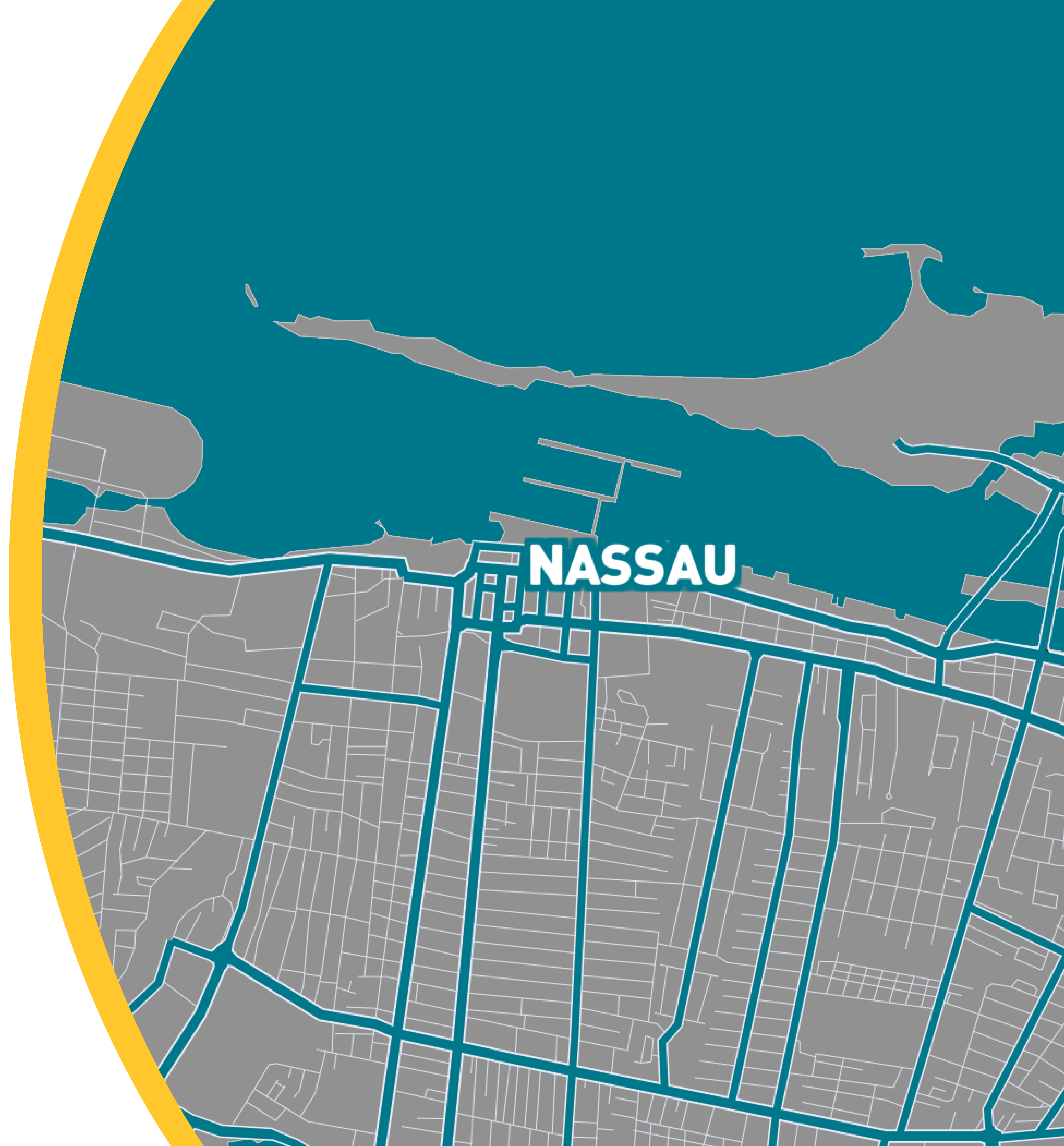


BAHAMAS

ENERGY REPORT CARD (ERC) FOR 2022





INTRODUCTION



This is the Energy Report Card (ERC) for 2022 for The Bahamas.

The ERC provides an overview of the energy sector performance, highlighting the following areas:

- Installed Conventional and Renewable Power Generation Capacity
- Annual Electricity Generation, from Conventional and Renewable Plants
- Other Electricity Sector Metrics, such as Losses, Consumption, and Tariffs
- Renewable Energy Targets
- Renewable Energy Resource Potential
- Energy Efficiency Metrics, including Energy Intensity

The ERC also includes sectoral data and information on policies and regulations; workforce; training and capacity building; and related areas.

