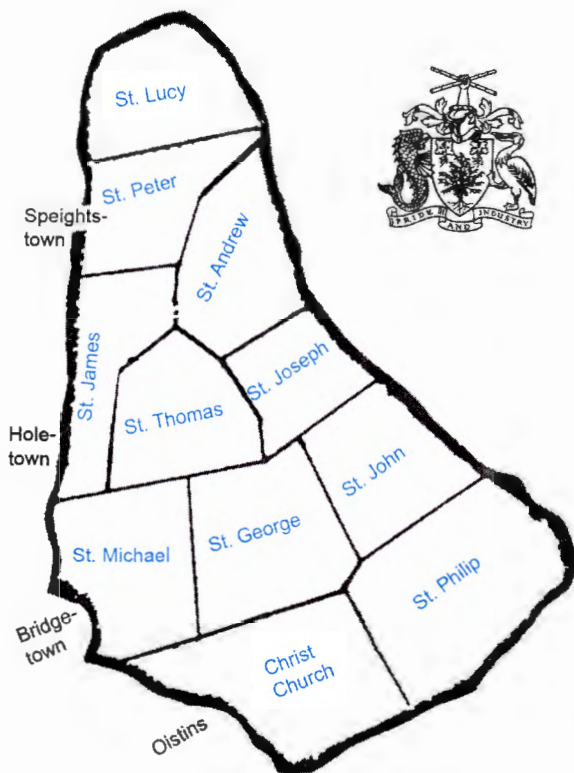


BARBADOS



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PROFILE OF BARBADOS

Barbados is a beautiful island, located in the Atlantic Ocean 59° 37' West and 13° 04' North of the Equator. It is the most easterly in the chain of Caribbean Islands lying approximately 160.9 kilometres to the east of its nearest neighbour, St. Vincent.

Coral stone constitutes the island's base rather than volcanic activity, and the land is relatively flat 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 1,100 feet, located at Mount 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 Holetown 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 of Barbados. The Right Honourable Owen S. Arthur is the Prime Minister and the Honourable Clyde A. Mascoll is the Leader of the Opposition. Barbados has a long tradition of political and social stability. This coupled with its democratic system of Government makes it one of the most stable locations in the world for business.

Bridgetown, which celebrated 375 years in 2003, is the capital and is situated in the south-west in the parish of St. Michael. It is the centre of sophisticated international telecommunication services and infrastructure. This City plays host to the Securities Exchange of Barbados (SEB), off-shore companies and a modern deep water harbour and the redeveloped Kensington Oval, the proposed venue for Cricket World Cup finals.

Other major towns are Speightstown and Holetown 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 destination.

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

At the end of the year 2006, Barbados' resident population was 274,000 persons. Statistics from Census 2000 revealed that 92% were of African descent and the other 8% were white, or mixed.

The language spoken is English and education is compulsory from ages 5-16. Barbados boasts of a 98% literacy rate. A highly religious community, 70% of the population are Anglican, Catholic, Methodist and Moravian. The other 30% are affiliated with other denominations.

CLIMATE

	2004	2005	2006
Mean relative humidity (%)	83.0	79.0	77.0
Annual rainfall (mm)	1623.6	1685.0	1147.8
Total number of rain days	167	150	141

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS

	2004	2005 ^P	2006
Total Population	272.7	273.4	274.0
Male	131.5	131.9	132.0
Female	131.3	141.5	142.0
Population Density (per square km)	634.2	635.8	637.1
Birth Rate per 1000	12.7	12.8	12.4
Death Rate per 1000	8.9	7.9	8.5
Infant Mortality Rate per 1000	18.4	8.3	11.1
Live Births ('000)	3.47	3.51	3.42
Rate of Natural Increase per 1000	3.8	4.9	3.9
Population Growth Rate (%)	0.2	0.3	0.2
Total Adult Population ('000 persons)	210.6	210.9	211.6
Male	99.6	99.7	100.1
Female	111.0	111.1	111.5

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS – *Cont'd*

	2004	2005 ^p	2006
Labour Force ('000 persons)	146.3	146.8	143.5
Male	75.0	75.0	73.4
Female	71.3	71.8	70.1
Employed ('000 persons)	132.0	132.6	131.0
Male	68.3	69.0	67.8
Female	63.8	63.6	63.2
Unemployed ('000 persons)	14.3	14.2	12.5
Male	6.7	6.0	5.6
Female	7.5	8.2	6.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.8	9.7	8.7
Participation Rate (%)	69.5	69.6	67.8
Not in the Labour Force ('000 persons)	64.2	64.2	67.6
Male	24.6	24.7	26.3
Female	39.7	39.5	41.3
Total Trade Union Member- ship (Approx.) ¹	44.2	44.3	44.2

