

Barbados Social and Economic Indicators, 1995-2006

Definition of Social Indicators

Vital Statistics

Crude Birth Rate: Number of live births in year per thousand population.

Crude Death Rate: Number of deaths in year per thousand population.

Infant Mortality Rate: Infant (under one year) deaths per thousand live births.

Life Expectancy at Birth: Number of years a newborn child would live if prevailing patterns of mortality at the time of birth were to stay the same throughout his/her life.

Education

School Enrollment: Gross enrollment of all ages at the stated level.

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
A. GENERAL INFORMATION												
Area: 431 km ²												
Mid-year Population ('000)	264.2	264.3	264.8	266.8	267.4	268.8	269.9	270.8	271.6	272.4	273.0	***
Population Growth Rate (%)	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.8	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	***
Unemployment Rate %	19.6	15.8	14.5	12.3	10.4	9.3	9.9	10.3	11.0	9.8	9.1	***
B. SOCIAL INDICATORS												
I. Vital Statistics												
Crude Birth Rate	13.1	13.3	14.3	13.6	14.5	14.0	15.0	14.1	13.8	12.7	12.8	***
Crude Death Rate	9.4	9.2	8.7	9.3	9.0	9.1	8.9	8.4	8.4	8.9	7.9	***
Infant Mortality Rate	13.2	14.2	13.2	7.8	10.0	16.7	16.3	16.3	9.9	18.4	***	***
Life Expectancy at Birth (years)												
Male	***	***	***	73.8	73.9	73.9	***	***	***	71.7	***	***
Female	***	***	***	78.8	78.9	78.9	***	***	***	78.6	***	***
II. EDUCATION												
School Enrollment (No.)												
Primary	29,953	29,673	30,275	30,523	29,940	25,264	24,908	25,265	24,824	24,556	25,043	***
Secondary	23,485	22,713	22,192	22,588	21,752	20,180	20,198	20,375	20,848	20,850	20,470	***

Pupil-Teacher Ratio												
Primary	22	21	22	***	***	17	17	16	16	16	16	***
Secondary	18	18	17	***	***	16	16	16	16	16	16	***

C. SELECTED ECONOMIC INDICATORS	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
I. Gross Domestic Product												
GDP at Constant 1974 Prices (\$mn)	846.5	873.5	913.6	970.6	975.4	997.5	971.6	976.1	996.0	1043.4	1082.9	***
Sectoral Composition (%)												
Agriculture	6.3	6.6	5.3	3.9	4.9	4.5	4.6	3.8	4.5	3.6	3.7	***
Mining and Quarrying	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.9	***
Manufacturing	6.7	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.3	6.3	6.1	6.5	6.7	6.9	7.1	***
Electricity and Water	3.5	3.4	3.2	3.3	3.1	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.4	3.1	3.4	***
Construction	4.8	4.8	5.6	5.7	5.9	5.9	5.2	5.6	5.4	5.6	6.6	***
Wholesale and Retail Trade	17.2	17.2	17.3	18.0	18.1	17.9	16.5	17.4	17.0	17.5	17.7	***
Tourism	13.3	13.0	12.5	12.3	11.1	11.5	11.1	10.9	11.8	11.4	11.3	***
Transport and Communication	10.1	10.1	9.4	9.9	10.2	9.1	10.5	7.3	6.7	6.9	6.5	***
Financial and Business Services	16.0	16.6	17.7	18.2	17.9	18.3	18.8	19.5	19.5	20.2	20.0	***
Government Services	17.4	17.3	17.6	17.3	17.3	17.7	18.3	19.8	18.0	17.2	16.3	***
Other Services	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.7	5.0	5.2	6.3	6.8	6.4	***
Less Imputed Service Charge	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	***
II. Balance of Payments (US\$ mn)												
1. Balance of Trade	[441.7]	[455.0]	[598.6]	[650.6]	[714.2]	[744.0]	[682.2]	[702.0]	[802.0]	[971.0]	1,052.4]	***
Exports (fob)	249.6	288.0	289.1	270.1	275.2	286.3	270.1	253.0	263.7	293.1	375.9	***
Imports (cif)	691.2	743.0	887.7	920.7	989.4	1030.3	952.3	955.0	1066	1264.1	1428.3	***
2. Services Account	503.4	539.8	549.8	591.4	571.1	602.9	570.0	549.9	646.6	668.2	737.9	***
Exports	866.6	926.9	959.3	1024	1025.3	1090.3	1069	1041.3	1166	1224.0	1440.3	***
Imports	363.2	387.1	409.5	432.2	454.2	487.4	498.5	491.4	518.9	555.7	702.4	***

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