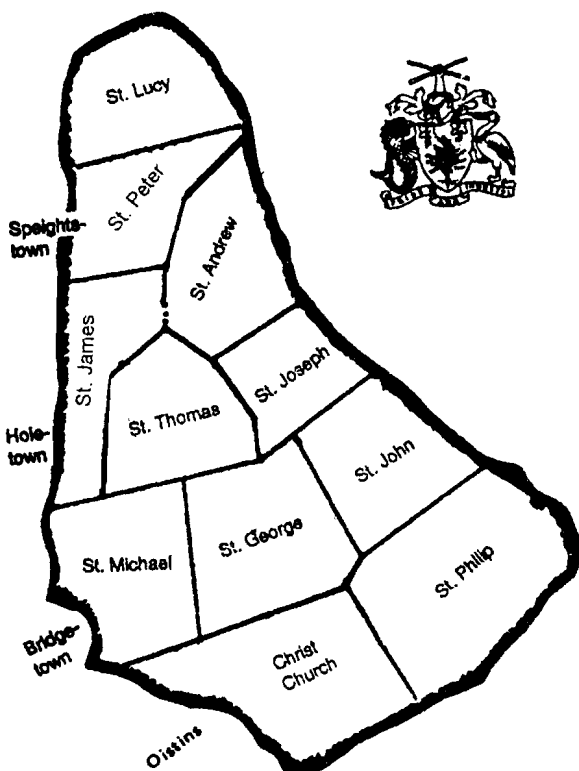


BARBADOS



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PROFILE OF BARBADOS

Barbados is an exquisite island, located in the Atlantic Ocean 59° 37' West and 13° 04' North of the Equator. It is the most easterly in the Caribbean Islands chain, lying approximately 160.9 kilometres to the east of its nearest neighbour, St. Vincent and, approximately 463 kilometres north-east of the South American mainland.

It is mostly a flat coral island with many beaches, a few rolling hills, deep ridges and gullies. The island is 34 kilometres long and 23 kilometres wide with an area of approximately 430 square kilometres. The highest point is located at Mt. Hillaby, St. Andrew, one of the island's eleven (11) parishes.

Archaeological evidence indicates that Arawak Indians inhabited Barbados prior to the settlement of the English at Hometown in 1625. Until 1966, when Barbados became an independent nation, it was a British colony. The Parliament in Barbados which dates from 1639 is the third oldest in the world.

His Excellency Sir Clifford Husbands is the Governor-General. The Right Honourable Owen S. Arthur is the Prime Minister and the Honourable David J. H. Thompson is the Leader of the Opposition. Barbados has a long tradition of political and social stability, which enables a stable and democratic system of Government making it one of the most stable locations in the world for business.

Bridgetown, the capital is situated in the south-west in the parish of St. Michael. It is the centre of sophisticated international telecommunication services, and superior infrastructure. This city plays host to the Securities Exchange of Barbados (SEB), off-shore companies and a modern deep water harbour. Other major towns are Speightstown and Hometown in the north and Oistins in the south of the island.

The climate is sunny all year round, with an average daytime high of 75°-85°F. The coolest months are usually January to April, while the hottest are July to September. The atmosphere is cooled by prevailing gentle north-east trade

winds. Its climatic conditions and geographical make-up help to boost Barbados as a dream vacation.

Tourism plays a vital role in the Barbadian economy, since it is the major contributor to foreign exchange earnings. There are many places of interest especially the Harrison's Cave, one of the finest cave systems in the world. The principal crop like other Caribbean islands is sugar cane.

At the end of the quarter January - March, 2002, Barbados' resident population was 270,700 persons, 92% of whom are of African descent and the other 8% are white, or mixed.

The language spoken is English and education is compulsory from ages 5 - 16. Barbados boasts of a 97% literacy rate. A highly religious community, 70% of the population are Anglican, Catholic, Methodist and Moravian. The other 30% are affiliated to other denominations.

CLIMATE

	2000	2001	*2002 ^P
Mean relative humidity (%)	84	79	75
Annual rainfall (mm)	1279.8	1217.7	1116.0
Total number of rain days	152	124	23

POPULATION & VITAL STATISTICS

Total Population	267.9	270.4	270.7
Male	128.8	130.2	130.4
Female	139.1	140.2	140.3
Population density (per square km)	62.2	62.7	62.8
Birth Rate per 1000	14.1	15.0	3.8
Death Rate per 1000	9.1	8.9	2.2
Infant Mortality Rate per 1000	16.7	15.8	12.6
Live Births ('000)	3.8	4.0	1.0
Rate of Natural Increase per 1000	5.0	6.1	0.4
Population Growth Rate (%)	0.2	0.6	0.6
Total Adult Population ('000 persons)	202.4	205.5	205.9
Male	97.1	97.2	97.4
Female	105.3	108.3	108.6

