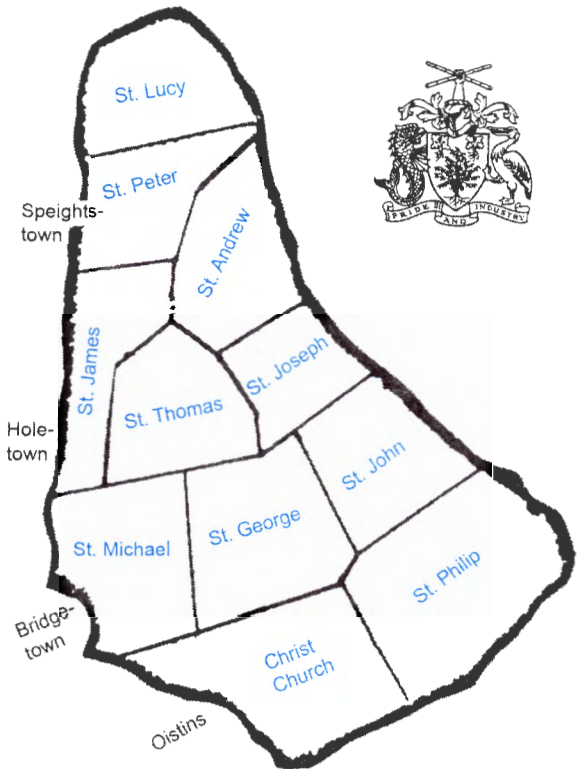


BARBADOS



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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 Honourable David J. H. Thompson is the Prime Minister and the Honourable Mia A. Mottley 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, where the 2007 cricket world cup final was played.

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 2007, Barbados' resident population was 274,700 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

	2005	2006	2007
Mean relative humidity (%)	79.0	77.0	77.0
Annual rainfall (mm)	1,685.0	1,147.8	1,274.5
Total number of rain days	150	141	141

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS

	2005 ^P	2006	2007
Total Population	273.4	274.0	274.7
Male	131.9	132.0	132.7
Female	141.5	142.0	142.0
Population Density (per square km)	635.8	637.1	638.8
Birth Rate per 1000	12.8	12.4	12.9
Death Rate per 1000	7.9	8.5	8.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1000	8.3	11.1	13.0
Live Births ('000)	3.51	3.42	3.54
Rate of Natural Increase per 1000	4.9	3.9	4.9
Population Growth Rate (%)	0.3	0.2	0.3
Total Adult Population ('000 persons)	210.9	211.6	212.1
Male	99.7	100.1	100.3
Female	111.1	111.5	111.8

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS – *Cont'd*

	2005 ^a	2006	2007
Labour Force ('000 persons)	146.8	143.5	143.8
Male	75.0	73.4	74.5
Female	71.8	70.1	69.3
Employed ('000 persons)	132.6	131.0	133.1
Male	69.0	67.8	69.7
Female	63.6	63.2	63.4
Unemployed ('000 persons)	14.2	12.5	10.7
Male	6.0	5.6	4.8
Female	8.2	6.9	5.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.7	8.7	7.4
Participation Rate (%)	69.6	67.8	67.8
Not in the Labour Force ('000 persons)	64.2	67.6	68.3
Male	24.7	26.3	25.7
Female	39.5	41.3	42.5
Total Trade Union Member- ship (Approx.) ¹	44.3	44.2	42.4

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	2005	2006	2007
Agriculture, Fisheries	4.5	4.7	4.0
Quarry and Construction	13.2	14.5	15.4
Manufacturing	7.0	5.5	6.2
Electricity, Gas and Water	2.1	2.3	2.0
Distributive Trade	18.5	16.7	18.1
Tourism	12.9	13.5	14.0
Communications and Transport	5.7	4.4	5.2
Financial Institutions, Insurance, etc.	10.8	9.8	9.6
Services (Government and other)	57.7	59.1	57.9
Not Stated	0.5	0.2	0.5
TOTAL	132.0	132.6	133.1

