



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; Grenada is 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 Dickon 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)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Yolande Yvonne SMITH

US Ambassador

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

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; emerging blue economy incentives

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$1.7 billion (2021 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$13,700 (2021 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 \$393.8 million (2021 est.)

nutmeg, tuna, cocoa beans, fruits, nuts, toilet paper, acrylic paints, beer (2021)

partners: United States 30%, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 12%, France 7%, Germany 5%, Trinidad and Tobago 5% (2021)

Imports \$650 million (2021 est.)

refined petroleum, poultry, cars, food preparation materials, delivery trucks (2021)

partners: US 35%, Trinidad and Tobago 17%, Cayman Islands 8%, China 5%, UK 4% (2021)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

114,300 (2023 est.)

Population Growth

0.29% (2023 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.)