



GRENADA



INTRODUCTION

Carib Indians inhabited Grenada when Christopher COLUMBUS discovered the island in 1498, but it remained uncolonized for more than a century. The French settled Grenada in the 17th century and Britain took the island in 1762 establishing sugar, cacao, and then nutmeg plantations. Independence was attained in 1974, making Grenada one of the smallest independent countries in the Western Hemisphere.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

Queen ELIZABETH II
represented by Governor General Dame Cecile LA
GRENADE

Head of Government

Prime Minister Keith MITCHELL

Government Type

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

Capital

Saint George's

Legislature

bicameral Parliament consists of the Senate (13
seats) and the House of Representatives (15
seats)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 344 sq km
Land: 344 sq km
Water: 0 sq km

Climate

tropical; tempered by northeast trade winds

Natural Resources

timber, tropical fruit

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

small OECS service-based economy; large tourism, construction, transportation, and education sectors; major spice exporter; shrinking but still high public debt; vulnerable to hurricanes; declining remittances

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$1.7 billion (2020 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$15,100 (2020 est.)

Industries - food and beverages, textiles, light assembly operations, tourism, construction, education, call-center operations

Agricultural products - bananas, watermelons, sweet potatoes, sugarcane, tomatoes, plantains, coconuts, melons, cucumbers, cabbages

Exports \$39.9 million (2017 est.)

fish, nutmeg, cocoa beans, fruits, wheat, toilet paper (2019)

partners: US 40%, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 7%, Saint Lucia 7%, France 6%, Netherlands 5%, Germany 5%, Ireland 5%, Antigua and Barbuda 5% (2019)

Imports \$316 million (2017 est.)

aircraft, poultry meat, cars, refined petroleum, food preparation materials (2019)

partners: US 35%, Canada 24%, China 5% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

113,570 (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth

0.35% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity

African descent 82.4%,
mixed 13.3%, East Indian
2.2%, other 1.3%, unspecified 0.9% (2011 est.)

Language

English (official), French patois

Religion

Protestant 49.2%, Roman Catholic 36%, Jehovah's Witness 1.2%, Rastafarian 1.2%, other 5.5%, none 5.7%, unspecified 1.3% (2011 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 36.7% of total population (2021)
rate of urbanization: 0.86% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)