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	2004	2005	2006
('000 persons)			
Agriculture, Fisheries	4.4	4.5	4.7
Quarry and Construction	13.4	13.2	14.5
Manufacturing	7.6	7.0	5.5
Electricity, Gas and Water	1.8	2.1	2.3
Distributive Trade	19.6	18.5	16.7
Tourism	12.2	12.9	13.5
Communications and Transport	5.2	5.7	4.4
Financial Institutions, Insurance, etc.	10.8	10.8	9.8
Services (Government and other)	56.4	57.7	59.1
Not Stated	0.5	0.2	0.2
TOTAL	132.0	132.6	131.0

¹Information collected on Trade Union Membership for four Unions: Barbados Workers' Union, National Union of Public Workers, Barbados Union of Teachers and the Barbados Secondary Teachers Union.

EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

	2004	2005	2006
('000 persons)			
Legislators, Senior Officials and Managers	12.2	11.8	11.0
Professionals	16.7	17.0	15.7
Technicians and Associate Professionals	11.1	11.3	10.5
Clerks	15.7	16.0	16.7
Service Workers and Shop & Market Sales Workers	22.9	22.4	22.5
Skilled Agricultural and Fishery Workers	3.8	3.3	3.4
Craft and Related Workers	17.3	18.6	19.2
Plant and Machine Operators & Assemblers	6.7	7.7	8.2
Elementary Occupations	24.8	24.2	23.3
Not Stated	0.7	0.4	0.4
TOTAL	132.0	132.6	131.0

HEALTH WORKERS

	2004	2005	2006
Dental Auxiliaries	6	11	3
Dental Hygienists	8	7	11
Dental Technicians	12	11	11
Dentists/Dental Surgeons	64	61	63
Dieticians/Nutritionists	-	-	1
Nurses (Registered)	551	594	599
Midwives	215	245	231
Psychiatric Nurses	205	223	187
Nursing Assistants	235	297	340
Optometrists	8	10	10
Pharmacists/Chemists	211	232	228
Medical Practitioners	441	432	446
Physiotherapists	29	35	37
Psychologists	11	10	15
Psychologists (Clinical)	11	3	1
Diagnostic Radiographers	18	26	25
Therapeutic Radiographers	-	4	-
Ophthalmic Dispensers	4	9	8
Chiropractors	3	6	1
Medical Laboratory Technologists	35	32	29
Occupational Therapists	7	7	8

HEALTH WORKERS – Cont'd

	2004	2005	2006
Cardiac Technologists	1	1	2
Speech Therapists	5	4	4
Chiroprodists	1	2	-
Podiatrists	-	1	2
Acupuncturists	1	3	3

EDUCATION*Enrollments ('000 persons)*

*Primary	2004 ^R	2005	2006
Total	28.00	28.00	25.25
Male	14.00	14.00	13.00
Female	14.00	14.00	12.25
Secondary (Seniors 11-16)			
Total	22.00	22.00	20.47
Male	10.71	11.00	10.36
Female	10.62	11.00	10.11

****U.W.I. Graduates (Local) (Approx.)**

Total	0.72	1.01	0.85
Male	0.23	0.30	0.23
Female	0.49	0.71	0.62

Barbados Community College**Graduates**

Total	0.889	0.927	1.291
Male	0.252	0.285	0.395
Female	0.637	0.642	0.896

Samuel Jackman Prescod**Polytechnic Graduates**

Total	0.889	0.859	0.328
Male	0.462	0.489	0.136
Female	0.427	0.370	0.192

Primary contains under 5 years and 5-7 years public and private.*** Contains Certificates, Diplomas, First Degrees and Graduate Degrees.****EDUCATION – Cont'd***Enrollments ('000 persons) – Cont'd*

	2004 ^R	2005	2006
<i>Passes at CXC General Secondary Schools</i>			
Total	15.065	15.308	16.402
Male	5.813	5.730	6.094
Female	9.252	9.578	10.302

***Barbados Scholars**

Total (in absolute nos.)	41	46	48
Male	3	11	18
Female	38	35	30

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06
<i>Total No. of Teachers (Primary & Secondary, Public and Private)</i>	3037	3223	3220
<i>Literacy Rate (%)</i>	98	98	98

