

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Capital: Port-of-Spain

GEODATA

Area

5,130 km²

Major language

English (official)

Major religious groups

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

Surrounding countries

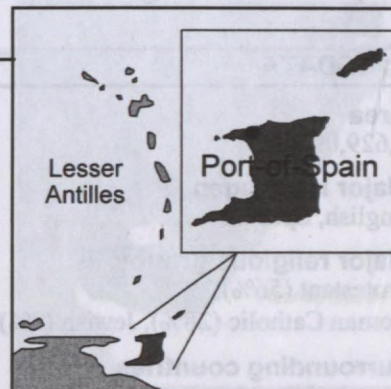
Grenada, Venezuela

Population

1.3 million (2000 est.)

Population growth rate

0.6% (1990-1999 average)



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 Enterprise Development, Foreign Affairs and Tourism

Mervyn Assam

Minister of Integrated Planning and Development

John Humphrey

UN Human Development Index (2000)

Trinidad and Tobago ranks 50th among 174 countries

Canadian official development assistance

\$740,000 (1998-1999)

ECONOMIC DATA

Real GDP

\$7.2 billion US (2000 est.)

GDP growth rate

4.5% (2000 est.)

GDP per capita

\$4,725 US (1998)

Inflation rate

3.2% (2000 est.)

Unemployment rate

12.8% (2000)

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

\$72.3 million (2000), including iron and steel; mineral fuel and oil; fish and seafood; organic chemicals; beverages; electrical machinery; plastics; optical and medical instruments; vegetables; machinery

Main imports from Canada

110.4 million (2000), including machinery; electrical machinery; paper and paperboard; vegetables; fish and seafood; plastics; preserved food; dairy products; eggs; honey

Canadian Representative

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