9	377.4	397.9
Air Arrivals	224.3	219.8	244.5
United States	159.4	157.2	182.9
Canada	29.2	25.0	23.7
United Kingdom	22.2	22.5	21.7
All other countries	13.7	15.2	16.1
Total <sup>1</sup>	580.3	597.2	642.4
<b>Hotel and Guest Houses</b>			
Number of beds	5,077	4,894r	4,872
Average stay (nights)	5.8	5.7	5.4
Visitor expenditure (\$m)	327.9r	335.5r	398.3
Air	275.2	273.4r	332.8
Cruise	52.7r	62.1	65.5
Hotel occupancy rate (%)	53	53	58
Merchant Shipping <sup>2</sup>	No. of calls:		
	2014	2015	2016
Cruise ships	125	131	139
Cargo ships	163	164	162
Oil & gas tankers	16	18	34

<sup>1</sup> Totals do not include a small portion of visitors who are classified as ship/air visitors. These are visitors who arrive by ship and depart by air.

<sup>2</sup> Bermuda Radio

**Air and Cruise Visitor Arrivals, 2015 and 2016**



<b>Health &amp; Education</b>			
	2016		
<b>Medical and Health Personnel</b>	No.	Rate per 10,000 population	
Physicians/Surgeons	178	28.9	
Dentists/Dental Hygienists	88	14.3	
Optometrists	11	1.8	
Pharmacists	51	8.3	
Dietitians	8	1.3	
Registered Nurses	500	81.0	
<b>Hospital Care</b>	13/14	14/15	15/16
<b>General:</b>			
No. of beds	217	218	218
Discharges	6,030	3,695	5,881
Length of stay (days)	8.7	7.4	6.7
Occupancy rate (%)	63	94	87
Daily Bed Rate (\$)¹	1,120	1,131	1,350
Avg. cost of stay (\$)	1,539	1,728	n.a.
<b>Other selected statistics:</b>			
Emergency visits	32,538	31,968	31,594
Operations	8,067	8,409	7,732
X-Ray (exams)	29,753	28,158	29,571
<b>Education²</b>	2014	2015	2016
Local student enrollment:	9,716r	9,500	9,043
Government schools³	5,349r	5,221	5,068
Private schools⁴	3,259	3,314	3,300
Bermuda College	1,108	965	675
Teachers⁵	1,216	1,162	1,117

¹ Rate for public ward

² Ministry of Education

³ Includes preschool children

⁴ Excludes preschool children

⁵ Includes school principals and special education teachers as collected in the Annual Employment Survey

**Miscellaneous Statistics**

Bermuda Fire and Rescue Service	2014	2015	2016
Total Number of Emergency Dispatches of which:			
Total number of calls received	9,010	8,249	8,361
Number of EMS Dispatches (KEMH)	4,907	4,661	4,595
Number of Dispatches (Fire Service)	4,096	3,588	3,766
Politics & Government	2007	2012	2017
General Elections:			
Progressive Labour Party	22	17	24
United Bermuda Party	14 <sup>1</sup>		
One Bermuda Alliance		19	12
Total Elected Seats <sup>2</sup>	36	36	36
Registered Voters (000s)	42.1	43.6	46.7
% Voting	76	71	73
Transport	2014	2015	2016
All classes of vehicles	46,625	47,092	47,387
Private cars	21,464	21,607	21,743
Motorcycles	19,330	19,733	20,019
Buses, taxis & limousines	766	772	729
Trucks & tank wagons	3,620	3,583	3,669
Other	1,445	1,397	1,227
Energy Consumption <sup>3</sup>	2014	2015	2016
Electric Power (000s kW)			
Total Consumption:	577,365	590,427	585,774
Residential	235,523	245,498	245,105
Commercial	291,350	290,552	286,588
Other	50,492	54,377	54,081
Max. Demand (kW)	106,800	108,000	110,600
Net price per kWh (cents) <sup>4</sup>			
Residential	44.29	40.17	38.80
Commercial	36.00	32.68	33.40

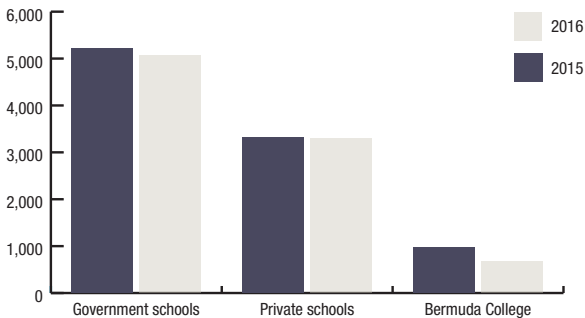
<sup>1</sup> The United Bermuda Party ceased operations in 2011

<sup>2</sup> Single seat constituency with a thirty-six seat House of Assembly

<sup>3</sup> Bermuda Electric Light Co. Ltd.

<sup>4</sup> Adjusted for discount and fuel adjustment

School Enrollment, 2015-2016



### Other Statistical Publications

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Consumer Price Index

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Bermuda Population Projections 2010-2020

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