POPULATION & VITAL STATISTICS – Cont'd

	2000	2001	*2002 ^P
Labour Force			
('000 persons)	138.7	142.9	141.3
Male	72.6	73.7	73.9
Female	66.1	69.1	67.4
Employed ('000 persons)	125.9	128.8	126.7
Male	67.3	67.8	67.4
Female	58.6	60.9	59.3
Unemployed ('000 persons)	12.8	14.1	10.3
Male	5.3	5.9	8.8
Female	7.5	8.2	12.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.2	9.9	10.3
Participation Rate (%)	68.5	69.5	68.6
Not in the Labour Force			
('000 persons)	63.6	62.5	64.6
Male	24.4	23.3	23.5
Female	39.2	39.2	41.2
Total Trade Union Member- ship (Approx.)	38.2	42.2	44.1

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	2000	2001	*2002 ^P
(<i>'000 Persons</i>)			
Agriculture, Fisheries	4.7	8.8	8.3
Quarry and Construction	13.8	14.2	12.6
Manufacturing	10.2	9.2	8.3
Electricity, Gas and Water	1.9	1.9	2.0
Distributive Trade,			
Restaurants and Hotels	18.7	19.1	18.9
Tourism	14.2	13.7	13.9
Communications and			
Transport	4.9	5.7	4.6
Financial Institutions,			
Insurance, etc.	9.1	10.4	11.8
Services (Government			
& Other)	48.1	49.1	49.8
Not Stated	0.2	0.2	0.4

* Figures For The Period Ending January - March 2002.

EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

	2000	2001	*2002 ^P
(<i>'000 Persons</i>)			
Legislators, Senior Officials			
and Managers	9.4	10.7	10.7
Professional	13.2	14.8	13.8
Technicians and Associate			
Professionals	8.8	10.5	12.2
Clerks	14.4	14.9	14.8
Service Workers and Shop and			
Market Sales Workers	23.4	23.2	21.7
Skilled Agricultural and			
Fishery Workers	3.1	3.0	3.0
Craft and Related Workers	17.0	17.0	15.3
Plant and Machine Operators			
and Assemblers	8.4	8.9	9.3
Elementary Occupations	27.6	25.5	25.3
Not Stated	0.6	0.3	0.6

HEALTH WORKERS¹

Dental Auxiliaries	11	2	2
Dental Hygienists	6	5	10
Dental Technicians	11	9	11
Dentists/Dental Surgeons	45	53	51
Dietitians/Nutritionists	11	13	13
Nurses (Registered)	927	1152	701
Midwives	416	495	393
Psychiatric Nurses	381	313	291
Nursing Assistants	465	425	339
Optometrists	11	8	8
Pharmacists/Chemists	196	189	172
Medical Practitioners	325	366	376
Physiotherapists	28	26	22
Psychologists	5	6	6
Diagnostic Radiographers	14	20	16
Therapeutic Radiographers	3	-	2
Ophthalmic Dispensers	-	6	9
Chiropractors	3	3	5
Medical Laboratory Technologists	50	51	21

¹ Information collected at Registration Department.

HEALTH WORKERS¹ - Cont'd

	2000	2001	*2002 ^P
Occupational Therapists	12	7	6
Cardiac Technologist	2	1	1
Opticians	10	N/A	N/A

EDUCATION*Enrollments ('000 Persons)*

*Primary	2000	2001	*2002 ^P
Total	26.4	29.2	29.3
Male	13.4	14.8	14.8
Female	13.0	14.4	14.5

Senior Schools

Total	2.54	0.19	0.24
Male	1.83	0.13	0.17
Female	0.71	0.06	0.07

Government Secondary

Total	20.18	20.20	20.50
Male	10.23	10.30	10.28
Female	9.95	9.90	10.22

*School Leavers ('000 Persons)**Government Secondary*

Total	3.4	4.0	4.0
Male	1.7	2.0	2.0
Female	1.6	2.0	2.0

Private Secondary

Total	0.19	0.36	0.28
Male	0.06	0.15	0.11
Female	0.13	0.21	0.17

****UWI Graduates (Local) (Approx.)**

Total	0.78	0.74	0.76
Male	0.25	0.26	0.26
Female	0.53	0.48	0.51

* Primary contains under 5 years and 5-7 years public and private.

** Contains Certificates, Diplomas, BSc., Higher Degrees, MSc. and PhD.

EDUCATION*Enrollments ('000 Persons) - Cont'd*

	2000	2001	*2002 ^P
<i>Barbados Community College Graduates</i>			
Total	1.57	1.51	1.54
Male	0.43	0.46	0.45
Female	1.14	1.05	1.09

*Samuel Jackman Prescod**Polytechnic Graduates*

Total	0.97	1.12	1.05
Male	0.62	0.33	0.48
Female	0.35	0.79	0.57

*Passes at CXC General**Secondary Schools*

Total	11,222	12,004	12,681
Male	4,508	4,804	4,984
Female	6,714	7,200	7,697

Private Entries

Total	1,692	1,721	2,021
Male	512	556	571
Female	1,180	1,165	1,450

*** Barbados Scholars**

Total	10	27	27
Male	3	8	7
Female	7	19	20

Total No. of Teachers

(Primary & Secondary)	3.2	3.1	3.1
Literacy Rate (%)	97	98	98

* Contains Exhibitions.

