GOVERNMENT

Chief of State  
Queen ELIZABETH II  
represented by Governor General Sandra MASON

Head of Government  
Prime Minister Mia MOTTLEY

Government Type  
parliamentary democracy (Parliament) under a constitutional monarchy; a Commonwealth realm

Capital  
Bridgetown

Legislature  
bicameral Parliament consists of the Senate (21 seats) and the House of Assembly (30 seats)

Judiciary  
Supreme Court (consists of the High Court with 8 justices) and the Court of Appeal (consists of the High Court chief justice and president of the court and 4 justices)  
note - in 2005, Barbados replaced the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in London with the Caribbean Court of Justice as the final court of appeal

Ambassador to US  
Ambassador Noel Anderson LYNCH

US Ambassador  
Ambassador Linda S. TAGLIALATELA

ECONOMY

Economic Overview  
traditionally a sugarcane economy, has become one of the wealthiest Caribbean countries by diversifying into tourism but at the cost of high and growing public debt

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)  
$5.218 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)  
$18,600 (2017 est.)

Exports  
$485.4 million (2017 est.)  
partners: US 38%, Trinidad and Tobago 10.2%, Guyana 5.5%, Jamaica 5%, China 4.8%, St. Lucia 4.6% (2017)

Imports  
$1.52 billion (2017 est.)  
partners: US 38.5%, Trinidad and Tobago 14.6%, China 7.1%, UK 4.7% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population  
294,560 (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth  
0.23% (2020 est.)

Ethnicity  
black 92.4%, mixed 3.1%, white 2.7%, East Indian 1.3%, other 0.2%, unspecified 0.3% (2010 est.)

Language  
English (official), Bajan (English-based creole language, widely spoken in informal settings)

Religion  
Protestant 66.4%, Roman Catholic 3.8%, other Christian 5.4%, Rastafarian 1%, other 1.5%, none 20.6%, unspecified 1.2% (2010 est.)

Urbanization  
urban population: 31.2% of total population (2020)  
rate of urbanization: 0.2% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy  
99.6% (2014)

as of April 2020