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ENERGY SECTOR SUMMARY

+ SOCIOECONOMIC POLICIES

Vision 2040: National Development Plan of The Bahamas [6]

National Development Plan/ Overall Country Development Strategy

The Bahamas National Energy Policy 2013-2033 [7]

National Energy Policy

None

Renewable Energy (RE) Policy



+ OTHER ENERGY SECTOR SUB-POLICIES

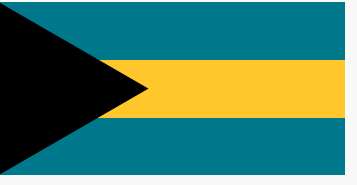
Climate Change Policy	National Policy for the Adaption to Climate Change (2005) [8]
Energy Performance Standards/Appliance Labelling	None
National Determined Contributions (NDC)	<p>Reducing GHG emission by 30% compared to its BaU scenario. This covers gases and sectors included in The Bahamas National Inventory.</p> <p>Having at least 30% of renewables in the country's energy mix.</p> <p>Electric and hybrid vehicles represent 35% and 15% of total vehicle sales, respectively. [9]</p>

+ SOCIOECONOMICS

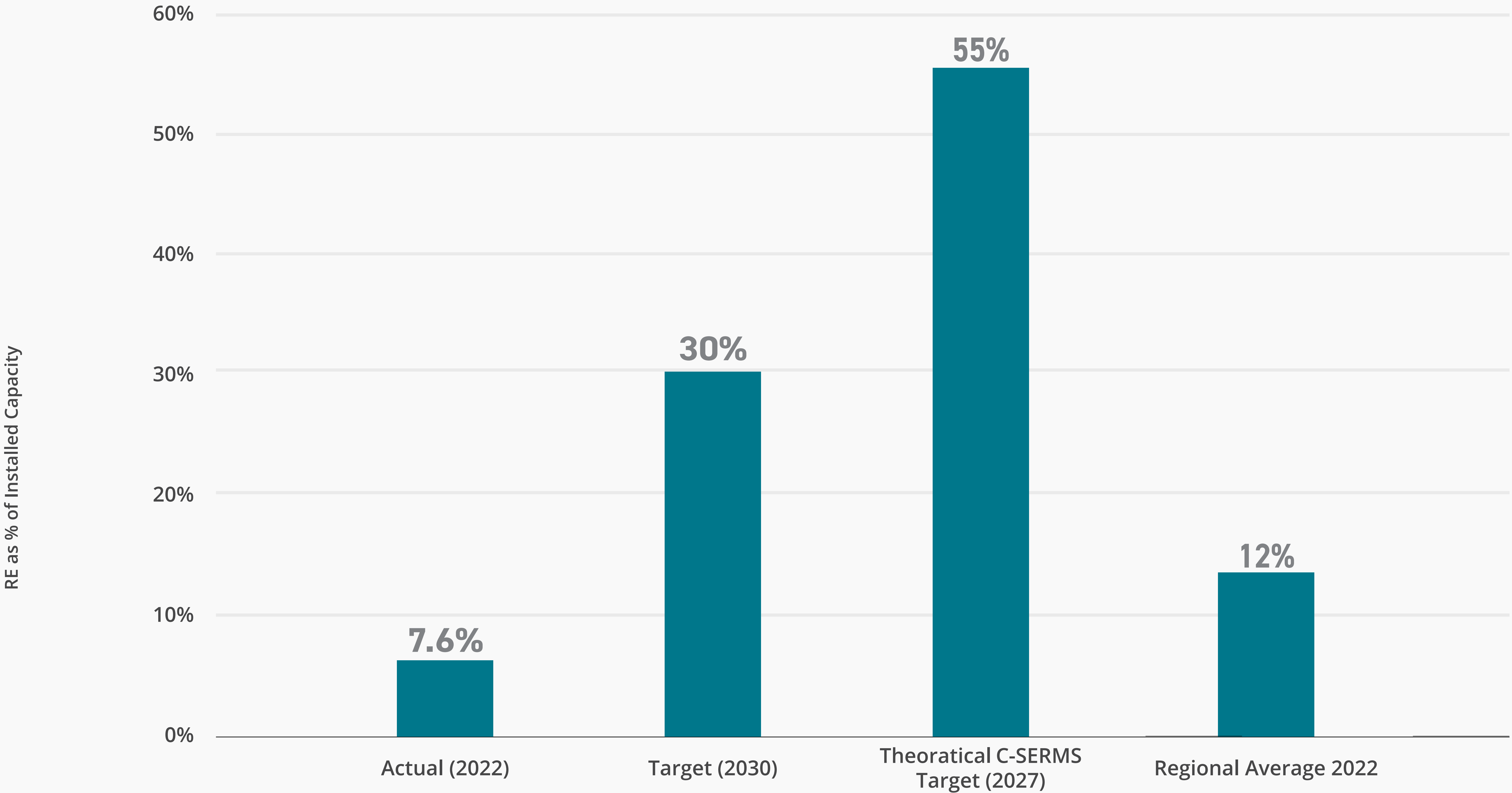
Population Census/ Projection	399,314 ¹ [1]
GDP (USD)	\$ 12,897,420,000 [2]
GDP (USD) Per Capita	\$32,299.00 ² [2]
Gross National Income (GNI) Per Capita (USD)	\$30,851.00 [3]
Debt as % of GDP	90.0% [4]
Human Development Index	0.812 [5]
RE Target	30% by 2030 [7]

Total Installed Conventional Capacity (MW)	450MW [37]
Total Installed RE (MW)	37MW [37]
Electricity System Losses ⁴ (%)	12.3% [37]
Energy Use (kWh) Per Capita	4,347 kWh
National Repository for Energy Data	None

