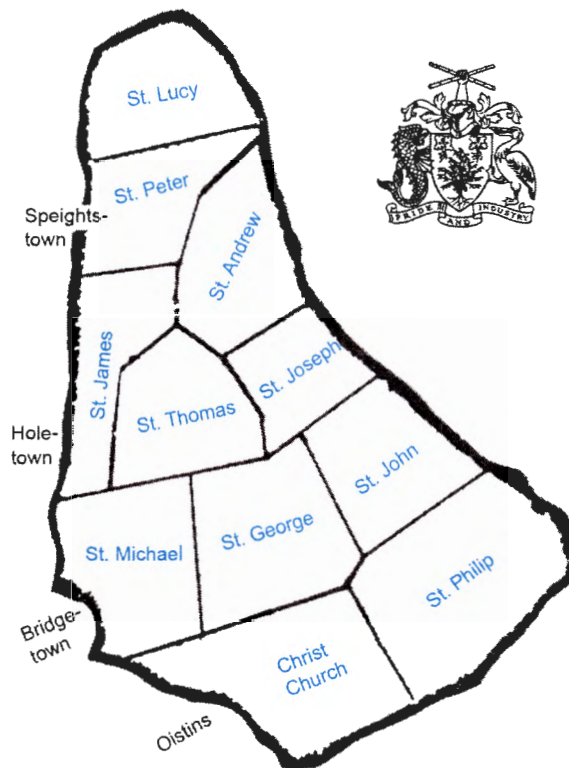


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PROFILE OF BARBADOS

Barbados is an 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 factor, 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, 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 2008, Barbados' resident population was 275,300 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

	2006	2007	2008
Mean relative humidity (%)	77.0	77.0	80.0
Annual rainfall (mm)	1,147.8	1,274.5	1,478.7
Total number of rain days	141	141	145

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS

	2006	2007	2008
Total Population	274.0	274.7	275.3
Male	132.0	132.7	133.1
Female	142.0	142.0	142.2
Population Density (per square km)	637.1	638.8	640.2
Birth Rate per 1000	12.4	12.9	12.9
Death Rate per 1000	8.5	8.1	9.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1000	11.1	13.0	18.3
Live Births ('000)	3.42	3.54	3.55
Rate of Natural Increase per 1000	3.9	4.8	3.9
Population Growth Rate (%)	0.2	0.3	0.2
Total Adult Population ('000 persons)	211.6	212.1	212.7
Male	100.1	100.3	100.6
Female	111.5	111.8	112.1

EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

('000 persons)

	2006	2007	2008
Legislators, Senior Officials and Managers	11.0	11.8	12.2
Professionals	15.7	16.5	16.1
Technicians and Associate Professionals	10.5	10.8	10.6
Clerks	16.7	16.7	16.0
Service Workers and Shop & Market Sales Workers	22.5	22.3	24.4
Skilled Agricultural and Fishery Workers	3.4	2.9	3.7
Craft and Related Workers	19.2	19.8	18.5
Plant and Machine Operators & Assemblers	8.2	7.8	7.9
Elementary Occupations	23.3	23.9	22.4
Not Stated	0.4	0.4	0.3
TOTAL	131.0	133.1	132.1

HEALTH WORKERS

	2006	2007	2008
Dental Auxiliaries	3	4	3
Dental Hygienists	11	14	16
Dental Technicians	11	11	10
Dentists/Dental Surgeons	63	68	66
Dieticians/Nutritionists	1	3	5
Nurses (Registered)	599	720	740
Midwives	231	241	265
Psychiatric Nurses	187	223	253
Nursing Assistants	340	347	360
Optometrists	10	N/A	14
Pharmacists/Chemists	228	230	197
Medical Practitioners	446	420	475
Physiotherapists	37	34	38
Psychologists	15	13	13
Psychologists (Clinical)	1	3	8
Diagnostic Radiographers	25	24	24
Therapeutic Radiographers	-	4	4
Ophthalmic Dispensers	8	8	9
Chiropractors	1	5	6
Orthoptist	-	1	1
Osteopath	-	1	3

