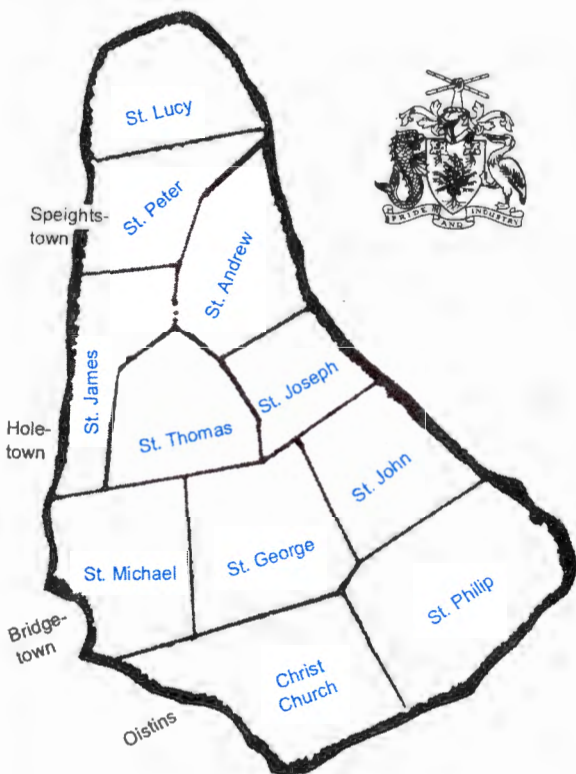


BARBADOS



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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. By 1958, Barbados had virtual self-government, a status formally recognised in 1961. 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, G.C.M.G., K.A. is the Governor-General of Barbados. The Honourable Freundel Jerome Stuart, Q.C., M.P. is the current and seventh Prime Minister. He succeeded Mr. David Thompson who died on 23rd October 2010. The Right Honourable Owen S. Arthur, M.P. 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 to the south-west of the Island 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 2010, Barbados' resident population was 276,300 persons. This represented an increase of some 600 persons when compared to the 275,700 for 2009. 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

	2008	2009	2010
Mean relative humidity (%)	80.0	78.0	76.4
Annual rainfall (mm)	1,478.7	1,015.1	1,885.8
Total number of rain days	145	127	150

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS

	2008	2009	2010
Total Population	275.3	275.7	276.3
Male	133.1	133.3	133.7
Female	142.2	142.4	142.6
Population Density (per square km)	640.2	641.2	642.6
Birth Rate per 1000	12.9	12.9	12.2
Death Rate per 1000	9.1	8.8	7.9
Infant Mortality Rate per 1000	18.3	8.7	10.1
Live Births ('000)	3.55	3.55	3.37
Rate of Natural Increase per 1000	3.9	4.1	4.3
Population Growth Rate (%)	0.2	0.1	0.2

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS – Cont'd

	2008	2009	2010
Total Adult Population ('000 persons)	212.7	213.1	213.6
Male	100.6	100.8	101.0
Female	112.1	112.3	112.6
Labour Force ('000 persons)	143.8	142.7	142.3
Male	73.7	72.9	72.5
Female	70.1	69.9	69.8
Employed ('000 persons)	132.1	128.5	127.0
Male	68.7	65.5	64.6
Female	63.4	63.0	62.4
Unemployed ('000 persons)	11.7	14.2	15.3
Male	5.1	7.4	7.9
Female	6.6	6.9	7.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.1	10.0	10.7
Participation Rate (%)	67.6	67.0	66.6
Not in the Labour Force ('000 persons)	68.9	70.4	71.2
Male	26.8	27.9	28.5
Female	42.0	42.5	42.7
Total Trade Union Membership (Approx.) ¹	42.4	42.3	42.8

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

('000 persons)

	2008	2009	2010
Agriculture, Fisheries	3.7	4.0	3.6
Quarrying Construction, Mining	13.6	11.5	13.5
Manufacturing	6.8	7.4	8.8
Electricity, Gas and Water Supply & Air Conditioning	1.6	1.7	2.6
Distributive Trade/ Wholesale & Retail	19.0	18.8	20.0
Accommodation & Food Services	14.0	13.3	12.7

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 INDUSTRY

('000 persons)

	2008	2009	2010
Communication, Trans- portation & Storage	5.8	5.4	6.6
Financial Institution, Insurance, etc.	10.6	11.3	7.2
Services (Government and other)	56.7	54.7	51.8
Not Stated	0.4	0.3	0.1
TOTAL	132.1	128.5	127.0

EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

('000 persons)

	2008	2009	2010
Legislators, Senior Officials and Managers	12.2	12.6	11.2
Professionals	16.1	15.2	15.8
Technicians and Associate Professionals	10.6	13.1	13.8
Clerks	16.0	16.9	17.0
Service Workers and Shop & Market Sales Workers	24.4	22.0	22.3
Skilled Agricultural and Fishery Workers	3.7	3.9	3.2
Craft and Related Workers Plant and Machine Operators & Assemblers	18.5	16.1	15.6
Elementary Occupations	7.9	7.4	6.1
Not Stated	22.4	21.1	21.8
TOTAL	0.3	0.2	0.2
	132.1	128.5	127.0