¹ Information 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

('000 persons)	2005	2006	2007
Legislators, Senior Officials and Managers	11.8	11.0	11.8
Professionals	17.0	15.7	16.5
Technicians and Associate Professionals	11.3	10.5	10.8
Clerks	16.0	16.7	16.7
Service Workers and Shop & Market Sales Workers	22.4	22.5	22.3
Skilled Agricultural and Fishery Workers	3.3	3.4	2.9
Craft and Related Workers Plant and Machine Operators & Assemblers	18.6	19.2	19.8
Elementary Occupations	7.7	8.2	7.8
Not Stated	24.2	23.3	23.9
TOTAL	0.4	0.4	0.4
	132.6	131.0	133.1

HEALTH WORKERS

	2005	2006	2007
Dental Auxiliaries	11	3	4
Dental Hygienists	7	11	14
Dental Technicians	11	11	11
Dentists/Dental Surgeons	61	63	68
Dieticians/Nutritionists	-	1	3
Nurses (Registered)	594	599	720
Midwives	245	231	241
Psychiatric Nurses	223	187	223
Nursing Assistants	297	340	347
Optometrists	10	10	N/A
Pharmacists/Chemists	232	228	230
Medical Practitioners	432	446	420
Physiotherapists	35	37	34
Psychologists	10	15	13
Psychologists (Clinical)	3	1	3
Diagnostic Radiographers	26	25	24
Therapeutic Radiographers	4	-	4
Ophthalmic Dispensers	9	8	8
Chiropractors	6	1	5
Orthoptist	-	-	1
Osteopath	-	-	1

HEALTH WORKERS – Cont'd

	2005	2006	2007
Medical Laboratory Technologists	32	29	32
Occupational Therapists	7	8	7
Cardiac Technologists	1	2	2
Speech Therapists	4	4	5
Chiropodists	2	-	1
Podiatrist	1	2	1
Acupuncturists	3	3	3
Reflexologists	-	-	8

EDUCATION*Enrollments ('000 persons)*

*Primary	2005	2006	2007
Total	28.00	25.25	27.05
Male	14.00	13.00	13.71
Female	14.00	12.25	13.34
Secondary (Seniors 11-16)			
Total	22.00	20.47	20.57
Male	11.00	10.36	10.30
Female	11.00	10.11	10.27

*Graduates ('000 persons)*****U.W.I. Graduates (Local) (Approx.)**

Total	1.01	0.85	0.93
Male	0.30	0.23	0.28
Female	0.71	0.62	0.65

**Barbados Community College
Graduates**

Total	0.927	1.291	0.993
Male	0.285	0.395	0.300
Female	0.642	0.896	0.693

**Samuel Jackman Prescod
Polytechnic Graduates**

Total	0.859	0.328	0.830
Male	0.489	0.232	0.429
Female	0.370	0.096	0.401

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*

	2005	2006	2007
Passes at CXC General Secondary Schools			
Total	15.308	16.402	7.919
Male	5.730	6.094	2.891
Female	9.578	10.302	5.028
*Barbados Scholars			
Total (in absolute nos.)	46	48	54
Male	11	18	19
Female	35	30	35
	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07

*Total No. of Teachers
(Primary & Secondary,
Public and Private)*

	3223	3220	2938
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Literacy Rate (%)

	98	98	98
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**BARBADOS VOCATIONAL TRAINING BOARD
Skills Training Programme
(Completed Training)**

	2005	2006	2007
Air Conditioning and Refrigeration	34	13	23
Auto Body Repairs	19	16	18
Auto Mechanics	25	14	55
Electrical Installation	47	48	65
Masonry	106	80	88
Needlecraft	33	16	17
Plumbing	95	53	63
Carpentry	85	91	60
Computer Application	42	63	122
Bob Cat/Backhoe Operation			
Skid-Steer Loader	23	64	32
Horticulture/Landscaping	12	N/A	0
Steelbending and Fixing	33	23	12
Tailoring	11	10	6
Tractor Operations and Maintenance	53	52	46

