

Saint Vincent *and the* Grenadines



Population
112 700 (1999 est.)

Capital
Kingstown

Total area
340 km²

Language
English

National day
October 27
(1979 Independence Day)

Currency
East Caribbean dollar

GDP
\$338.8 million (1999 est.)

GDP per capita
\$2548 (1997)

Canadian exports
\$4.6 million (1999)

Canadian imports
\$100 000 (1999)

Head of government:

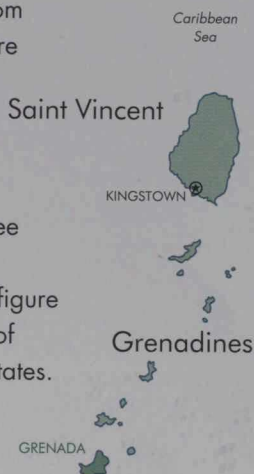
Prime Minister Sir James **Mitchell**

Born May 15, 1931. Studied at the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture in Trinidad and the University of British Columbia in Vancouver.

Entered politics in 1966 and served as Premier from 1972 to 1974 (before independence).

Became Prime Minister in 1984 and led his party to victory in three subsequent elections.

Has been a leading figure in the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States.



Trinidad *and* Tobago



Population
1.3 million
(1999 projection)

Capital
Port of Spain

Total area
5130 km²

Language
English

National day
August 31
(Independence Day)

Currency
Trinidad and Tobago dollar

GDP
\$6.6 billion (1999)

GDP per capita
\$4725 (1998)

Canadian exports
\$161.9 million (1999)

Canadian imports
\$73.7 million (1999)

Head of government:

Prime Minister Dr. Basdeo **Panday**

Born May 25, 1933. Studied law at Lincoln's Inn, economics at the University of London, and drama at the London School of Dramatic Arts. Entered politics in 1966. Founded and became leader of the United Labour Front party. Later founded and became leader of the United National Congress party. Sworn in as Prime Minister on November 9, 1995.



Suriname



Population
495 000 (1999 est.)

Capital
Paramaribo

Total area
163 265 km²

Language
Dutch

National day
November 25
(1975 Independence Day)

Currency
guilder

GDP
\$1062 billion (1999 est.)

GDP per capita
\$847.9 (1999 est.)

Canadian exports
\$5.4 million (1999)

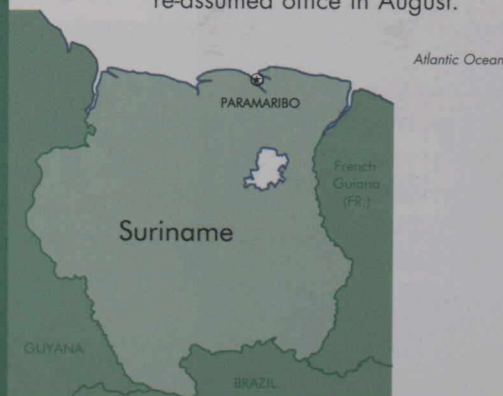
Canadian imports
\$82.5 million (1999)

Head of state and government:

President Rinaldo R. **Venetiaan**

Born June 18, 1936. A graduate in mathematics. Professional teacher and former principal at three teachers' colleges. Served as Minister of Education, head of the Bureau for Scientific Education and Research, research adviser at the General Statistics Bureau, and executive member of UNESCO. Elected

President of Suriname in 1991; completed his term in 1996. Won presidential elections in May 2000 and re-assumed office in August.



United States *of* America



Population
276.4 million (2000 est.)

Capital
Washington, D.C.

Total area
9 364 000 km²

Language
English

National day
July 4
(Independence Day)

Currency
U.S. dollar

GDP
\$9.299 trillion (2000 est.)

GDP per capita
\$34 091 (1999)

Canadian exports
\$309.4 billion (1999)

Canadian imports
\$249.3 billion (1999)

Head of state and government:

President George W. **Bush**

Born July 6, 1946. A graduate of Harvard Business School, holds a master's degree in business administration. Served as a fighter pilot with the Texas Air National Guard. Worked in the oil and gas business before becoming co-owner of a professional baseball team.

Elected governor of the state of Texas in 1994; re-elected in 1998. Sworn in as President on January 20, 2001.