1. Preliminary Results
2. Projected



RENEWABLE ENERGY INSTALLED CAPACITY AGAINST TARGETS





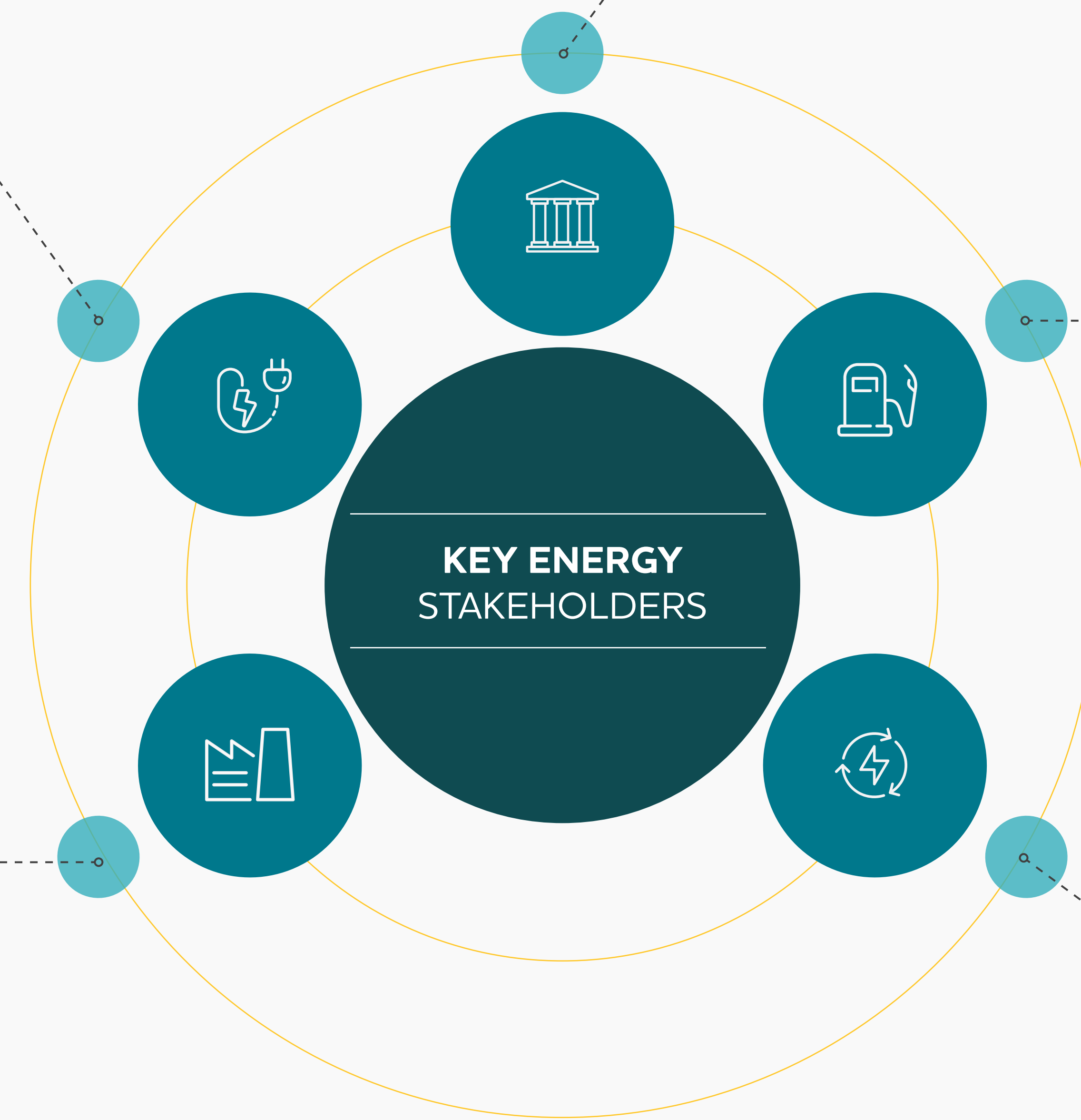
KEY ENERGY STAKEHOLDERS

Electricity Regulator

Utility Regulation and Competition Authority (URCA) [21]
 Grand Bahama Port Authority Limited ⁶ [22]

Independent Power Producer

Shell Bahamas Power Company Inc. [20]



Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies

Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources [11]

- Department of Environmental Planning and Protection (DEPP) [12]

 Ministry of Public Works [13]
 Ministry of Transportation and Housing³

Fuel Importers & Suppliers

Freeport Oil Company Limited (FOCOL) ⁴ [14]
 Rubis (Bahamas) Limited [15]
 Sol Petroleum Bahamas Limited [16]
 Buckeye Bahamas Hub ⁵ [17]

Electric Utility

Bahamas Power and Light (BPL) [18]
 Grand Bahama Power Company [19]

3. In September 2023 the Prime Minister announced the creation of the Ministry Energy and Transport [45]

4. Subsidiary of Sun Oil Limited

5. Formerly Bahamas Oil Refining Company International (BORCO)

6. The Grand Bahama Port Authority is a privately held corporation that has regulatory functions under the Hawksbill Creek Agreement 1955 for Freeport, Grand Bahama Island which include property development, municipal services, airport, harbour operation and shipyard concerns.



POLICY, LEGAL AND REGULATORY (PLR) FRAMEWORK



+ POLICIES RELEVANT TO THE ENERGY SECTOR

The Bahamas National Energy Policy 2013 – 2033 [7] ●

2013 Designed to ensure that by 2033 Bahamas has a modern, diversified and efficient energy sector, providing Bahamians with affordable energy supplies and long-term energy security towards enhancing international competitiveness and sustainable prosperity.

