

# BARBADOS

Capital: Bridgetown

## GEODATA

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

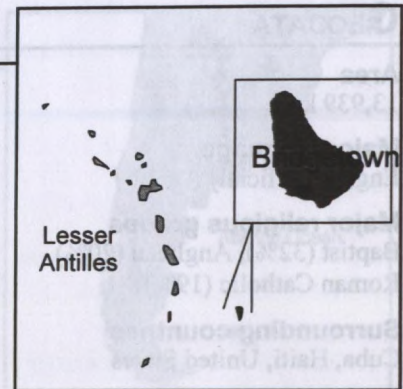
**Major language**  
English (official)

**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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