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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 is 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 arrive from England, one of them being Richard Moore, the first Governor. Town of St. George established.

1616 One black and one Indian arrive 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 continues to grow.

First newspaper begins publication (*Bermuda Gazette*).

1784 First postal service begins.

1792 Building of Hamilton begins.

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

19TH CENTURY

1810 Construction of Dockyard begins.

1815 Hamilton becomes 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 gains in economic importance; export of spring vegetables to eastern United States.

20TH CENTURY

- 1901 Tourism emerges as winter season economic activity.
- 1904 Introduction of electricity.
- 1930s Bermuda begins 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 brings ministerial Government and first general election under universal adult suffrage.
- 1972 Bermuda College is established.
- 1979 Constitutional Conference.
- 1979 Women voluntarily join the Bermuda Regiment.
- 1984 The Human Rights Act of 1981 becomes operative.
- 1997 Pamela Gordon is appointed Premier by her United Bermuda Party colleagues, becoming the first female to hold this position.
- 1998 The Progressive Labour Party wins its first general election, marking the first change in Government since the establishment of party politics thirty years ago.
- 1998 Jennifer M. Smith, on 9 November 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 moves to forefront as primary foreign exchange earner, but gives way to international business during the last decade of the century.

21st Century

- 2003 U.K. Parliament passes 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.
- 2007 Dame Lois Browne-Evans dies on 29 May
- 2008 Dame Lois Browne-Evans is celebrated as Bermuda's first national hero on the inaugural National Heroes Day, 13 October 2008.

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.

	2006	2007	2008
Air Temperature (F)			
Absolute Maximum	88 (Aug)	86 (Aug)	87(Aug)
Absolute Minimum	47 (Feb)	48 (Feb)	50(Mar)
Mean Daily Maximum	76	75	75
Mean Daily Minimum	67	67	68
Mean Relative Humidity (%)	78	74	74
Annual Rainfall (ins)	62	57	56
Total no. of Rain days	183	181	167



Population and Vital Statistics

Population:¹	1980	1991	2000
Civilian non-institutional	54,050	58,460	62,059
Male	26,350	28,345	29,802
Female	27,700	30,115	32,257
Population Density (per sq. mile) ²	2,922	3,160	2,992 ³

Population Characteristics:

Ethnicity

%Black	61	61	61
%White and other	39	39	39

Nativity

% Bermuda-born	74	73	71
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Age

%21 yrs. Plus	67	73	74
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Religion

% Anglican	37	28	23
% Roman Catholic	14	15	15
% A.M.E.	10	12	11
% Methodist	6	5	4
% 7th-Day Adventists	5	6	7
% Other ⁴	28	34	40

Vital Statistics:⁵	2006	2007	2008
Crude birth rate	12.5	13.4	12.8
Crude death rate	7.2	7.3	6.9
Infant mortality rate	3.8	4.7	4.9
Crude marriage rate	13.7	13.2	11.2
Crude divorce rate ⁶	2.8	3.3	3.3

Life expectancy at birth:	1980	1991	2000
Female	76	78	81r
Male	69	70	75

¹ Census Data

² Does not include land leased to the US government

³ The population density includes former baselands

⁴ Includes non-religious and not stated

⁵ Per 1000

⁶ Rates based on divorces granted

Economic Activity

Consumer Price Index (April 2006 = 100.0)

	2006	2007	2008
All items C.P.I ¹	100.3	104.1	109.1
% change over previous year	3.1	3.8	4.8

Retail Sales Index (2006 = 100.0)

All retail sales ²	100.0	104.3	105.9
% change over previous year	3.9	4.3	1.5

Imports and Exports

Merchandise imports (\$m)	1,060.6	1,150.8	1,145.0
Merchandise exports (\$m)			
Imports by country (%):			
United States	71	72	70
United Kingdom	3	3	4
Canada	7	7	7
Caribbean (mainly fuels)	1	1	2
All other countries	17	16	18