Vision 2040 National Development Plan of the Bahamas [6] ●

2017 The Plan includes a comprehensive policy framework that will guide Government decision-making and investment over the following 25 years which includes improving energy efficiency and increasing the renewable energy share in the total final energy consumption.

+ LEGISLATION RELEVANT TO THE ENERGY SECTOR

Hawksbill Creek, Grand Bahama (Deep Water Harbour and Industrial Area) Act Chapter 261 [24] (Amended 1960, 1965) ●

1955 The Act gives authority to The Grand Bahama Port Authority responsibility for the development, administration and management of Freeport, Grand Bahama including in matters related to electricity supply, transmission and distribution.

The Road Traffic Act Chapter 220 (Amended 2006) [34] ●

1958 The Act addresses motor vehicle use in The Bahamas as well as to provide for the regulation of traffic on roads and of motor vehicles, regulated the public transport services and oversee all matters related to motor vehicles.

Utility Regulation and Competition Authority (URCA) Act [23] (Amended 2015) [30] ●

2009 An Act to amend the Utility Regulation and Competition Authority Act to enable and facilitate URCA in fulfilling its function as an independent regulator of the electricity sector and related matters.

Electricity Act [31] ●

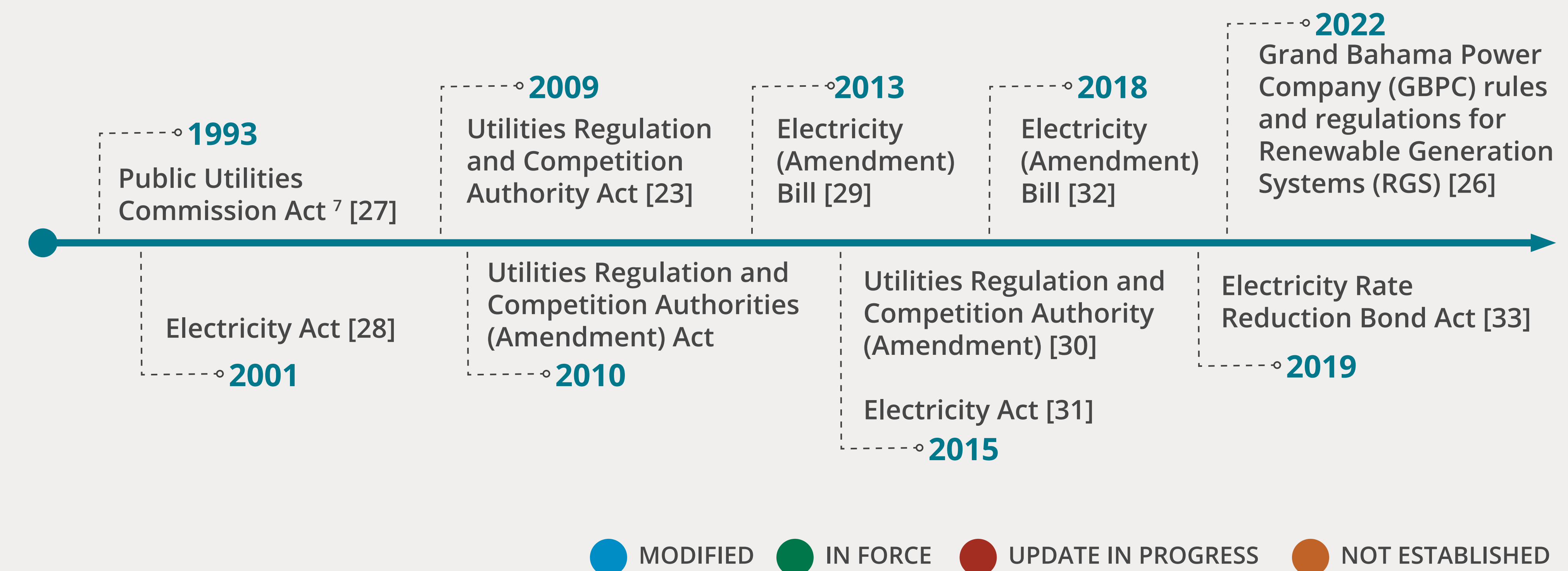
2015 The Act made it unlawful for a person to engage in the generation, transmission, distribution, retail, import, export or wholesale trading of electricity in The Bahamas, without a licence granted by URCA. The Act includes considerations for renewable energy and liberalisation of the electricity sector.

Electricity Rate Reduction Bond Act [35] (Amended 2018) [36] ●

The purpose of the Act is to create an electricity supply regime which recognises safe, least cost, reliable, and environmentally sustainable electricity is vital to the economic and social welfare of The Bahamas and encourages and promotes energy efficiency and conservation, the development of the use of renewable energy technologies, and diversification in the generation, transmission, and distribution of electricity.