BARBADOS VOCATIONAL TRAINING BOARD**Skills Training Programme***(Completed Training)*

	2004	2005	2006
Air Conditioning and Refrigeration	16	34	13
Auto Body Repair	0	19	16
Auto Mechanics	28	25	14
Electrical Installation	47	47	48
Masonry	102	106	80
Needlecraft	43	33	16
Plumbing	162	95	53
Carpentry	129	85	91
Computer Application	106	42	63
Bob Cat/Backhoe Operation			
Skid-Steer Loader	55	23	64
Horticulture/Landscaping	30	12	N/A
Steelbending and Fixing	9	33	23
Tailoring	12	11	10
Tractor Operations and Maintenance	54	53	52

***Contains Exhibitions.**

BARBADOS VOCATIONAL TRAINING BOARD**Skills Training Programme – Cont'd***(Completed Training)*

	2004	2005	2006
Upholstery	23	20	20
Tiling	46	15	45
Wood Carving	5	-	-
Basketry and Rug Making	23	17	21
Screen Printing	25	6	11
Welding	14	12	20
Machinist Fitter	6	10	12
Gourmet Cooking	16	-	23
Cupboard Construction	30	23	22
Office Procedures	33	32	54
Sign Making	8	34	21
Heavy Duty Truck Driving	7	12	N/A
Other	-	-	37
TOTAL	1055	785	829

NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT BUREAU*('000 persons)*

	2004	2005	2006
Job Placements Overseas	0.5	0.5	0.5
Job Placements Locally	0.3	0.35	0.17
Registration (Local Employment)	1.5	1.8	1.1
Vacancies Reported (Local Employment)	N/A	0.56	0.44
Registrations (Self-employed)	0.2	0.2	0.2

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

	2004	2005^R	2006^P
GDP at Factor Cost (Bds. \$M)	4601.9	4980.0	5383.7
GDP at Market Prices (Bds. \$M)	5643.3	6011.1	6501.1
GDP per capita at Factor Cost ('000's)	16.9	18.2	19.7
Real GDP Growth (% Change)	4.8	3.8	3.9

RETAIL PRICE INDEX

(July, 2001 base = 100)*

	2004	2005	2006 ^P
All Items December	101.8	108.0	115.9

TOURISM

	2004	2005 ^P	2006
Hotel Bed Rate (%)	50.4	55.2	N/A
Average Length of Stay (nights)	6.8	7.4	N/A
Estimated Tourist Expenditure (Bds. \$M)	1628.8	1770.5	1843.4
Contribution to GDP (Current Prices BDS. \$M)	523.5	569.0	612.9
Share of GDP (% at Factor Cost)	16.0	12.9	12.7

VISITOR ARRIVALS

('000 persons)

	2004	2005	2006 ^P
United States of America	129.7	131.0	131.0
Canada	50.0	47.7	49.3
United Kingdom	214.4	202.8	213.2
Germany	7.0	7.0	7.4
Other Europe	23.0	19.9	21.0
Trinidad and Tobago	26.5	30.9	34.5
Other CARICOM	78.0	83.9	82.7
Other	23.0	24.4	24.0
TOTAL	551.4	547.5	563.0

*Index based on July, 2001 = 100

SEAPORT TRAFFIC

No. of Calls/Arrivals:-

	2004	2005	2006
Cargo/Cargo Passengers	908	923	900
Cruise Vessels	530	395	442
Navals	10	23	19
Tankers	188	160	148
Others ²	429	360	263
TOTAL	2,065	1,861	1,772

SUGAR

	2004	2005 ^R	2006 ^P
Area of Canes Cultivated ('000 hectares)	7.0	7.1	6.7
Canes Milled ('000 tonnes)	361.2	442.4	348.3
Canes per Hectare Reaped ('000 tonnes)	51.7	62.7	52.0
Sugar Produced ('000 tonnes)	34.4	38.2	33.7
Sugar Value at Factor Cost (% GDP)	1.1	1.2	0.6
Export of Sugar ('000 tonnes)	32.9	33.8	32.4
Average Export Price Per Tonne	1332.5	1356.7	1378.1
Total Export Earnings (Bds. \$M)	44.9	45.9	44.6
Production Cost Per Tonne (Bds. \$)	2273.4	2185.8	2493.5

LOCAL FOOD PRODUCTION

('000 Kgs)

	2004	2005	2006
Beans	243.6	343.0	370.7
Beets	218.4	98.9	92.4
Cabbages	432.3	405.4	641.9
Carrots	826.8	467.2	317.7
Cucumbers	1361.9	1388.1	1324.2
Okras	569.7	495.0	525.2
Onions	550.8	346.5	444.2
Pumpkins	291.3	204.3	120.9

²Includes Cement Vessels.

