INTRODUCTION
The Siboney were the first people to inhabit the islands in 2400 B.C., but Arawak Indians populated the islands when COLUMBUS landed on his second voyage in 1493. The islands became an independent state within the British Commonwealth of Nations in 1981.

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
Queen ELIZABETH II represented by Governor General Rodney WILLIAMS
Head of Government
Prime Minister Gaston BROWNE
Government Type
parliamentary democracy under a constitutional monarchy; a Commonwealth realm
Capital
Saint John's
Legislature
bicameral Parliament consists of the Senate (17 seats) and the House of Representatives (18 seats)

GEOGRAPHY
Area
Total: 442.6 sq km
Land: 442.6 sq km
Water: 0 sq km
Climate
tropical maritime; little seasonal temperature variation
Natural Resources
negligible; pleasant climate fosters tourism

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
dual island-tourism and construction-driven economy; emerging “blue economy”; limited water supply and susceptibility to hurricanes limit activity; improving road infrastructure; friendly to foreign direct investment; looking at financial innovation in cryptocurrency and blockchain technologies
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) $1.76 billion (2020)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) $18,000 (2020)
Industries - tourism, construction, light manufacturing (clothing, alcohol, household appliances)
Agricultural products - tropical fruit, milk, mangoes/guavas, melons, tomatoes, pineapples, lemons, limes, eggplants, onions
Exports $86.7 million (2017 est.)
- ships, refined petroleum, precious/semi-precious metal scraps, rice, corn (2019)
partners: Poland 37%, Suriname 33%, UAE 8% (2019)
Imports $560 million (2017 est.)
- refined petroleum, ships, cars, precious/semi-precious metals, recreational boats (2019)
partners: US 39%, Poland 16%, China 7% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
99,180 (July 2021 est.)
Population Growth
1.17% (2021 est.)
Ethnicity
African descent 87.3%, mixed 4.7%, Hispanic 2.7%, White 1.6%, other 2.7%, unspecified 0.9% (2011 est.)
Language
English (official), Antiguan creole
Religion
Protestant 68.3%, Roman Catholic 8.2%, other 12.2%, unspecified 5.5%, none 5.9% (2011 est.)
Urbanization
urban population: 24.4% of total population (2021)
rate of urbanization: 0.87% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)
as of October 2021