***Contains Exhibitions.**

BARBADOS VOCATIONAL TRAINING BOARD

Skills Training Programme – Cont'd

(Completed Training)

	2005	2006	2007
Upholstery	20	20	16
Tiling	15	45	48
Basketry and Rug Making	17	21	22
Bar & Restaurant Service	-	-	10
Screen Printing	6	11	11
Welding	12	20	15
Machinist Fitter	10	12	13
Gourmet Cooking	-	23	0
Cupboard Construction	23	22	25
Office Procedures	32	54	42
Sign Making	34	20	0
Housekeeping	-	-	8
Heavy Duty Truck Driving	12	N/A	6
Household Accessories	-	-	8
Other	-	37	-
TOTAL	785	829	831

NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT BUREAU

	2005	2006	2007
Job Placements Overseas	0.49	0.47	0.52
Job Placements Locally	0.35	0.17	0.23
Registration (Local Employment)	1.8	1.0	0.8
Vacancies Reported (Local Employment)	0.56	0.44	0.56
Registrations (Self-employed)	0.2	0.2	0.2

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

	2005 ^R	2006 ^R	2007 ^P
GDP at Factor Cost (Bds. \$M)	4940.1	5264.4	5573.5
GDP at Market Prices (Bds. \$M)	5971.2	6381.8	6818.4

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT – Cont'd

GDP per capita at Factor Cost (000's)	18.1	19.3	20.3
Real GDP Growth (% Change)	4.1	4.0	4.3

RETAIL PRICE INDEX*(July, 2001 base = 100)**

	2005	2006 ^P	2007 ^P
All Items December	108.0	115.9	120.6

TOURISM

	2005 ^R	2006 ^P	2007 ^P
Hotel Bed Rate (%)	55.2	N/A	N/A
Average Length of Stay (nights)	7.4	N/A	N/A
Estimated Tourist Expenditure (Bds. \$M)	1770.5	1955.2	2402.2
Contribution to GDP (Current Prices Bds. \$M)	569.0	612.9	763.6
Share of GDP (% at Factor Cost)	12.9	12.7	13.7

VISITOR ARRIVALS*('000 persons)*

	2005	2006 ^R	2007 ^P
United States of America	131.0	131.0	133.5
Canada	47.7	49.3	53.0
United Kingdom	202.8	213.2	233.6
Germany	7.0	7.4	5.5
Other Europe	19.9	21.0	21.5
Trinidad and Tobago	30.9	34.5	30.4
Other CARICOM	83.9	82.7	69.0
Other	24.4	24.0	36.4
TOTAL	547.5	563.0	572.9

*Index based on July, 2001 = 100

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

	2005	2006	2007
Cargo/Cargo Passengers	923	900	868
Cruise Vessels	395	442	486
Navals	23	19	24
Tankers	160	148	149
Others ²	360	263	324
TOTAL	1,861	1,772	1,851

SUGAR

	2005 ^R	2006 ^P	2007
Area of Canes Cultivated ('000 hectares)	7.1	6.7	6.3
Canes Milled ('000 tonnes)	442.4	348.3	353.5
Canes per Hectare Reaped ('000 tonnes)	62.7	52.0	56.1
Sugar Produced ('000 tonnes)	38.2	33.7	34.7
Sugar Value at Factor Cost (% GDP)	1.2	0.9	0.6
Export of Sugar ('000 tonnes)	33.8	32.4	32.8
Average Export Price Per Tonne	1356.7	1378.1	1413.0
Total Export Earnings (Bds. \$M)	45.9	44.6	46.3
Production Cost Per Tonne (Bds. \$)	2185.8	2493.5	2641.0

LOCAL FOOD PRODUCTION*('000 Kgs)*

	2005	2006	2007
Beans	343.0	370.7	252.0
Beets	98.9	92.4	109.8
Cabbages	405.4	641.9	253.5
Carrots	467.2	317.7	305.4
Cucumbers	1388.1	1324.2	1449.5
Okras	495.0	525.2	658.1
Onions	346.5	444.2	287.3
Pumpkins	204.3	120.9	159.5

²Includes Cement Vessels.