HEALTH WORKERS – Cont'd

	2006	2007	2008
Medical Laboratory Technologists	29	32	50
Occupational Therapists	8	7	8
Cardiac Technologists	2	2	3
Speech Therapists	4	5	4
Chiropodists	-	1	3
Podiatrist	2	1	2
Acupuncturists	3	3	5
Reflexologists	-	8	9

EDUCATION

Enrollments ('000 persons)

*Primary	2006	2007	2008
Total	25.25	27.05	29.09
Male	13.00	13.71	15.02
Female	12.25	13.34	14.07

Secondary (Seniors 12-16)

Total	20.47	20.57	17.30
Male	10.36	10.30	8.50
Female	10.11	10.27	8.80

Graduates ('000 persons)

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

Total	0.85	0.93	1.0
Male	0.23	0.28	0.3
Female	0.62	0.65	0.7

Barbados Community College

Graduates			
Total	1.291	0.993	1.279
Male	0.395	0.300	0.357
Female	0.896	0.693	0.922

Samuel Jackman Prescod

Polytechnic Graduates			
Total	0.328	0.830	0.814
Male	0.232	0.429	0.436
Female	0.096	0.401	0.378

*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*

	2006	2007	2008
<i>Passes at CXC General Secondary Schools</i>			
Total	16.402	7.919	17.560
Male	6.094	2.891	6.608
Female	10.302	5.028	10.952
<i>*Barbados Scholars</i>			
Total (in absolute nos.)	48	54	39
Male	18	19	10
Female	30	35	29
	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08

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

	3220	2938	2857
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Literacy Rate (%)

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

	2006	2007	2008
Air Conditioning and Refrigeration	13	23	16
Auto Body Repairs	16	18	9
Auto Mechanics	14	55	52
Electrical Installation	48	65	35
Masonry	80	88	49
Needlecraft	16	17	11
Plumbing	53	63	76
Carpentry	91	60	77
Computer Application	63	122	91
Bob Cat/Backhoe Operation			
Skid-Steer Loader	64	32	57
Steelbending and Fixing	23	12	27
Tailoring	10	6	0
Tractor Operations and Maintenance	52	46	37

*Contains Exhibitions.

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

	2006	2007	2008
Upholstery	20	16	0
Tiling	45	48	45
Joinery	-	-	21
Basketry and Rug Making	21	22	28
Bar & Restaurant Service	-	10	22
Screen Printing	11	11	8
Welding	20	15	0
Machinist Fitter	12	13	8
Cooking	23	0	31
Cupboard Construction	22	25	27
Office Procedures	54	42	39
Sign Making	20	0	0
Housekeeping	-	8	10
Heavy Duty Truck Driving	N/A	6	14
Household Accessories	-	8	6
Other	37	-	-
TOTAL	829	831	796

NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT BUREAU*('000 persons)*

	2006	2007	2008
Job Placements Overseas	0.47	0.39	0.40
Job Placements Locally	0.17	0.23	0.28
Registration (Local Employment)	1.0	0.8	0.7
Vacancies Reported (Local Employment)	0.44	0.44	0.99
Registrations (Self-employed)	0.2	0.2	0.2

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

	2006 ^R	2007 ^R	2008 ^P
GDP at Factor Cost (Bds. \$M)	5264.4	5658.8	5675.9
GDP at Market Prices (Bds. \$M)	6381.8	6903.7	7082.1

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GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT – Cont'd

	2006 ^R	2007 ^R	2008 ^P
GDP per capita at Factor Cost (000's)	19.3	20.6	20.7
Real GDP Growth (% Change)	3.4	4.3	0.7

RETAIL PRICE INDEX

(July, 2001 base = 100)*

	2006	2007	2008 ^P
All Items December	115.9	120.6	130.3

TOURISM

	2006 ^R	2007	2008 ^P
Hotel Bed Rate (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Average Length of Stay (nights)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Estimated Tourist Expenditure (Bds. \$M)	1955.2	2402.2	-
Contribution to GDP (Current Prices Bds. \$M)	612.9	758.5	759.1
Share of GDP (% at Factor Cost)	12.7	13.5	13.4

VISITOR ARRIVALS

('000 persons)