Central Government Finance (\$m)*

	05/06	06/07	07/08
Total Revenue	814.1	883.7	1,008.9
Principal sources:			
Customs duty	227.2	230.2	230.1
Payroll tax	265.1	297.3	341.3
Hotel occupancy tax	11.7	12.0	12.4
Passenger tax	24.9	30.5	20.7
Land tax	41.9	43.3	39.5
International company tax	49.4	52.1	72.8
Stamp duties	48.0	50.7	50.3

Total Expenditure³

Total Expenditure³	837.4	962.8	1,064.6
Current expenditure:			
Salaries and wages	361.2	393.1	442.4
Other goods and services	186.2	218.5	251.2
Grants and contributions	174.4	242.7	215.2
Capital expenditure:	115.6	108.4	155.8

¹ Annual Averages

² Revised annual averages to reflect new base year (2006)

³ Includes current and capital

Company Statistics¹	2006	2007	2008
Local Companies	3,144	3,341	3,295

International Companies:

Exempted	12,861	13,850	13,859
Exempted partnership	804	944	1,168
Non-resident	582	564	589
Non-resident insurance	20	20	15
Total	14,267	15,378	15,631

Consumer Spending	2005	2006	2007
Food, beverages and tobacco	353.5	374.7	387.1
Housing, light and power	801.8	840.7	872.9
Clothing and footwear	68.3	74.2r	78.6
Household goods and services	302.3	313.7r	324.5
Other goods and services	673.5	988.9r	1,042.6
Total	2,199.2	2,431.0	2,705.9

Banking (\$m)²	2006	2007	2008
Commercial Bank Assets	23,100	24,168	24,277
Cash	89	80	76
Demand and time deposits ³	7,324	7,188	7,016
Investments	7,758	8,387	8,303
Loans and advances	6,806	7,351	7,803
Premises and equipment	376	449	454
Other assets	747	713	625

Commercial Bank Liabilities	23,100	24,168	24,168
Demand deposits	8,755	8,735	8,527
Time	8,306	8,650	8,725
Savings deposits	2,845	3,423	3,575
Other liabilities	748	640	699
Capital and reserves	2,447	2,720	2,749
No. of commercial banks	4	4	4

¹ Registrar of Companies.

² Bermuda Monetary Authority.

³ BMA has reallocated demand deposits and included them with time deposits

National Accounts*	2006	2007	2008
GDP at market price (\$m)	5,354.7	5855.3	n.a
GDP at constant price (\$m) (1996=100)	3,970.9	4162.3	n.a
GDP per capita	83,896	91,477	n.a
Balance of Payments	2006	2007	2008
Current Account balance (\$m)	895	1267r	1,239
Local Food Production (\$000)	2006	2007	2008
Vegetables	4,548	4,815	5,290
Fruit	333	373	302
Milk	1878r	2,173	1,992
Eggs	337	344	344
Honey	133	146	203
Total	7231e	7851	8,131
Local Flower Production (\$000)	2006	2007	2008
Flowers	193	173	118
Housing	2006	2007	2008
Residential dwelling units (000s) ¹	29.7	29.6r	30
New units completed	304	269	348
Use of Arable Land	2006	2007	2008
Total Arable Land	735	735	735
Total Production	360	360	360

