

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Paula-Mae WEEKES

Head of Government

Prime Minister Keith ROWLEY

Government Type

parliamentary republic

Capital

Port of Spain

Legislature

bicameral Parliament consists of the Senate (31 seats) and the House of Representatives (41 seats)

Judiciary

Supreme Court of the Judicature; note - Trinidad and Tobago can file appeals beyond its Supreme Court to the Caribbean Court of Justice, with final appeal to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council (in London)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Sir Ronald SANDERS

US Ambassador

Ambassador (vacant); Charge d'Affaires John W. MCINTYRE (since 20 January 2017)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 5,128 sq km

Land: 5,128 sq km

Water: 0 sq km

Climate

tropical; rainy season (June to December)

Natural Resources

petroleum, natural gas, asphalt

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

Trinidad and Tobago relies on its energy sector for much of its economic activity - oil and gas typically account for about 40% of GDP and 80% of exports; it has one of the highest per capita incomes in Latin America, a sovereign wealth fund, and considerable foreign exchange reserves

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$43.01 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$31,400 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$9.668 billion (2017 est.)

partners: US 34.8%, Argentina 9% (2017)

Imports

\$10.19 billion (2017 est.)

partners: US 23.8%, Russia 15.3%, Colombia 11.1%, Gabon 10.5%, China 7.3% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

1.2 million (July 2017 est.)

Population Growth

-0.2% (2017 est.)

Ethnicity

East Indian 35.4%, African 34.2%, mixed - other 15.3%, mixed - African/East Indian 7.7%, other 1.3%, unspecified 6.2% (2011 est.)

Language

English (official), Trinidadian Creole English, Tobagonian Creole English, Caribbean Hindustani, Trinidadian Creole French, Spanish, Chinese

Religion

Protestant 32.1%, Roman Catholic 21.6%, Hindu 18.2%, Muslim 5%, Jehovah's Witness 1.5%, other 8.4%, none 2.2%, unspecified 11.1% (2011 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 53.2% of total population (2018)

rate of urbanization: 0.22% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy

99% (2012 est.)

