



# THE BAHAMAS **INAGUA**

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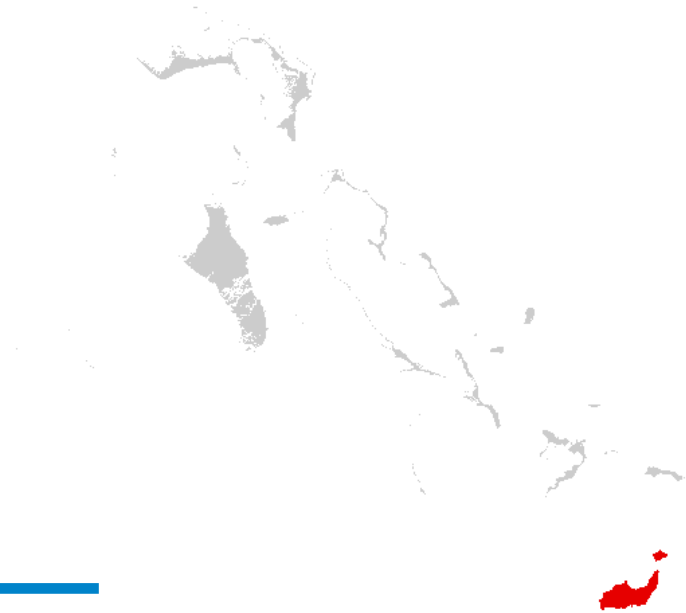
## NDPBA ISLAND PROFILE

# THE BAHAMAS

## INAGUA

### CAPITAL: MATTHEW TOWN

Area: 599 sq. mi (1,551.4 sq. km)



### RISK AND VULNERABILITY COMPONENT SCORE



**MULTI-HAZARD RISK (MHR) - Low**  
Score: 0.345 • Rank: 10/17



**RESILIENCE (R) - Low**  
Score: 0.443 • Rank: 12/17



**MULTI-HAZARD EXPOSURE (MHE) - Very Low**  
Score: 0.170 • Rank: 14/17



**VULNERABILITY (V) - Very Low**  
Score: 0.280 • Rank: 17/17



**COPING CAPACITY (CC) - Very Low**  
Score: 0.351 • Rank: 16/17



Population (2010 Census)  
**913**



Population in Poverty  
**21.8%**



Average Annual Foreign Arrivals Per Capita  
**1.4**



Households with Piped Water  
**94.7%**



Prevalence of Crowded Housing  
**14.7%**

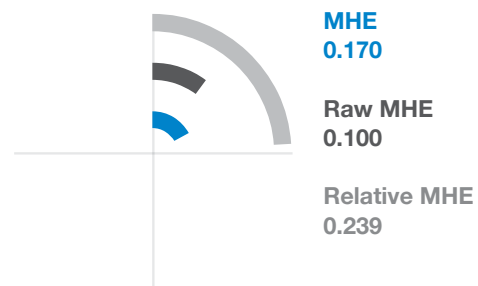
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## MULTI-HAZARD EXPOSURE (MHE)

RANK: 14 / 17 ISLANDS

SCORE: 0.170



### ESTIMATED POPULATION AND CAPITAL EXPOSED TO EACH HAZARD:

Note: Population values from PDC's All-hazard Impact Model (AIM) leverage 2020 estimates for The Bahamas. Values may exceed 2010 Census population.



Tropical Cyclone Winds

**100.0%**

898

\$42.2 Million



Storm Surge

**40.5%**

364

\$34.5 Million



Flooding

**0.0%**

0

0



Wildfire

**0.0%**

0

0



Landslide

**0.0%**

0

\$60 Thousand



Sea Level Rise

**0.0%**

0

0



## VULNERABILITY (V)

**RANK: 17 / 17 ISLANDS ASSESSED**

**SCORE: 0.280**

Vulnerability in Inagua is primarily driven by Gender Inequality and Housing and Transport Vulnerability. The bar charts indicate the socioeconomic themes contributing to the overall Vulnerability score.



### Environmental Stress

0  1 **SCORE: 0.407** **RANK: 13/17 ISLANDS ASSESSED**

**60.9%**

Coral reef  
exposed to  
local threats

**81.2%**

Coral reef  
exposed to  
thermal stress

**0.8%**

Tree cover loss

**0.68 per mi. (0.42 per km)**

Historical hurricane  
hits per length of  
coastline



### Household Composition Vulnerability

0  1 **SCORE: 0.061** **RANK: 15/17 ISLANDS ASSESSED**

**2.0%**

Disability

**7.3%**

Elderly  
population (65+)



