

Antigua and Barbuda



Population	70 200 (1999 est.)
Capital of Antigua	Saint John's
Capital of Barbuda	Codrington
Total area	440 km ²
Language	English
National day	November 1
Currency	East Caribbean dollar
GDP	\$629.6 million (1999 est.)
GDP per capita	\$2420 (1996)
Canadian exports	\$11.4 million (1999)
Canadian imports	\$400 000 (1999)

Head of government:

Prime Minister Lester B. **Bird**

Born February 21, 1938. Elected chairman of the Antigua Labour Party in 1971. Served as a senator and as Leader of the Opposition in the Senate until 1976. Held a number of portfolios from 1976 to 1994, including Minister of Foreign Affairs and Deputy Prime Minister. First elected Prime Minister in March 1994; re-elected in 1999.



Caribbean Sea



Antigua

Bahamas



Population	298 000 (1999 projection)
Capital	Nassau
Total area	13 939 km ²
Language	English
National day	July 10 (1973 Independence Day)
Currency	Bahamian dollar
GDP	\$4.5 billion (1999)
GDP per capita	\$11 790 (1999)
Canadian exports	\$26.3 million (1999)
Canadian imports	\$25.9 million (1999)

Head of government:

Prime Minister Hubert A. **Ingraham**

Born August 4, 1957. A law graduate. First elected to the House of Assembly in 1977. Appointed Minister Responsible for Housing, National Insurance and Social Services in 1982. Leader of the Opposition from May 1990 until elected Prime Minister in 1992. Re-elected in March 1997.



Argentina



Population	37 million (2000 est.)
Capital	Buenos Aires
Total area	2 766 880 km ²
Language	Spanish
National days	May 25 (1810 Revolution Day) July 9 (Independence Day)
Currency	peso
GDP	\$285 billion (2000 est.)
GDP per capita	\$6391 (1999)
Canadian exports	\$211 million (1999)
Canadian imports	\$304 million (1999)

Head of state and government:

President Fernando de la Rúa

Born September 15, 1937. A lawyer by profession, he joined the Radical Civic Union, serving as an adviser to the Ministry of the Interior during the presidency of Dr. Arturo Illia (1963-66). First elected senator for the Federal Capital in 1973. Elected President of Argentina October 24, 1999.



Barbados



Population	280 000 (1999 est.)
Capital	Bridgetown
Total area	431 km ²
Language	English
National day	November 30 (1966 Independence Day)
Currency	Barbados dollar
GDP	\$2.32 billion (1999 est.)
GDP per capita	\$7343 (1999)
Canadian exports	\$41 million (1999)
Canadian imports	\$10.6 million (1999)

Head of government:

Prime Minister Owen Seymour **Arthur**

Born October 17, 1949. An economist by profession. Appointed to the Senate in 1983. Became a Member of Parliament in 1984; appointed Leader of the Opposition in 1993. Elected Prime Minister in September 1994; re-elected in January 1999.

