

# DOMINICA

Capital: Roseau

## GEODATA

**Area**  
750 km<sup>2</sup>

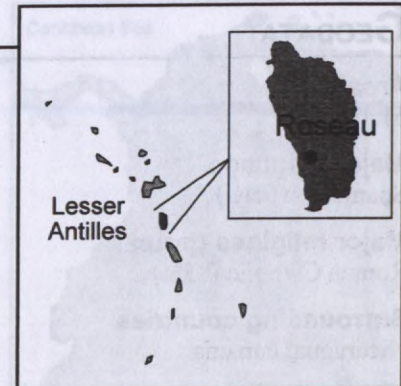
**Major language**  
English (official)

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

**Surrounding countries**  
Guadeloupe (France), Martinique (France)

**Population**  
77,600 (2000 est.)

**Population growth rate**  
1.14% (2000 est.)



## POLITICAL DATA

**Type of government**  
Republic

**National legislature**  
Single chamber: House of Assembly; multiparty

**Leaders**  
President Vernon Shaw  
Prime Minister Pierre Charles

**Minister for Foreign Affairs, Legal Affairs  
and National Security**  
Pierre Charles

**Minister for Trade, Industry and Marketing**  
Osborne Riviere

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

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

## ECONOMIC DATA

**Real GDP**  
\$268.2 million US (2000 est.)

**GDP growth rate**  
0.5% (2000 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**  
\$1.7 million (2000), including machinery; optical and medical instruments; paper and paperboard; perfumery and cosmetics, etc.; soap, wax and dental preparations; sugars; electrical machinery; edible fruit and nuts; vehicles (not railway); footwear

**Main imports from Canada**  
\$4.4 million (2000), including machinery; electrical machinery; dairy, eggs and honey, etc.; paper and paperboard; furniture and bedding; wood; fish and seafood; vegetables

### Canadian Representative

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