	YEAR
Energy Policy and Energy Action Plan [7]: ●	2013
RE Target [7]: ●	2013
EE Target: ●	
Electricity Regulator [23][24]: ●	2009
Net Billing/Net Metering [25][26]: ●	2017
Interconnection Policy/Standards [25][26]: ●	2017
Feed-in-tariff [25]: ●	2017
RE/EE Act: ●	

+ KEY ACHIEVEMENTS: PLR FRAMEWORK TIMELINE FOR ELECTRICITY SUB-SECTOR

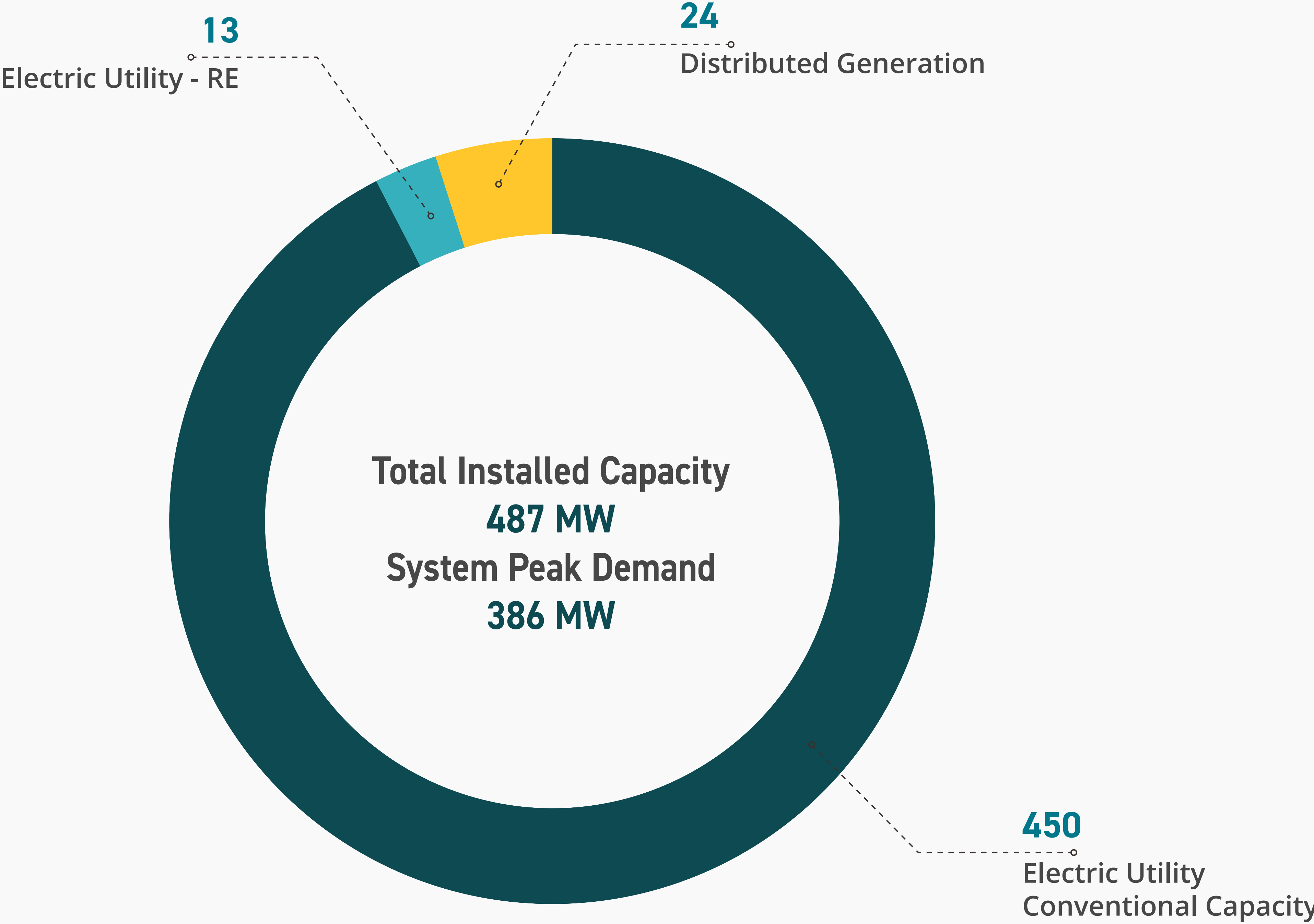


7. The Public Utilities Commission Act was repealed and replaced by the Utilities Regulation and Competition Authority Act in 2009.