### Clean Water Access Vulnerability

0  1 **SCORE: 0.306** **RANK: 15/17 ISLANDS ASSESSED**

**94.7%**

Households with  
piped water

**98.4%**

Households with  
flush toilets

**2.5%**

Households with  
shared toilet  
facilities



### Housing and Transportation Vulnerability

0  1 **SCORE: 0.428** **RANK: 10/17 ISLANDS ASSESSED**

**14.7%**

Crowded housing

**28.5%**

Population without  
private vehicle

**48.3%**

Housing built  
before 1980



### Economic Constraints

0  1 **SCORE: 0.157** **RANK: 16/17 ISLANDS ASSESSED**

**46.9**

Economic  
dependency  
ratio

**\$91**

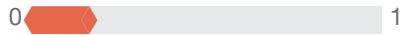
Government  
benefits  
received  
(Bahamian  
Dollars)

**45.6%**

Non-wage  
earning  
population

**21.8%**

Poverty rate

**Gender Inequality****SCORE: 0.435** **RANK: 8/17 ISLANDS ASSESSED****0.53**Ratio female to male  
income**1.05**Ratio female to male  
avg. years of school**23**Adolescent birth rate  
(per 1,000)**Population Pressures****SCORE: 0.167** **RANK: 15/17 ISLANDS ASSESSED****-5.8%**Average  
population  
change (2000 -  
2010)**1.4**Average annual  
foreign arrivals  
per capita**2.1**Average annual  
foreign arrivals  
per sq. mile**1.9**Migration per 100  
persons



## ISLAND CAPACITY (IC)

**RANK: 4 / 17 ISLANDS ASSESSED**  
**SCORE: 0.596**

Inagua exhibits weaker Island Capacity in the areas of Logistics Capacity and Transportation Capacity. The bar charts indicate the socioeconomic themes contributing to the overall Island Capacity score.



### Economic Capacity



**SCORE: 0.577** **RANK: 7/17 ISLANDS ASSESSED**

**0.3%**

Households receiving remittances

**\$17,280**

Median income, Bahamian dollars



### Environmental Capacity



**SCORE: 0.770** **RANK: 2/17 ISLANDS ASSESSED**

**53.7%**

Protected areas

**50%**

Coastline protected by natural habitat

**0.12 oz. per sq. ft (36.39 g per sq. m)**

Standing fish stock



### Infrastructure Capacity



**SCORE: 0.538** **RANK: 13/17 ISLANDS ASSESSED**



### Health Care Capacity

**SCORE: 0.301** **RANK: 14/17 ISLANDS ASSESSED**

**11.0**

Physicians per 10,000

**11.0**

Nurses & midwives per 10,000

**11.0**

Clinics per 10,000

**50.0%**

DTP3 Vaccine coverage rate



### Transportation Capacity

**SCORE: 0.137** **RANK: 15/17 ISLANDS ASSESSED**

**0.43 mi per sq. mi (0.27 km per sq. km)**

Road density



### Communications Capacity

**SCORE: 0.500** **RANK: 14/17 ISLANDS ASSESSED**

**71.5%**

Internet access

**7.9%**

Mobile coverage



### Emergency Services Capacity

**SCORE: 0.841** **RANK: 1/17 ISLANDS ASSESSED**

**0.6 mi (0.96 km)**

Average distance to police station

**0.62 mi (1 km)**

Average distance to shelter

**38.3**

Shelter capacity per 100 persons



### Energy Capacity

**SCORE: 0.911** **RANK: 4/17 ISLANDS ASSESSED**

**98.1%**

Households with electricity

**83.7%**

Households with liquid propane gas



## LOGISTICS CAPACITY (LC)

**RANK: 17 / 18 ISLANDS ASSESSED**  
**SCORE: 0.100**

Logistics Capacity describes the ability of the island to ensure efficient storage, movement, and delivery of resources key for effective humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations. Logistics Capacity is driven by distances to a major airport, major seaport, and disaster warehouse.



**222.13 mi (357.41 km)**

Distance to port



**222.13 mi (357.41 km)**

Distance to airport



**0 mi (0 km)**

Distance to  
warehouse



## COPING CAPACITY (CC)

Coping Capacity measures the systems, means, and abilities of people and societies to absorb and respond to disruptions in normal function. Coping Capacity in The Bahamas was calculated by using a combination of Island Capacity and Logistics Capacity.

**RANK: 16 / 17 ISLANDS ASSESSED**  
**SCORE: 0.351**



## RESILIENCE (R)

Resilience in The Bahamas was calculated by using a combination of Vulnerability, and Coping Capacity (including both Island Capacity and Logistics Capacity).

**RANK: 12 / 17 ISLANDS ASSESSED**  
**SCORE: 0.443**



## HAZARD-SPECIFIC RISK (HSR)



**Tropical Cyclone Winds** **RANK: 8 / 17 ISLANDS ASSESSED**  
**SCORE: 0.452**



**Storm Surge** **RANK: 6 / 17 ISLANDS ASSESSED**  
**SCORE: 0.434**



**Flooding** **RANK: 11 / 17 ISLANDS ASSESSED**  
**SCORE: 0.000**



**Wildfire** **RANK: 7 / 17 ISLANDS ASSESSED**  
**SCORE: 0.000**



**Landslide** **RANK: 15 / 17 ISLANDS ASSESSED**  
**SCORE: 0.241**



**Sea Level Rise** **RANK: 10 / 17 ISLANDS ASSESSED**  
**SCORE: 0.310**





## MULTI-HAZARD RISK (MHR)

**10 / 17**

RANK WITHIN ISLANDS  
Score: 0.345

Inagua's score and ranking are due to Very Low Multi-hazard Exposure combined with Very Low Vulnerability and Very Low Coping Capacity scores.