	2006	2007 ^R	2008 ^P
United States of America	131.0	133.5	132.0
Canada	49.3	53.0	57.3
United Kingdom	213.2	223.6	225.5
Germany	7.4	5.5	6.1
Other Europe	21.0	21.5	20.5
Trinidad and Tobago	34.5	30.4	28.5
Other CARICOM	82.7	69.0	72.1
Other	24.0	36.4	26.8
TOTAL	563.0	572.9	568.8

*Index based on July, 2001 = 100

SEAPORT TRAFFIC

No. of Calls/Arrivals.-

	2006	2007	2008
Cargo/Cargo Passengers	900	868	786
Cruise Vessels	442	486	425
Navals	19	24	21
Tankers	148	149	137
Others ²	263	324	301
TOTAL	1,772	1,851	1,670

SUGAR

	2006	2007 ^R	2008 ^P
Area of Canes Cultivated ('000 hectares)	6.7	6.3	5.9
Canes Milled ('000 tonnes)	348.3	353.5	310.7
Canes per Hectare Reaped ('000 tonnes)	52.0	56.1	52.7
Sugar Produced ('000 tonnes)	33.7	34.7	31.6
Sugar Value at Factor Cost (% GDP)	0.9	0.6	0.6
Export of Sugar ('000 tonnes)	32.4	32.8	27.8
Average Export Price Per Tonne	1378.1	1413.0	1622.6
Total Export Earnings (Bds. \$M)	44.6	46.3	45.1
Production Cost Per Tonne (Bds. \$)	2493.5	2641.0	3043.6

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

	2006	2007 ^R	2008 ^P
Imports	3258.1	3365.1	3493.0
Domestic Exports	491.7	513.5	526.3
Re-Exports	390.8	436.4	382.3
Total Exports	882.4	949.8	908.6
Balance	(2375.6)	(2415.3)	(2584.4)

²Includes Cement Vessels.

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

	2006	2007 ^R	2008 ^P
<i>Value of Exports to Selected Countries</i>			
United Kingdom	66.0	94.4	82.3
Canada	15.6	17.9	20.7
United States of America	171.2	170.2	187.4
Caricom	304.1	326.9	315.1

Selected Domestic Exports (Bds. \$M)

Sugar	39.4	37.3	45.0
Electrical Components	39.8	27.6	28.3
Clothing	2.3	1.6	0.9
Other Food and Beverages	42.3	53.4	59.2
Chemicals	60.2	74.6	66.8
Rum	44.3	67.5	66.0

FINANCE

	2006/07	2007/08 ^R	2008/09 ^P
<i>Government Finances (Bds. \$M)</i>			
Current Revenue	2,223.4	2,452.0	2,553.2
Current Expenditure	2,517.1	2,955.0	3,072.4
Capital Expenditure	254.9	238.1	184.0

Major Sources of Revenue (Bds. \$M)

Taxes on Income and Profit	804.7	924.3	884.7
Taxes on Property	151.2	102.9	133.5
Taxes on Goods and Services	939.3	1053.8	1096.8
Taxes on International Trade	173.8	197.3	226.0
Special Receipts	59.3	54.7	81.0
Non-Tax Revenue	68.1	93.1	103.9
Stamp Duties	26.9	21.9	19.7

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ENERGY SUPPLY

	2006	2007	2008
Domestic Crude Oil ('000 barrels)	339.6	317.0	289.7
Gas Production ('000 Million Cubic Metres)	23.0	20.9	20.6

ENERGY/WATER CONSUMPTION

	2006	2007	2008
Electricity Sales (\$M)	903.4	940.8	935.9
Water (Million Cubic Metres)	53.4	*27.1	27.7

TRANSPORT ('000)

	2006	2007	2008
<i>Registration of all Classes of Vehicles:</i>			
Private Cars	88.5	99.4	106.3
Motor Cycles, etc.	1.8	2.1	2.4
Buses, Minibuses, Taxis and Coaches	3.2	3.4	3.7
Lorries, Vans and Pickups	11.3	12.8	14.4
Hired Cars/Limousines	3.1	3.3	3.2
Other	1.6	1.7	1.4
TOTAL	109.5	122.7	131.4

NOTES AND SYMBOLS

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

*Metered Water Consumed
Non-Metered N/A

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Researchers and other users of this information are referred to more detailed publications, some of which are listed below:-

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