DOMINICA

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State
President Charles A. SAVARIN

Head of Government
Prime Minister Roosevelt SKERRIT

Government Type
parliamentary republic

Capital
Roseau

Legislature
unicameral House of Assembly (32 seats)

Judiciary
the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (ECSC), headquartered on St. Lucia, is the superior court of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States

Ambassador to US
Ambassador Vince HENDERSON

US Ambassador
the US does not have an embassy in Dominica, US Ambassador to Barbados Linda S. TAGLIALATELA is accredited to Dominica

ECONOMY

Economic Overview
formerly dependent on agriculture – especially bananas – the economy increasingly has been driven by tourism; however, Hurricane Maria in September 2017 damaged or destroyed agricultural crops and transportation infrastructure

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$783 million (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$11,000 (2017 est.)

Exports
$28 million (2017 est.)
partners: Saudi Arabia 42.6%, Trinidad and Tobago 9.3%, Jamaica 8.1%, St. Kitts and Nevis 7.1%, Guyana 6.7% (2017)

Imports
$206.6 million (2017 est.)
partners: US 61.3%, Trinidad and Tobago 9.8% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population
74,200 (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth
0.13% (2020 est.)

Ethnicity
black 86.6%, mixed 9.1%, indigenous 2.9%, other 1.3%, unspecified 0.2% (2001 est.)

Language
English (official), French patois

Religion
Roman Catholic 61.4%, Protestant 28.6%, Rastafarian 1.3%, Jehovah’s Witness 1.2%, other 0.3%, none 6.1%, unspecified 1.1% (2001 est.)

Urbanization
urban population: 71.1% of total population (2020)
rate of urbanization: 0.94% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

GEOGRAPHY

Area
Total: 751 sq km
Land: 751 sq km
Water: negligible

Climate
tropical; moderated by northeast trade winds; heavy rainfall

Natural Resources
timber, hydropower, arable land

as of April 2020