

BASIC COUNTRY DATA

DOMINICA

Area: 750 Km2 (289.5 sq. miles)

Population: 74,089 (mid-1981); density 99 per Km2
Annual rate of growth (1970-81): 0.5%

Capital: Roseau

Head of Gov't: Premier Eugenia Charles

Exchange Rate: Since July 1976 the Eastern Caribbean dollar has been aligned with the US dollar: US \$1 EC\$2.70

Gross Domestic Product
(at current market prices): US \$31.7 million (1980); US \$34.2 million (1981e)

GDP per capita: US \$462 (1981e)

International Political and Economic Affiliations: CARICOM, CDB, UN, OAS, IMF, IBRD, GATT

External Public Debt: US \$17 million (1981)

Debt Service/Exports Ratio: 2.7% (1981)

(US \$'s millions)	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981e</u>
<u>Merchandise exports (fob)</u>	11.3	11.1	12.0	15.9	9.4	9.0	17.0
<u>Merchandise imports (cif)</u>	20.7	19.0	21.9	28.5	39.4	52.8	47.6

Main Exports(1980-81): bananas (51% in 1981), coconuts, citrus, plantain; toilet and laundry soap (41% in 1981).

Main Imports (1981): foods (29%), manufactured goods (27%), machinery and transport equipment (16%), chemicals including fertilizer (15%), fuels and lubricants (7%).

Canada-Dominica Trade Relations: Trade relations are governed by the Canada-CARICOM Trade and Economic Cooperation Agreement signed on January 20, 1979. Canadian exports to Dominica are subject to the CARICOM Common External Tariff. Dominican exports to Canada are subject to the Commonwealth Preferential Tariff, the General Tariff or the Most Favoured Nation rate, depending on the tariff item applicable to the export. Provision is made for double income tax relief in respect of Canada.