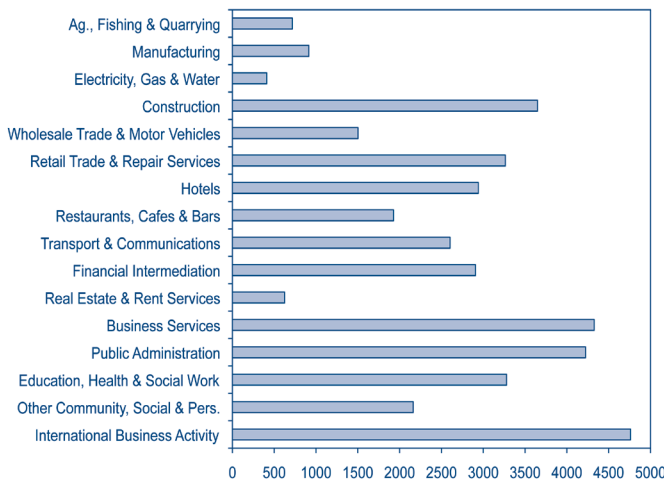
¹ As at Jan. 04, Jan. 05, Jan. 06



Employment

Jobs by Industry:	2006	2007	2008
Ag., Fishing & Quarrying	692	697	717
Manufacturing	965	935	915
Electricity, Gas & Water	372	394	412
Construction	3,653	3,544	3,649
Wholesale Trade & Motor Vehicles	1,513	1,517	1,502
Retail Trade & Repair Services	3,262	3,237	3,264
Hotels	3,012	2,965	2,942
Restaurants, Cafes & Bars	1,889	1,845	1,927
Transport & Communications	2,829	2,756	2,602
Financial Intermediation	2,902	2,952	2,907
Real Estate & Rent Services	518	614	625
Business Services	4,091	4,187	4,326
Public Administration	4,069	4,113	4,223
Education, Health & Social Work	3,221	3,251	3,279
Other Community, Social & Pers.	2,209	2,155	2,162
International Business Activity	4,489	4,689	4,761
Total	39,686	39,851	40,213

Employment 2008 (Jobs by Industry)



Proportion (%) of jobs held by:	2006	2007	2008
Males	52	52	52
Females	48	48	48
Bermudians	69	68	68
Non-Bermudians	31	32	32

Total Employment in Bermuda's Information Communication Technology Sector	2006	2007	2008
Total ICT Employment ¹	1051r	1050	962
ICT Employment as % of Total Workforce	2.7%r	2.6%	2.4%

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

Occupation	Total	2008	
		Bermudian	Non-Bermudian
Telecommunication Technician	223	183	40
Telephone Installer/Repairman	42	42	0
Computer Analyst	230	115	99
Electronic Computer and Related Equipment Mechanic	50	36	14
Miscellaneous	2006	2007	2008
Trade union membership			
Bermuda Industrial Union ²	3,822	3,733	3,801
Bermuda Public Service	3,357	3,633	3,448
Avg. employment income (\$)	62,929	70,775	70,001
Avg. hours worked per week	34	33	36
Fisheries Industry	2006	2007	2008
Registered fishermen	323	320	313
Licensed fishing vessels ³	207	207	204

¹ Industries that are involved in the development, delivery and support of advanced technological products.

² Annual Averages

³ Those vessels which report volume of catch to Division of Fisheries

Tourism

Visitor Arrivals (000)	2006	2007	2008
Cruise Arrivals	336.3	354.0	286.4
Air Arrivals	299.0	305.5	263.6
United States	227.7	229.5	189.4
Canada	27.7	27.8	27.2
United Kingdom	27.0	30.4	29.3
All other countries	16.6	17.8	17.7
Total ¹	635.3	659.6	550.0

Hotel and Guest Houses

Number of beds	6,065	5,590	5,538.0
Average stay (nights)	6.5	6.2	6.3
Visitor expenditure (\$m)	454.2	513.2	401.8
Air	388.9	442.7	344.1
Cruise	65.3	70.5	57.7
Hotel occupancy rate (%)	63.8	67.1	59.1

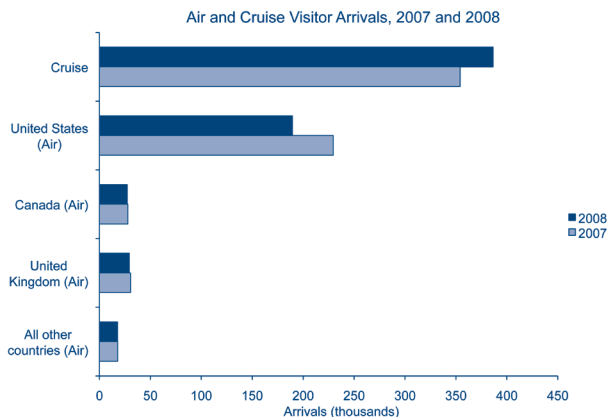
Merchant Shipping²

No. of calls:

Cruise ships	190	204	138
Cargo ships	161	170	179
Oil & gas tankers	20	18	24

¹ 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.