HEALTH WORKERS

	2008	2009	2010
Dental Auxiliaries	3	0	9
Dental Hygienists	16	12	13
Dental Technicians	10	10	7
Dentists/Dental Surgeons	66	65	67
Dietitians/Nutritionists	5	2	9

EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION – Cont'd*('000 persons)***HEALTH WORKERS – Cont'd**

	2008	2009	2010
Nurses (Registered)	740	NA	1215
Midwives	265	NA	314
Psychiatric Nurses	253	NA	233
Nursing Assistants	360	NA	355
Optometrists	14	15	16
Pharmacists/Chemists	197	199	264
Medical Practitioners	475	472	535
Physiotherapists	38	35	37
Psychologists	13	7	14
Psychologists (Clinical)	8	5	3
Diagnostic Radiographers	24	23	24
Therapeutic Radiographers	4	2	4
Ophthalmic Dispensers	9	8	7
Chiropractors	6	4	6
Orthoptist	1	1	1
Osteopath	3	1	4
Medical Laboratory Technologists	50	33	28
Occupational Therapists	8	7	8
Cardiac Technologists	3	3	3
Speech Therapists	4	0	6
Chiropodists	3	1	2
Podiatrists	2	3	4
Acupuncturists	5	4	5
Reflexologists	9	7	7

EDUCATION*Enrollments ('000 persons)*

*Primary	2008	2009	2010
Total	29.09	28.26	28.77
Male	15.02	14.34	14.72
Female	14.07	13.92	14.05

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

EDUCATION – Cont'd*Enrollments ('000 persons)*

	2008	2009	2010
Secondary (Seniors 12-16)			
Total	17.30	19.12	30.17
Male	8.50	9.57	13.24
Female	8.80	9.55	16.93

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

Total	1.0	1.1	1.6
Male	0.3	0.3	0.4
Female	0.7	0.8	1.2

Barbados Community College**Graduates**

Total	1.279	1.145	1.535
Male	0.357	0.367	0.516
Female	0.922	0.778	1.019

Samuel Jackman Prescod**Polytechnic Graduates**

Total	0.814	0.814	1.548
Male	0.436	0.436	0.700
Female	0.378	0.378	0.848

Passes at CXC General**Secondary Schools**

Total	17.560	17.689	17.667
Male	6.608	6.711	6.834
Female	10.952	10.978	10.833

Barbados ScholarsTotal (in absolute nos.)*

Total	39	36	39
Male	10	9	8
Female	29	27	31

** Contains Certificates, Diplomas, First Degrees and Graduate Degrees.

*Contains Exhibitions.

EDUCATION – Cont'd*Enrollments ('000 persons) – Cont'd*

	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10
(Total No. of Teachers)			
<i>(Primary & Secondary, Public and Private)</i>	2,857	3,376	3,477
Literacy Rate (%)	98	98	98

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

	2008	2009	2010
Air Conditioning and Refrigeration	16	21	21
Auto Body Repairs	9	12	15
Auto Mechanics	52	35	96
Electrical Installation	35	34	25
Masonry	49	51	72
Needlecraft	11	7	10
Plumbing	76	41	23
Carpentry	77	56	60
Computer Applications	91	94	96
Bob Cat/Backhoe Operation			
Skid-Steer Loader	57	46	39
Steelbending and Fixing	27	28	12
Tractor Operations and Maintenance	37	33	29
Tiling	45	29	32
Joinery	21	16	15
Basketry and Rug Making	28	15	0
Bar & Restaurant Service	22	24	21
Screen Printing	8	8	13
Welding	0	8	16
Machinist Fitter	8	14	13
Cooking	31	15	31
Cupboard Construction	27	22	11
Office Procedures	39	27	42

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

	2008	2009	2010
Housekeeping	10	10	28
Heavy Duty Truck Driving	14	6	12
Household Accessories	6	0	-
Landscaping	-	-	6
TOTAL	831	796	657

NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT BUREAU*(*000 persons)*

	2008	2009	2010
Job Placements Overseas	0.40	0.26	0.21
Job Placements Locally	0.28	0.22	0.17
Registration (Local Employment)	0.7	0.6	0.4
Vacancies Reported (Local Employment)	0.99	0.40	0.36
Registrations (Self-employed)	0.2	0.2	0.2

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

	2008 ^R	2009 ^R	2010 ^P
GDP at Factor Cost (Bds. \$M)	7,446.0	7,442.4	7,330.4
GDP at Market Prices (Bds. \$M)	8,690.7	8,786.0	8,528.8
GDP per capita at Factor Cost (000's)	24.2	27.0	26.5
Real GDP Growth (% Change)	-0.2	-4.7	0.3

