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 (42 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 Anthony Wayne Jerome
PHILLIPS-SPENCER, Brig. Gen. (ret.)
US Ambassador
Ambassador Joseph MONDELLO

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)
$42.85 billion (2017 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$31,300 (2017 est.)
Exports
$9.927 billion (2017 est.)
partners: US 34.8%, Argentina 9% (2017)
Imports
$6.105 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 2018 est.)
Population Growth
-0.23% (2018 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% (2015 est.)

as of February 2019