LOCAL FOOD PRODUCTION – Cont'd

('000 Kgs)

	2004	2005	2006
Lettuce	316.5	285.3	438.9
Peppers (Sweet)	548.5	574.9	477.5
Peppers (Hot)	323.1	114.1	136.5
Tomatoes	837.4	987.3	1040.6
Sweet Potatoes	1913.0	2083.9	2200.9
Yams	603.4	817.5	793.8
TOTAL	9036.7	8611.4	7502.7

LIVESTOCK AND DAIRY PRODUCTION

('000 Kgs)

	2004	2005	2006
Beef	244.5	173.3	169.6
Poultry (Chicken and Turkey)	13,521.3	15,022.3	13,571.2
Mutton	97.3	78.5	79.0
Pork	2,064.4	2,308.1	2,636.9
Milk	6,620.8	6,256.4	5,569.9
Eggs	1,928.0	1,384.9	1,986.6
Veal	13.9	8.7	12.58
Fish Landings (Tonnes)	2,133.2	2,070.5	1,540.1

IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND VISIBLE TRADE BALANCE (Bds. \$M)

	2004	2005 ^R	2006
Imports	2825.9	3208.9	3258.1
Domestic Exports	341.7	421.1	519.4
Re-Exports	209.6	297.8	390.8
Total Exports	551.3	718.9	882.4
Balance	(1891.1)	(2290.0)	(2375.7)

Value of Exports to Selected Countries

United Kingdom	52.8	61.3	66.0
Canada	9.3	12.5	15.6
United States of America	54.9	55.3	171.2
Caricom	179.6	243.6	304.1

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IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND VISIBLE TRADE BALANCE (Bds. \$M) – Cont'd

	2004	2005 ^P	2006 ^P
Selected Domestic Exports (Bds. \$M)			
Sugar	44.9	44.4	39.4
Electrical Components	30.0	36.7	81.5
Clothing	1.3	2.6	2.3
Other Food and Beverages	39.0	50.0	42.3
Chemicals	42.4	56.1	35.9
Rum	44.6	50.7	44.3

FINANCE2004/05 2005/06^R 2006/07^E**Government Finances (Bds. \$M)**

Current Revenue	1897.4	2143.0	2206.5
Current Expenditure	2064.9	2268.5	2060.4
Capital Expenditure	223.9	245.6	246.6

Major Sources of Revenue (Bds. \$M)

Taxes on Income and Profit	621.3	706.2	805.5
Taxes on Property	106.1	137.4	151.2
Taxes on Goods and Services	837.9	959.0	919.4
Taxes on International Trade	193.0	180.5	181.0
Special Receipts	52.2	68.9	54.9
Non-Tax Revenue	61.2	65.3	65.6
Stamp Duties	18.9	22.0	26.9

ENERGY SUPPLY

	2004 ^R	2005 ^P	2006
Domestic Crude Oil ('000 barrels)	377.7	348.7	339.6
Gas Production ('000 Million Cubic Metres)	20.3	24.0	23.0

ENERGY CONSUMPTION

	2004 ^R	2005 ^P	2006
Electricity Sales (\$M)	830.7	884.7	903.4
Water (Million Cubic Metres)	54.0	54.0	53.4

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TRANSPORT ('000)

	2004	2005	2006
<i>Registration of all Classes of Vehicles:</i>			
Private Cars	80.0	71.2	88.5
Motor Cycles etc.	1.8	1.2	1.8
Buses, Minibuses, Taxis and Coaches	2.1	2.6	3.2
Lorries, Vans and Pickups	10.6	9.0	11.3
Hired Cars/Limousines	-	2.3	3.1
Other	4.4	1.6	1.6
TOTAL	98.9	87.9	109.5

NOTES AND SYMBOLS

R	=	Revised	Kwh	=	Kilowatt hour
P	=	Provisional	\$M	=	Millions of dollars
N/A	=	Not Available	'000	=	Thousands
E	=	Estimated			