CAYMAN ISLANDS

INTRODUCTION
The Cayman Islands were colonized from Jamaica by the British during the 18th and 19th centuries and were administered by Jamaica after 1863. In 1959, the islands became a territory within the Federation of the West Indies. When the Federation dissolved in 1962, the Cayman Islands chose to remain a British dependency.

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
Queen ELIZABETH II represented by Governor Martyn ROPER
Head of Government
Premier Wayne PANTON
Government Type
Overseas Territory of the UK with limited self-government; parliamentary democracy
Capital
George Town
Legislature
unicameral Legislative Assembly (21 seats)

GEOGRAPHY
Area
Total: 264 sq km
Land: 264 sq km
Water: 0 sq km
Climate
tropical marine; warm, rainy summers (May to October) and cool, relatively dry winters (November to April)
Natural Resources
fish, climate and beaches that foster tourism

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
don dominant offshore banking territory; services sector accounts for over 85% of economic activity; recently adopted a fiscal responsibility framework to combat tax evasion and money laundering; large tourism sector; does not have any welfare system; high standard of living
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) $4.591 billion (2018 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) $71,550 (2018 est.)
Industries - tourism, banking, insurance and finance, construction, construction materials, furniture
Agricultural products - vegetables, fruit, livestock, turtle farming
Exports $421.9 million (2017 est.)
recreational boats, gold, broadcasting equipment, sulfates, collector's items (2019)
partners: Netherlands 82%, Spain 11% (2019)
Imports $787.3 million (2017 est.)
recreational boats, ships, gold, refined petroleum, cars (2019)
partners: Netherlands 56%, US 18%, Italy 8%, Switzerland 5% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
63,130 (July 2021 est.)
Population Growth
1.87% (2021 est.)
Ethnicity
mixed 40%, White 20%,
African descent 20%,
expatriates of various ethnic groups 20%
Language
English (official) 90.9%, Spanish 4%, Filipino 3.3%, other 1.7%, unspecified 0.1% (2010 est.)
Religion
Protestant 67.8%, Roman Catholic 14.1%, Jehovah’s Witness 1.1%, other 7%, none 9.3%, unspecified 0.7% (2010 est.)
Urbanization
urban population: 100% of total population (2021)
rate of urbanization: 1.13% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)
Literacy
98.9% (2007)