

DOMINICA

Capital: Roseau

GEODATA

Area
750 km²

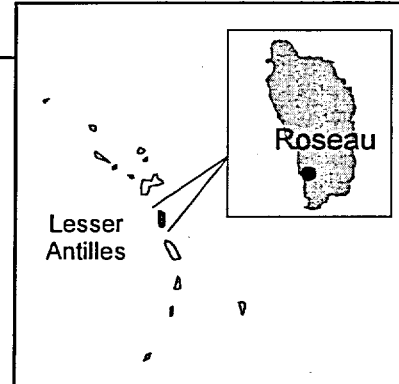
Population
71,540 (July 2000 est.)

Official language
English

Population growth rate
-1.14% (2000 est.)

Major religious groups
Roman Catholic (77%),
Protestant (15%)

Surrounding countries
Guadeloupe (France), Martinique (France)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government
Republic

Minister for Trade, Industry and Marketing
Osborne Riviere

National legislature
Single chamber: House of Assembly; multiparty

UN Human Development Index (2000)
Dominica ranks 51st among 174 countries

Leaders
President Vernon Shaw
Prime Minister Roosevelt Douglas

Canadian official development assistance
\$3 million (1998-1999)

Minister for Foreign Affairs
Roosevelt Douglas

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP
\$262.1 million US (1999 est.)

Inflation rate
1.5% (1999 est.)

GDP growth rate
2% (1999 est.)

Unemployment rate
20% (1999 est.)

GDP per capita
\$3,214 US (1998)

Main exports
Bananas, soap, essential oils, vegetables, citrus fruit, manufactured goods

Main imports
Machinery, basic manufactured goods, foodstuffs, chemicals

Main exports to Canada
\$1.6 million (1999), including machinery, iron and steel products, optical instruments, apparel

Main imports from Canada
\$5.5 million (1999), including dairy products, household articles, furniture, electrical apparatus

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