**BARBADOS VOCATIONAL TRAINING
BOARD**

*Skills Training Programme
(Completed Training)*

	2000	2001	2002
Air-Conditioning	-	-	14
Auto Body Repairs	16	15	19
Auto Mechanics	52	49	15
Electrical Installation	19	30	27
Leather-craft	15	8	5
Masonry	67	74	57
Needlecraft	43	28	12
Plumbing	46	70	24
Carpentry	78	65	45
Computer Application	45	46	28
Bob Cat/Backhoe Operation			
*Skid-Steer Loader	40	36	24
Horticulture/Landscaping	13	7	N/A
Steelbending and Fixing	19	20	14
Tailoring	15	10	18
Tractor Operations and Maintenance	-	47	38
Upholstery	22	23	27
Tiling	40	40	9
*Wood Carving	-	10	N/A
Basketry and *Rug Making	22	19	8
Screen Printing	9	8	13
Joinery	10	-	N/A
Welding	12	19	13
Cupboard Construction	33	20	16
TOTAL	616	644	426

* Skid-Steer Loader, Wood Carving and Rug Making from 2001.

NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT BUREAU**('000 Persons)*

	2000	2001	2002
Job Placements Overseas	0.6	0.6	0.3
Job Placements Locally	0.5	0.4	0.1
Registration (Local Employment)	1.3	1.4	0.4
Vacancies Reported (Local Employment)	1.1	0.2	0.2
Registrations (Self-Employed)	0.3	N/A	N/A

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

	2000 ^a	2001 ^b	2002
GDP at Factor Cost (Bds. \$M)	4209.8	4222.6	N/A
GDP at Current Market Prices (Bds. \$M)	5182.6	5097.9	N/A
GDP per capita at Factor Cost (Bds. \$M)	16.0	15.7	N/A
Real Growth (% Change)	3.6	2.6	-

RETAIL PRICE INDEX*(May, 1994 base = 100)***

	2000	2001	2002
All Items December	116.7	119.7	98.6

* NEB information for the quarter January - March 2002.

** A new index based on May, 1994 Indicators replaces the old index which was based on March, 1980 Indicators.

Retail Price Index January - May 2002.

TOURISM***

	2000 ^a	2001	2002
Hotel Bed Occupancy Rate (%)	60.4	53.0	42.7
Average Length of Stay (nights)	7.3	7.2	6.9
Estimated Tourist Expenditure (BDS. \$M)	1422.6	1373.5	N/A
Contribution to GDP (BDS. \$M)	488.0	471.1	N/A
Share of GDP (% at Factor Cost)	11.3	-	N/A

VISITOR ARRIVALS*('000 Persons)*

	2000 ^a	2001	2002 ^b
United States	113.2	106.6	30.8
Canada	59.7	52.3	17.5
United Kingdom	225.5	217.4	51.5
Germany	7.9	6.5	N/A
Other Europe	26.8	28.6	8.1
Trinidad and Tobago	24.0	N/A	N/A
Other CARICOM	64.2	80.1	17.3
Other	24.2	21.8	4.3
TOTAL	544.2	513.2	129.7

SEAPORT TRAFFIC**No. of Calls/Arrivals:-*

	2000	2001	2002 ^b
Cargo/Cargo Passengers	1,153	1,047	282
Cruise Ships	495	451	188
Navals	21	22	3
Tankers	193	190	42
Others ²	438	399	22
TOTAL	2,300	2,109	537

*** Tourism Figures for August 2002.

* Figures for the Period January - March 2002.

² Includes Cement Vessels.

FINANCE

	2000/01 ^R	2001/02 ^P	2002/03
<i>*Government Finances (Bds. \$M)</i>			
Current Revenue	1717.3	1747.8	515.8
Current Expenditure	1705.4	1868.7	404.4
Capital Expenditure	302.1	318.6	157.3
<i>Major Sources of Revenue (Bds. \$M)</i>			
Taxes on Income and Profit	591.6	608.8	116.1
Taxes on Property	93.7	105.4	4.7
Taxes on Goods and Services	750.1	731.4	62.2
Taxes on International Trade	135.4	144.4	N/A
Special Receipts	62.9	65.4	19.6
Non-Tax Revenue	68.4	75.0	38.1
Stamp Duties	14.1	16.0	0.8
ENERGY SUPPLY	2000	2001	2002^P
Domestic Crude Oil ('000 barrels)	559.7	463.7	102.3
Gas Production ('000 Million Cubic Metres)	38.0	34.9	6.2
ENERGY CONSUMPTION	2000^R	2001^P	2002^P
Electricity (Million Kwh)	704.0	737.1	571.4
Water (Million Cubic Metres)	51.7	54.4	N/A
TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBERS	123,320	127,632	N/A
TRANSPORT ('000)	2000^P	2001^P	2002^P
<i>Registration of All Classes of Vehicles:</i>			
Private Cars	61.2	64.9	N/A
Motor Cycles, Bicycles etc.	2.1	2.2	N/A
Buses, Minibuses, Taxis and Coaches	2.4	2.4	N/A
Lorries, Vans and Pickups	8.9	9.0	N/A
Other	2.9	2.9	N/A
TOTAL	77.5	81.4	N/A

*** Government Finances for the quarter January - March 2002.**