

BARBADOS

Capital: Bridgetown

GEODATA

Area
431 km²

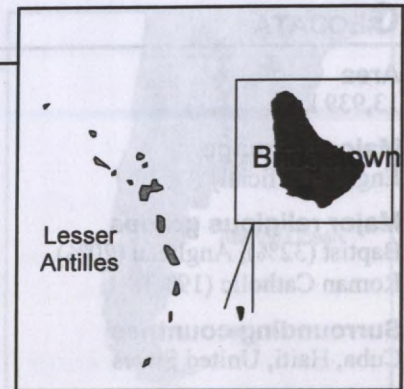
Major language
English (official)

Major religious groups
Anglican (40%), other Protestant (27%), Roman Catholic (4%)

Surrounding countries
St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Population
280,000 (1999 est.)

Population growth rate
0.5% (1990-1999)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government
Constitutional monarchy

National legislature
Upper chamber: Senate
Lower chamber: House of Assembly; multiparty

Leaders
Governor General Clifford Husbands
Prime Minister Owen Seymour Arthur

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade
Billie Miller

UN Human Development Index (2000)
Barbados ranks 30th among 174 countries

Canadian official development assistance
\$510,000 (1998-1999)

ECONOMIC DATA

Real GDP
\$2.45 billion US (2000 est.)

GDP growth rate
2.8% (2000 est.)

GDP per capita
\$7,343 US (1999)

Main exports
Sugar and molasses, rum, other foods and beverages, chemicals, electrical components, clothing

Main imports
Consumer goods, machinery, foodstuffs, construction materials, chemicals, fuel, electrical components

Main exports to Canada
\$7.4 million (2000), including beverages (rum and alcohol); electrical machinery; tools and cutlery; plastics; food; machinery; precious stones and metals; woven apparel; baking related products

Main imports from Canada
\$33.7 million (2000), including pork; vegetables; electrical machinery; newsprint; furniture; wood

Canadian Representative

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