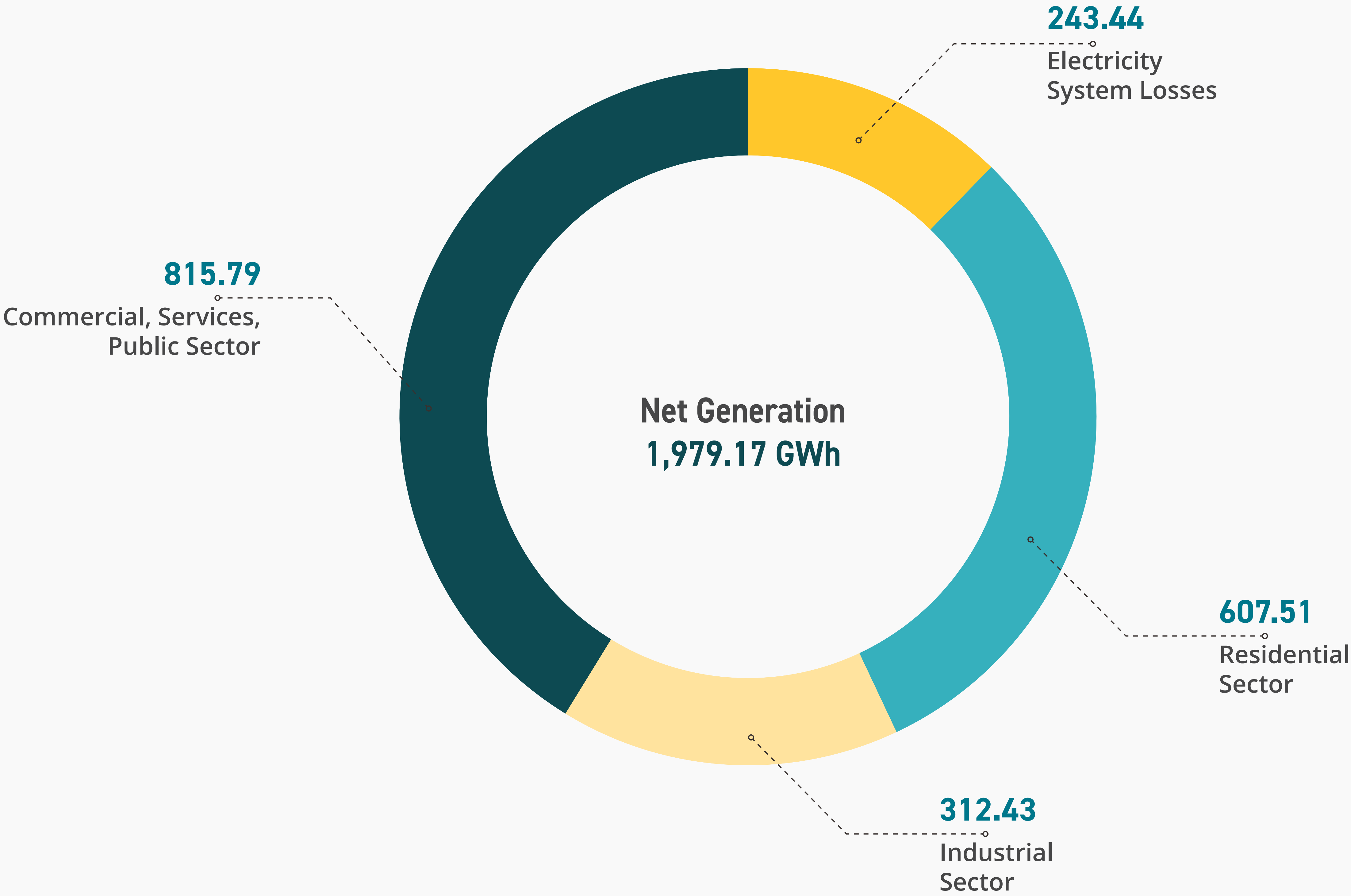


ELECTRICITY & ENERGY EFFICIENCY ^[37] ^[10]

+ INSTALLED CAPACITY (MW)

