

DOMINICA

Capital: Roseau

GEODATA

Area
750 km²

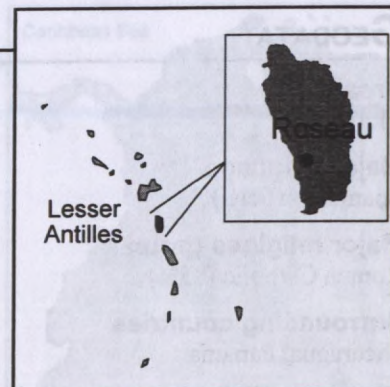
Major language
English (official)

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)

Inflation rate
2.5% (2000 est.)

Unemployment rate
20% (1999 est.)

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

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