

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Capital: Port-of-Spain

GEODATA

Area
5,130 km²

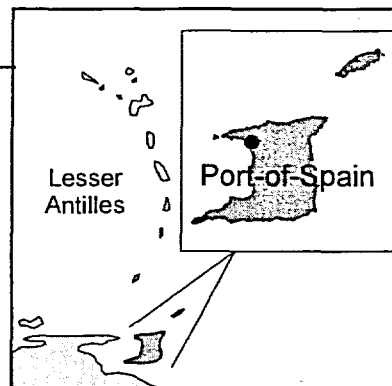
Official language
English

Major religious groups
Roman Catholic (29.4%),
Hindu (23.8%), Anglican (10.9%),
Muslim (5.8%), Presbyterian (3.4%)

Surrounding countries
Grenada, Venezuela

Population
1.17 million (July 2000 est.)

Population growth rate
-0.49% (2000 est.)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government
Republic

National legislature
Upper chamber: Senate
Lower chamber: House of Representatives;
multiparty

Leaders
President Arthur N.R. Robinson
Prime Minister Basdeo Panday

Minister of Foreign Affairs
Ralph Maraj

Minister of Trade and Industry
Mervyn Assam

UN Human Development Index (2000)
Trinidad and Tobago ranks 50th among 174 countries

Canadian official development assistance
\$740,000 (1998-1999)

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP
\$6.7 billion US (1999)

GDP growth rate
5.1% (1999 est.)

GDP per capita
\$4,725 US (1998)

Main exports
Petroleum and petroleum products, chemicals, steel products, fertilizers, sugar, cocoa, coffee, citrus, flowers

Main imports
Machinery, transportation equipment, manufactured goods, foodstuffs, live animals

Main exports to Canada
\$83.6 million (1999), including mineral fuels, petroleum oils, steel rods, fertilizers, fish, vegetables, rum

Main imports from Canada
\$161.9 million (1999), including computer equipment, newsprint and paper, vegetables, fish, agricultural machinery

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