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

	2008 ^R	2009 ^R	2010 ^P
All Items December	143.3	135.1	145.6

*Index based on July, 2001 = 100

*Category was changed in 2009 from Tourism to Hotels and Restaurants

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TOURISM

	2008	2009 ^R	2010 ^P
Estimated Tourist Expenditure (Bds. \$M)	882.5	312.5	333.0
Contribution to GDP (Current Prices Bds. \$M)	1,248.9	1,130.0	1,107.4
Share of GDP (% at Factor Cost)	15.0	15.0	15.1

VISITOR ARRIVALS*(*000 persons)*

	2008	2009	2010
United States of America	132.0	122.3	135.0
Canada	57.3	63.7	72.3
United Kingdom	220.0	190.6	181.0
Germany	6.1	7.0	7.2
Other Europe	25.7	23.0	24.0
Trinidad and Tobago	28.3	26.3	27.3
Other CARICOM	72.2	62.5	59.0
Other	26.1	23.0	26.4
TOTAL	568.8	518.6	532.2

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

	2008	2009	2010
Cargo/Cargo Passengers	786	754	759
Cruise Vessels	425	461	414
Navals	21	20	19
Tankers	137	123	161
Others ²	301	400	354
TOTAL	1,670	1,758	1,707

²Includes Cement Vessels.

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SUGAR

	2008	2009 ^R	2010 ^P
Area of Canes Cultivated (⁰⁰⁰ hectares)	5.9	5.8	5.5
Sugar Produced (⁰⁰⁰ tonnes)	31.6	33.3	25.5
Canes per Hectare Reaped (⁰⁰⁰ tonnes)	52.7	61.5	NA
Canes Milled (⁰⁰⁰ tonnes)	310.7	356.7	288.8
Sugar Value at Factor Cost (% GDP)	0.6	0.6	0.6
Export of Sugar (⁰⁰⁰ tonnes)	27.8	30.3	22.4
Average Export Price Per Tonne	1,622.6	1,344.8	914.4
Total Export Earnings (Bds. \$M)	45.1	40.8	22.1
Production Cost Per Tonne (Bds. \$)	3,043.6	2,832.8	3,450.0

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

	2008	2009	2010
Imports	3,493.0	2,682.8	2,393.6
Domestic Exports	526.3	439.6	472.5
Re-Exports	382.3	205.9	154.9
Total Exports	908.6	645.5	627.4
Balance	(2,584.4)	(2,037.4)	1,766.2)

Value of Exports to Selected Countries

United Kingdom	82.3	65.6	105.3
Canada	20.7	20.1	16.2
United States of America	187.4	169.7	148.6
Caricom	315.1	282.5	256.2

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

	2008	2009	2010
<i>Selected Domestic Exports (Bds. \$M)</i>			
Sugar	45.0	36.2	19.3
Electrical Components	28.3	17.0	18.5
Clothing	0.9	0.8	0.6
Other Food and Beverages	59.2	47.7	44.5
Chemicals	66.8	58.2	124.0
Rum	66.0	57.2	66.8

FINANCE

	2008/09	2009/10 ^R	2010/11
<i>Government Finances (Bds. \$M)</i>			
Current Revenue	2,621.7	2,307.4	2,300.6
Current Expenditure	3,294.4	3,258.8	3,734.0
Capital Expenditure	232.0	200.0	108.3

Major Sources of Revenue (Bds. \$M)

Taxes on Income and Profit	893.1	816.7	743.1
Taxes on Property	158.2	113.6	150.1
Taxes on Goods and Services	1,079.0	978.8	1,053.4
Taxes on International Trade	219.5	178.3	191.3
Special Receipts	115.1	66.1	53.7
Non-Tax Revenue	130.7	107.0	94.3
Stamp Duties	18.6	14.3	11.8

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ENERGY SUPPLY

	2008	2009	2010
Domestic Crude Oil ('000 barrels)	289.7	277.7	306.5
Gas Production ('000 Million Cubic Metres)	20.6	19.8	19.5

ENERGY/WATER CONSUMPTION

	2008	2009	2010
Electricity Sales (\$M)	935.9	951.3	58.1
Water (Million Cubic Metres)	NA	102.5	105.0

*Metered Water Consumed

TRANSPORT ('000)

	2008	2009	2010
<i>Registration of all Classes of Vehicles:</i>			
Private Cars	106.3	98.1	99.7
Motor Cycles, etc.	2.4	2.1	2.1
Buses, Minibuses, Taxis and Coaches	3.7	3.8	3.9
Lorries, Vans and Pickups	14.4	13.4	14.0
Hired Cars/Limousines	3.2	3.2	3.1
Other	1.4	1.6	1.3
TOTAL	131.4	122.1	124.1

NOTES AND SYMBOLS

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