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Transportation, Utilities and Communication

The main international airport is located at Piarco, approximately 27 km from the city of Port of Spain in Trinidad. The other domestic airport is at Crown Point in Tobago. Fourteen airlines operate 375 scheduled weekly flights linking Trinidad and Tobago to 24 countries and 28 cities. On average, there are 50 landings and take-offs daily. Landing and terminal facilities are being enhanced at Crown Point to accommodate direct international flights.

There are two major seaport facilities in Trinidad. One is located at Port of Spain and the other is found along the west coast at Point Lisas. The port facility in Tobago is located at Scarborough. Two passenger cargo boats provide regular inter-island service.

In 1986, 670 vessels of more than 100 (net) registered tonnes called at Port of Spain. Of these, 411 were container carriers, 181 were conventional break bulk carriers and three were special lumber carriers. In 1986, Port of Spain handled 980 172 metric tonnes of imports and 86 452 metric tonnes of exports. Trans-shipment amounted to 19 584 metric tonnes.

At present, there are nine berths at Port of Spain and turnaround time is approximately two days. There is also extensive storage space and merchandise handling equipment and dry dock facilities are available. Service is provided by 19 shipping lines to nearly all parts of the world. There is also a scheduled shipping service from Trinidad and Tobago by the state-owned Shipping Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago (SCOTT).

Internal transport is entirely by road. The total number of registered vehicles in 1985 was 336 769. The Public Service Transport Corporation, a state-owned enterprise, operates a bus service. There is no rail network.