**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.)