LOCAL FOOD PRODUCTION – Cont'd

('000 Kgs.)

	2005	2006	2007
Lettuce	285.3	438.9	417.5
Peppers (Sweet)	574.9	477.5	419.5
Peppers (Hot)	114.1	136.5	114.2
Tomatoes	987.3	1040.6	1224.2
Sweet Potatoes	2083.9	2200.9	1334.6
Yams	817.5	793.8	646.5
TOTAL	8611.4	7502.7	7711.3

LIVESTOCK AND DAIRY PRODUCTION

('000 Kgs)

	2005	2006	2007
Beef	173.3	169.6	136.1
Poultry (Chicken and Turkey)	15,022.3	13,571.2	14,934.0
Mutton	78.5	79.0	72.4
Pork	2,308.1	2,636.9	2,502.0
Milk	6,256.4	5,569.9	6,762.3
Eggs	1,384.9	1,986.6	2,305.0
Veal	8.7	12.58	6.3
Fish Landings (Tonnes)	2,070.5	1,894.5	2,391.1

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

	2005 ^P	2006 ^R	2007
Imports	3208.9	3258.1	3349.9
Domestic Exports	421.1	491.7	598.8
Re-Exports	297.8	390.8	436.4
Total Exports	718.9	882.4	1035.2
Balance	(2490.0)	(2375.6)	(2314.8)

Value of Exports to Selected Countries

United Kingdom	61.3	66.0	94.4
Canada	12.5	15.6	17.9
United States of America	55.3	171.2	170.2
Caricom	243.6	304.1	296.3

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

	2005	2006 ^R	2007 ^P
<i>Selected Domestic Exports (Bds. \$M)</i>			
Sugar	44.4	39.4	37.3
Electrical Components	36.7	39.8	27.6
Clothing	2.6	2.3	1.6
Other Food and Beverages	50.0	42.3	53.4
Chemicals	56.1	60.2	74.6
Rum	50.7	44.3	67.5

FINANCE

	2005/06	2006/07 ^R	2007/08 ^P
<i>Government Finances (Bds. \$M)</i>			
Current Revenue	2,143.0	2,223.4	2,452.0
Current Expenditure	2,268.5	2,517.1	2,955.0
Capital Expenditure	245.6	254.9	238.1

Major Sources of Revenue (Bds. \$M)

Taxes on Income and Profit	706.2	804.7	924.3
Taxes on Property	137.4	151.2	102.9
Taxes on Goods and Services	959.9	939.3	1053.8
Taxes on International Trade	180.5	173.8	197.3
Special Receipts	68.9	59.3	54.7
Non-Tax Revenue	68.0	68.1	93.1
Stamp Duties	22.0	26.9	21.9

ENERGY SUPPLY

	2005 ^P	2006	2007
Domestic Crude Oil ('000 barrels)	348.7	339.6	317.0
Gas Production ('000 Million Cubic Metres)	24.0	23.0	20.9

ENERGY/WATER CONSUMPTION

	2005 ^P	2006	2007
Electricity Sales (\$M)	884.7	903.4	940.8
Water (Million Cubic Metres)	54.0	53.4	*27.1

TRANSPORT ('000)

	2005	2006	2007
<i>Registration of all Classes of Vehicles:</i>			
Private Cars	71.2	88.5	99.4
Motor Cycles, etc.	1.2	1.8	2.1
Buses, Minibuses, Taxis and Coaches	2.6	3.2	3.4
Lorries, Vans and Pickups	9.0	11.3	12.8
Hired Cars/Limousines	2.3	3.1	3.3
Other	1.6	1.6	1.7
TOTAL	87.9	109.5	122.7

NOTES AND SYMBOLS

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

*Metered Water Consumed
Non-Metered N/A