



# DOMINICA



## INTRODUCTION

Dominica was the last of the Caribbean islands to be colonized by Europeans due chiefly to the fierce resistance of the native Caribs. France ceded possession to Great Britain in 1763, which colonized the island in 1805. Independence came in 1978.

## 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)

### Ambassador to US

Charge d'Affaires Judith-Anne ROLLE

### US Ambassador

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

## 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

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

highly agrarian OECS island economy; ECCU-member state; large banana exporter; improved oversight of its citizenship-by-investment program; emerging ecotourism, information and communications, and education industries

**GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$787.7 million (2021 est.)

**GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$10,900 (2021 est.)

**Industries** - soap, coconut oil, tourism, copra, furniture, cement blocks, shoes

**Agricultural products** - bananas, yams, grapefruit, taro, milk, coconuts, oranges, yautia, plantains, sugarcane

**Exports** \$105 million (2021 est.)

medical instruments, low-voltage protection equipment, sutures, soap, bandages (2021)

**partners:** Saudi Arabia 28%, France 6%, US 5%, Grenada 5%, China 4% (2021)

**Imports** \$302 million (2021 est.)

refined petroleum, natural gas, crude petroleum, recreational boats, cars (2021)

**partners:** US 75%, China 5%, Trinidad and Tobago 4%, UK 2%, Italy 2% (2021)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

74,660 (2023 est.)

### Population Growth

0.02% (2023 est.)

### Ethnicity

African descent 84.5%, mixed 9%, Indigenous 3.8%, other 2.1%, unspecified 0.6% (2011 est.)

### Language

English (official), French patois

### Religion

Roman Catholic 52.7%, Protestant 29.7%, Jehovah's Witness 1.3%, Rastafarian 1.1%, other 4.3%, none 9.4%, unspecified 1.4% (2011 est.)

### Urbanization

urban population: 72% of total population (2023)

rate of urbanization: 0.84% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)