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Nassau, The Bahamas – August, 29, 2026 – The Bahamas National Statistical Institute (BNSI) is pleased to announce the release of the Second Quarter 2026 Foreign Trade Statistics Report. This report presents official statistics on merchandise trade imports¹ into and exports² out of The Bahamas.

2ND QUARTER 2026 TRADE DATA HIGHLIGHTS

Imports

The value of merchandise imports into The Bahamas was estimated at approximately \$1.6 billion during the second quarter (April – June) of 2026, representing a 24.8 percent increase compared with the same period in 2025.

Machinery and Transport Equipment was the largest import commodity group during the second quarter of 2026, with imports valued at \$435 million, accounting for 28.1 percent of total imports. This was followed by Food and Live Animals, which totaled \$247 million and represented 15.9 percent of total imports.

Other major contributors to total imports were Mineral Fuels Lubricants and Related Materials, Manufactured goods classified chiefly by materials, Miscellaneous manufactured articles, and Chemicals, which together were valued at \$724 million, accounting for 46.7 percent of total imports.

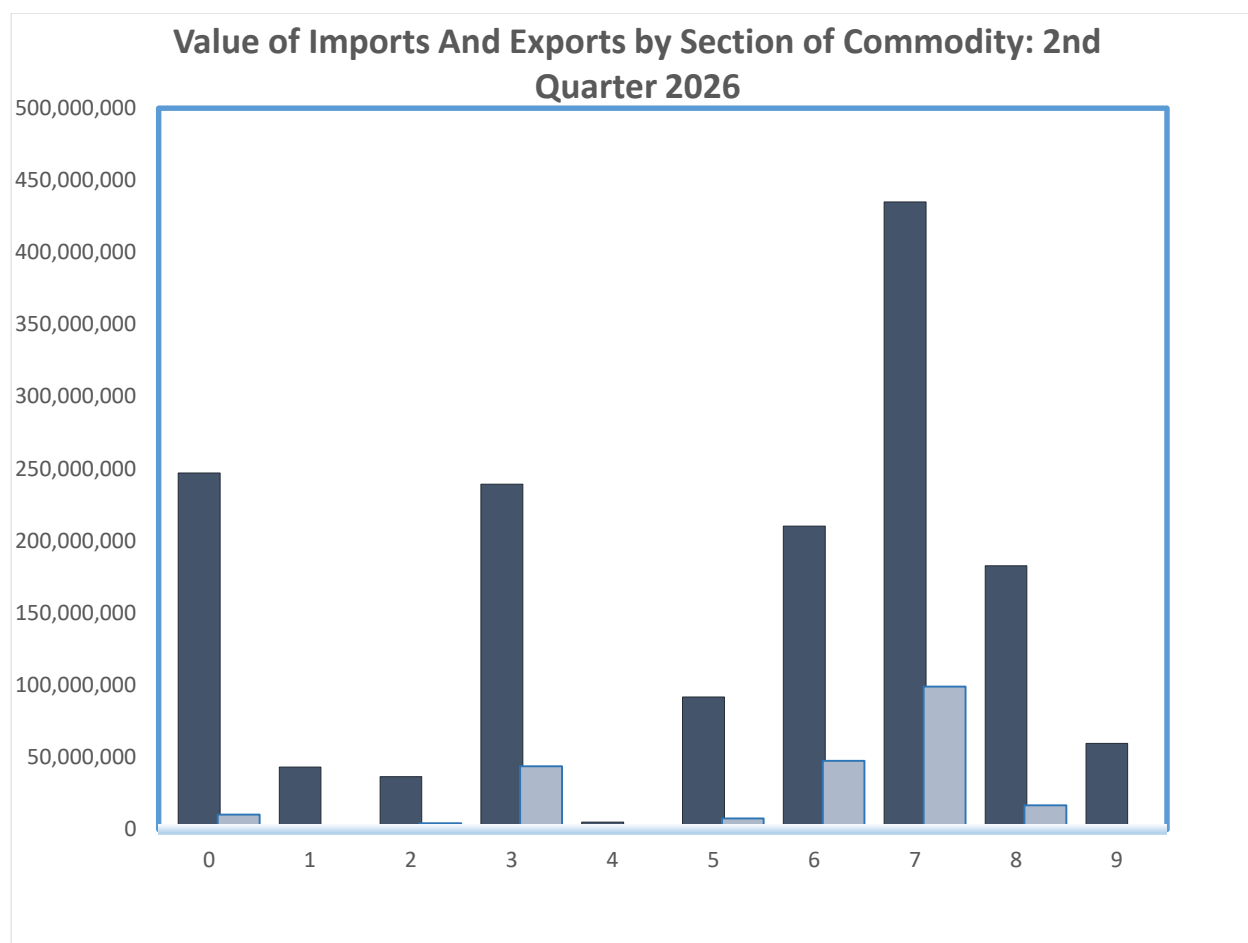
Exports

Total exports (domestic exports and re-exports) for the second quarter of 2026 were valued at \$229 million, representing a 33.3 percent increase when compared with the same period in 2025.

The principal export commodity categories during the second quarter of 2026 were Machinery and Transport Equipment, valued at \$99 million and accounting for 43.1 percent of total exports; Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly By Materials, valued at \$47 million (20.7 percent) of total exports and Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Materials, valued at \$44 million (19.1 percent).

¹ Imports refers to goods brought into the Bahamas from foreign countries for local consumption or further processing.

² Total exports comprise domestic exports goods produced or manufactured locally and exported to foreign countries and re-exports goods exported in the same condition as when imported from a foreign country.



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| 0 Food and Live Animals | 5 Chemicals |
| 1 Beverages and Tobacco | 6 Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Materials |
| 2 Crude Minerals, Inedible Except Fuels | 7 Machinery and Transport Equipment |
| 3 Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related | 8 Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles |
| 4 Animal and Vegetable Oils and Fats | 9 Commodities and Transactions Not Classified According to Kind |

Data Availability

Further details of the Second Quarter 2026 Foreign Trade Report can be found on the Institute's website at [www. bnsistats.gov.bs](http://www.bnsistats.gov.bs) or at the offices of the Bahamas National Statistical Institute (BNSI), Bellagio

Plaza, Madeira Street.

About the Bahamas National Statistical Institute (BNSI)

The Bahamas National Statistical Institute (BNSI), formerly the Department of Statistics, is the official national statistics agency responsible for producing and disseminating reliable, timely, and relevant data to support evidence-based decision-making across all sectors of Bahamian society. Established under the Statistics Act 2021, BNSI operates with legal authority to independently manage national data operations, including censuses, surveys, and the publication of key economic and social indicators.

Guided by a multidisciplinary Board of Directors and aligned with the United Nations Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics, the Institute plays a critical role in supporting policy development, private sector growth, and public understanding. BNSI is committed to statistical excellence, data privacy, and transparency, and actively collaborates with regional and global partners to strengthen The Bahamas' National Statistical System. To access BNSI data and reports, visit www.bnsi.stats.gov.bs.