### Multi-hazard risk component scores compared to overall average country scores:

INAGUA SCORE  
COUNTRY SCORE



#### Multi-Hazard Exposure



#### Vulnerability



#### Coping Capacity



## INAGUA RECOMMENDATIONS

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### Gender Inequality

Marginalized populations are less likely to have their needs met under pre-disaster conditions, and therefore become even more susceptible to harm during times of disaster. Increase gender-based inclusion in all phases of DM, ensuring the implementation at the district and local levels. Course of action must recognize the role of women in society and support changes to policies and programs to promote gender-equal access.

Inagua ranks 8th highest in overall Gender Inequality, with the 4th highest adolescent birth rate. Inagua also has the 5th highest disparity in female to male income ratio with women earning just over 50% of what their male counterparts earn, despite females having slightly more years of schooling than males. Populations who are marginalized or less likely to have their needs met under pre-disaster conditions become even more susceptible to harm during times of disaster.

Create targeted interventions to increase school to work opportunities for women that include quality, affordable childcare to boost participation in the labor force and reduce economic dependency. Explore incentive-based initiatives to encourage employers to provide equitable pay.

Increase gender-based inclusion in all phases of disaster management, ensuring implementation at local levels. Courses of action should recognize the role of women in society and support changes to policies and programs to promote gender-equal access.

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### Housing and Transport Vulnerability

Older housing units, constructed prior to modern building codes, are more susceptible to the damaging effects of natural hazards. Crowded housing is linked to both economic constraints and vulnerable health status, which are exacerbated by hazard exposure. Crowding presents a challenge for disaster response activities including evacuation and sheltering when large numbers of people must relocate from their homes. These challenges are further complicated when households do not have personal means of transportation, relying instead on public or mass transit.

Inagua ranks 10th highest in overall Housing and Transport Vulnerability, mostly attributable to the 48% of houses built prior to 1980. Older homes often lack adequate and modernized safety features and can create increased needs for sheltering and long-term housing due to the damages incurred in disasters.

Identify safety features that can be implemented to upgrade older homes, increase public education about available safety upgrades, and develop low to no cost programs in order to implement these features. Ensure building codes are enforced and safety features incorporated for all future construction.

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#### Logistics Capacity

Efficient storage, movement and delivery of resources are key to effective humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations. Ensuring that the supply chain can reach vulnerable and isolated communities can significantly improve the speed and quality of response operations, reducing the negative social and economic impacts of an emergency.

Inagua has the 2nd lowest overall Coping Capacity in The Bahamas and the lowest ranking in the Commonwealth for Logistics Capacity, driven by its distance from large international air and seaports, which can impede disaster response and delay transport of relief supplies. Efficient storage, movement and delivery of resources are key to effective humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations. Ensuring that the supply chain can reach vulnerable and isolated communities can significantly improve the speed and quality of response operations, reducing the negative social and economic impacts of an emergency.

Increase warehousing capacity and identify storage areas for emergency supplies to lessen the impact of long supply chains. Include pre-positioning of resources in disaster planning and ensure evacuation planning accounts for long transits to available shelters. Annually inspect all stored supplies to ensure material readiness and replace in conjunction with product lifecycles. Hold annual training to identify training gaps in movement and loading of supplies.

Create emergency action plans that include routes for movement of emergency supplies and communications during transit. Include secondary, tertiary, and quaternary movement plans. Review emergency action plans at least yearly to identify and implement changes.

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### Transportation Capacity

Denser and more diverse transportation networks provide more options for bringing outside resources into an impacted area and increase the ability of response stakeholders to access island populations. Improved transportation capacity supports all aspects of Inagua ability to distribute resources before, during, and after a disaster.

Ranking 3rd lowest in Transportation Capacity, Inagua has a limited road network, and therefore relies heavily on maritime (mail boat) and air transportation.

Denser and more diverse transportation networks provide more options for bringing outside resources into an impacted area and increase the ability of response stakeholders to access island populations. Improved transportation capacity would support all aspects of Inagua's ability to distribute resources before, during, and after a disaster.

Identify potential improvements to transportation capacity through road or port improvements. Continually evaluate mailboat routes and deliveries to ensure an adequate supply of materials, especially during hurricane season and times of approaching storms. With Inagua's high susceptibility to storm surge, ensure supply routes and storage facilities are accessible during and following tropical cyclones.

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