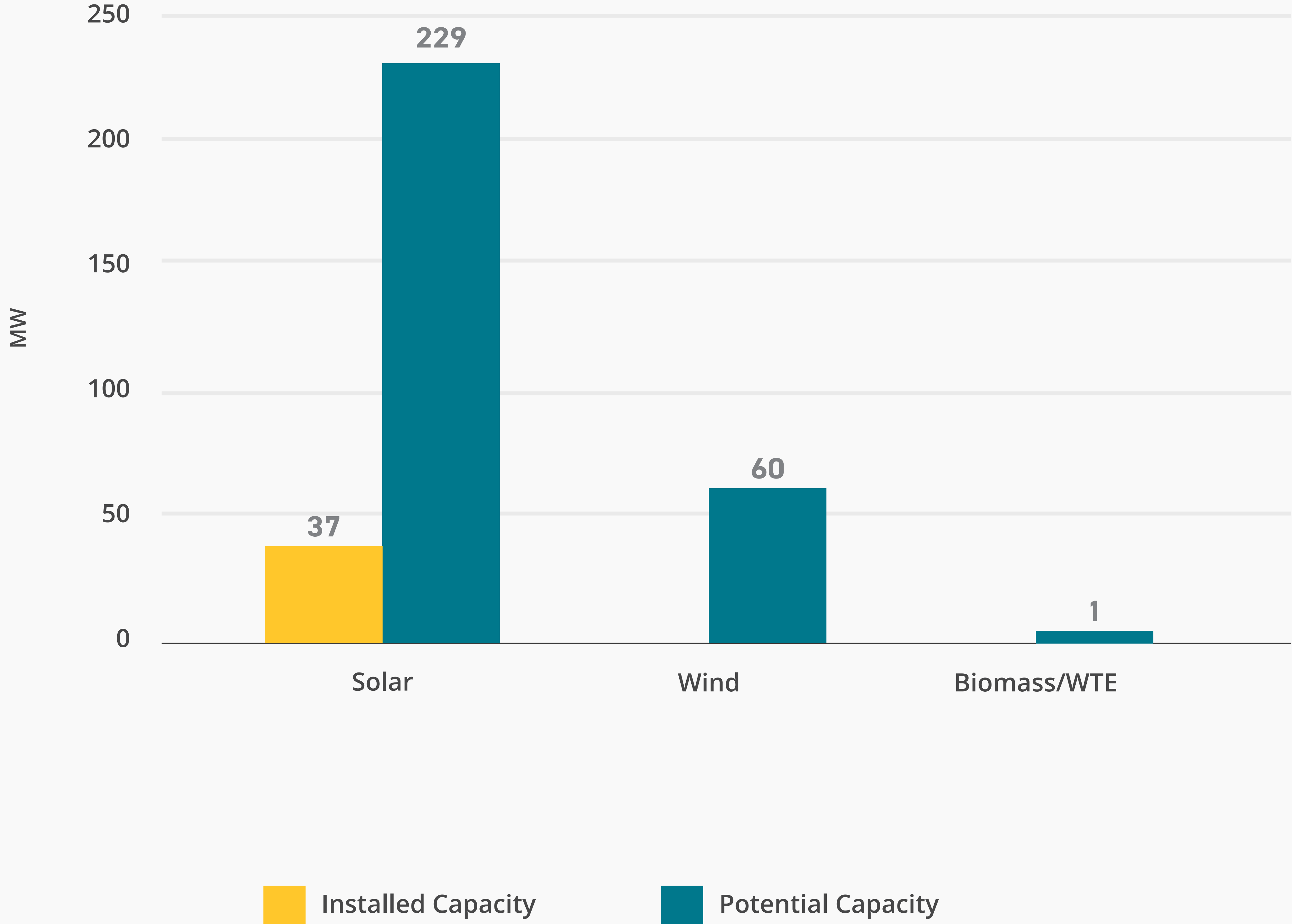


+ ENERGY CONSUMPTION (GWh)





RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES





ELECTRICITY TARIFFS



GRAND BAHAMA POWER COMPANY ELECTRICITY TARIFFS⁸

Rate Class	Monthly Consumption/Demand	Rate (US\$)
Residential	0-200	0.18
	201-350	0.18
	351-800	0.23
	>800	0.27
Commercial	0-20,000	0.20
	20,001-100,000	0.19
	>100,000	0.17
	Minimum monthly demand 5kVA (per kVA)	9.41
Industrial/Large Power	0-100,000	0.16
	100,001-500,000	0.15
	500,001-1,300,000	0.13
	1,300,001-1,700,000	0.11
	>1,700,000	0.08
	Minimum monthly demand 1,000kVA (per kVA)	9.41
Street Lights	150 W	24.64
	250 W	37.00
	400 W	49.34
	1,000 W	67.83

BAHAMAS POWER AND LIGHT ELECTRICITY TARIFFS⁹

Rate Class	Monthly Consumption/Demand	Rate (US\$)
Residential	0-200	0.11
	201-8000	0.12
	Remaining kWh	0.15
Commercial ¹⁰	All kWh	0.15
	Minimum Monthly Charge	10.00
Industrial/Large Power	0-900,000	0.09
	Remaining kWh per month	0.06
	Demand charge per kVA	11.36

8. The tariffs present are representative of the 2023 electricity rate for Grand Bahama Power Company.

9. In 2022 the monthly fuel charge increased in five phases. For each phase there was an increase on \$0.02 per kWh up to 800 kWh and a \$0.04 increase per kWh for usage over 800kWh.

10. Churches and Floodlit Sports Arenas



PROJECTS IN THE PIPELINE

+ PROGRAMMES

Donor Funding and Technical Assistance Landscape	Donor Organization & Banks	Funding Awards (USD)	Year
Advancing Renewable Energy in The Bahamas [38]	Inter-America Development Bank	\$170,000,000.00	2020
Reconstruction with Resilience in the Energy Sector in The Bahamas [39]	Inter-America Development Bank	\$80,000,000.00	2020
Reconstruction with Resilience in the Energy Sector in The Bahamas [40]	Inter-America Development Bank	\$9,010,989.00	2021
Institutional and Regulatory Strengthening of The Energy Sector [41]	Inter-America Development Bank	\$150,000.00	2021

+ ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECTS

There were no Energy Efficiency projects reported for 2022.

+ PROJECTS

There were no Renewable Energy Projects reported for 2022.