² Bermuda Harbour Radio



Health & Education

2008

Medical and Health Personnel	No.	Rate per 10,000 population
Physicians/Surgeons	140	21.8
Dentists/Dental Hygienists	31	9.9
Optometrists	7	1
Pharmacists	30	4.6
Dietitians	5	1
Registered Nurses	461	71.7

Hospital Care	05/06	06/07	07/08
General:			
No. of beds	211	211	224
Discharges	6,625	6,605	6,655
Length of stay (days)	8.8	8.4	8.4
Occupancy rate (%)	73.0	72.0	70
Daily Bed Rate (\$)¹	854	854	987
Avg. cost of stay (\$)⁶	817r	902r	962

Other selected statistics:

Emergency visits	33,617	35,263r	36,111
Operations	8,448	9,171r	9,529
X-Ray (exams)	30,529	31,510r	30,395

Education²	2006	2007	2008
Local student enrollment:	10,364	10,294r	10,423
Government schools³	6,064	5,958	5,785
Private schools⁴	3,569	3,650	3,669
Bermuda College	731	686r	969
Teachers⁵	1,335	1,396r	1,450

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

⁶ Total patient revenue divided by total inpatient average length of stay

Miscellaneous Statistics

Fire service¹	2006	2007	2008
Total Number of Emergency Dispatches of which:			
Total number of calls received	6,908	6,738	6,764
Number of EMS Dispatches (KEMH)	4,671	4,202	4,270
Number of Dispatches (Fire Service)	n.a	n.a	4,328
Average Property Loss (\$) ²	32,500	n/a	n/a

Politics & Government	1998	2003	2007
General Elections:			
Progressive Labor Party	26	22	22
United Bermuda Party	14	14	14
Total Elected Seats	40	36 ³	36 ³
Registered Voters (000s)	36.4	39.4	42.1
% Voting	81	75	75

Transport	2006	2007	2008
All classes of vehicles	49,721	48,054	51,215
Private cars	22,371	22,617	22,793
Motorcycles	21,657	19,232	15,192
Buses, taxis & limousines	789	765	760
Trucks & tank wagons	4,066	4,142	4,018
Other	838	1,298	8,452

Energy Consumption⁴	2006	2007	2008
Electric Power (000s kW)			
Total Consumption:	631,365	643,821	644,954
Residential	271,215	275,677	268,563
Commercial	311,408	319,277	319,018
Other	48,743	48,867	57,373
Max. Demand (kW)	117,200	117,700	119,800

Net price per kWh (cents)⁵			
Residential	29.10	30.43	39.35
Commercial	27.51	28.41	34.75

¹ Bermuda Fire Service

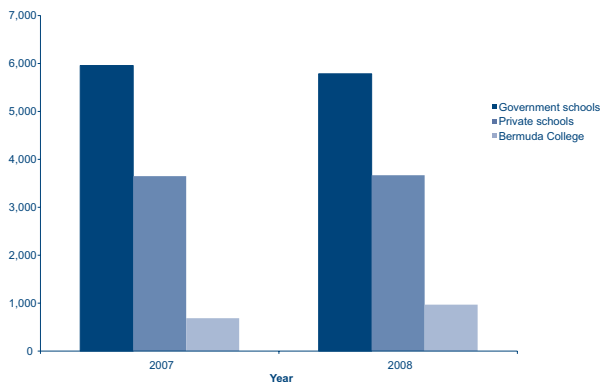
² Average dollar value of property loss for structural fires

³ Introduction of single seat constituency with a thirty-six seat House of Assembly

⁴ Bermuda Electric Light Co. Ltd.

⁵ Adjusted for discount and fuel adjustment

Local School Enrollment, 2007-2008



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