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Population

The estimated population of this cosmopolitan nation is 1.3 million, almost all of whom live in Trinidad. Approximately 38% of the population lives in the capital, Port of Spain, and its surrounding suburbs. The population of Tobago is less than 50,000. Trinidad and Tobago is a multiracial society comprising the following ethnic representations: Afro-Trinidadians, 43%; Indo-Trinidadians, 40%; and other ethnic backgrounds, 17%.

Language

English is the official and commercial language of Trinidad and Tobago.

Religion

There is freedom of religious practice on the islands, with the Roman Catholic (32.2%), Hindu (24.3%), Anglican (14.4%), other Protestant (14%), and Muslim (6%) faiths predominating.

Weights and Measures

Metric weights and measures are used locally.

Electricity

The standard electricity supply is 110-115v, and 220-240v, 60 cycles, for domestic use, and 400-440v, 60 cycles, three-phase for commercial and industrial use.

Public Holidays

<i>New Year:</i>	January 1
<i>Good Friday:</i>	March/April (variable)
<i>Easter Monday:</i>	March/April (variable)
<i>Shouter Baptist Day</i>	March 30
<i>Indian Arrival Day</i>	May 30
<i>Corpus Christi:</i>	May/June (variable)
<i>Labour Day:</i>	June 19
<i>Emancipation Day:</i>	August 1
<i>Independence Day:</i>	August 31
<i>Christmas Day:</i>	December 25
<i>Boxing Day:</i>	December 26
<i>Divali (Hindu Festival):</i>	October/November (variable)
<i>Eid-ul-Ftr (Moslem Festival):</i>	Variable