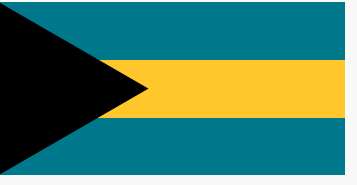


TERTIARY PROGRAMMES OFFERED

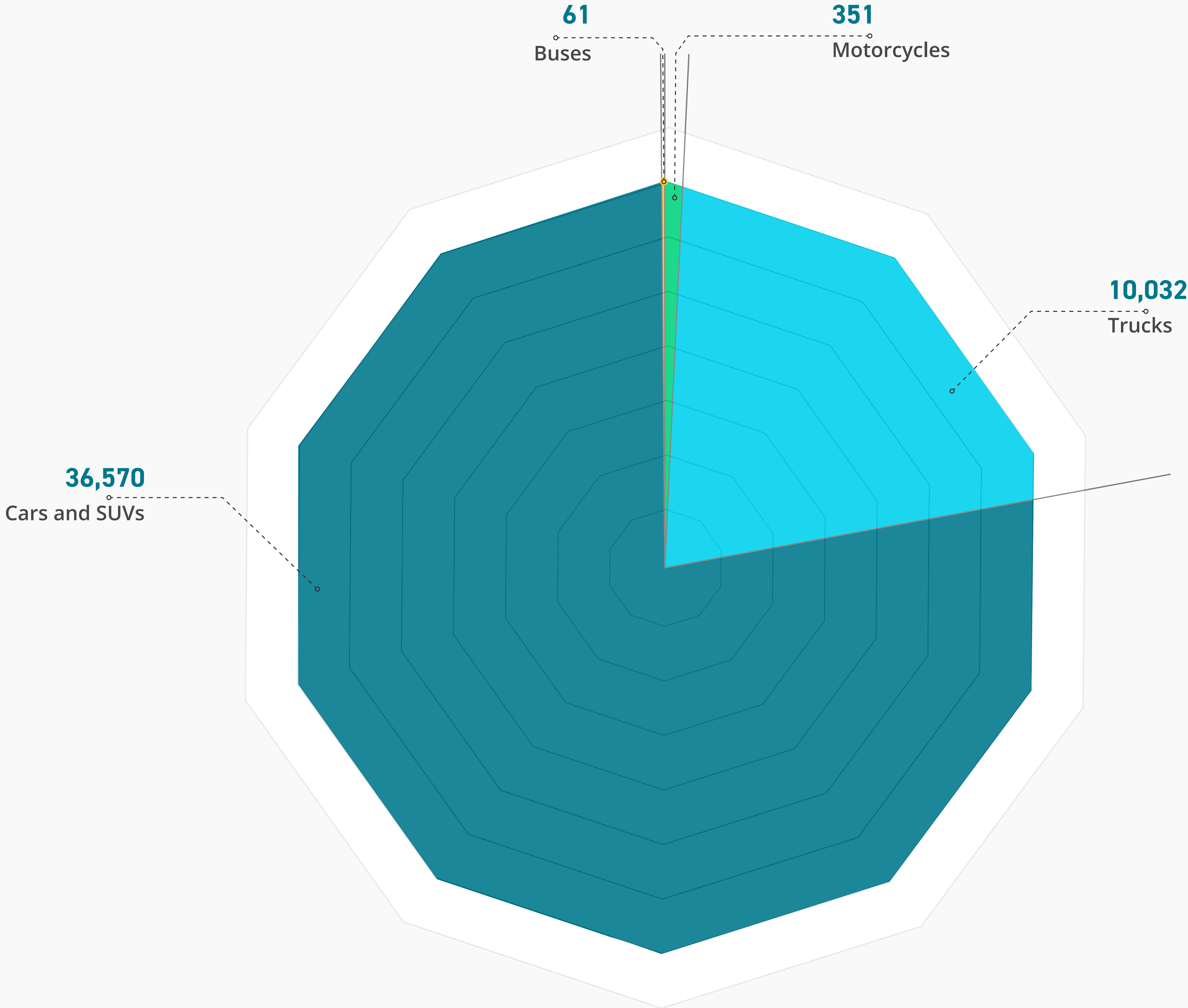


Name of Education Programme Provider	Associate Degree	Bachelors Degree	Programme Link
University of the Bahamas		Small Island Studies	https://www.ub.edu.bs/admissions/undergraduate-admission/programmes-2/
		Architecture ¹¹	
		Electrical Engineering Technology	
Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute	Electronics Engineering Installers & Repairers		https://www.btvi.edu.bs/electronics-media-technology-trades-program/
The Bahamas Agriculture and Marine Science Institute	Environmental Science		https://bamsibahamas.edu.bs/academics/associate-of-science-degrees/environmental-science

11. The programme incorporates Eco-tourism, Green Architecture and Sustainable Development



TRANSPORTATION SECTOR [42]



This includes 294 electric vehicles and 545 hybrid vehicles reported.



CLIMATE CHANGE FRAMEWORK

SUMMARY OF THE BAHAMAS' GHG EMISSIONS AND REMOVALS (Gg) FOR 2000 [44]

Climate Change Policy	National Policy for the Adaptation to Climate Change (2005) [8]
National Determined Contributions [9]:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reducing GHG emission by 30% compared to its BaU scenario. This covers gases and sectors included in The Bahamas National Inventory. Having at least 30% of renewables in the country's energy mix. Electric and hybrid vehicles represent 35% and 15% of total vehicle sales, respectively
Emissions Reduction Target [9]:	Absolute economy-wide emissions target expressed as a single-year target (2030)
Priority Sectors for NDC [9]:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Energy Transportation Industrial Processes and Produce Use (IPPU) Land-Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry (LULUCF) Waste
National Communications (NC) to the UNFCCC:	First National Communication on Climate Change Submitted to the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change for Presentation to the Conference of Parties (2001) [43]
	The Second National Communication Report of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (2014) [44]

Categories	Emissions				
	Gg	Gg Gas			
	CO ₂	CH ₄	N ₂ O	NO	NMVOC
Energy	660.45				
LUCF onsite burning of forests	4.35	0.5	0.00013	0.12	
LUCF					
Livestock		0.23			
Solid Waste		0.07			
Comm/Industrial		0.003			
Wastewater and Sludge		0.05			
Animal Waste Management			0.001		
Grazing Animals			0.004		
Agricultural Soils			0.005		
Leaching			0.03		
Human Sewage			0.02		
Fugitive Emissions					2.31
Road Surfacing					0.17



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