

# Latin America Statistical Information

## Antigua & Barbuda

Capital	Saint John's
Type of Government	constitutional parliamentary democracy
Area (sq. km)	442.6 (Antigua 280; Barbuda 161; Redonda 1.6)
Arable Land (2005 est.)	18.18%
Population (2007 est.)	69,481
Currency	East Caribbean dollar (XCD)
Life expectancy in years (2006 est.)	total population: 72.42; male: 70.03; female: 74.94
Ethnic Composition (2001 census)	black 91%, mixed 4.4%, white 1.7%, other 2.9%
Religions	Anglican 25.7%, Seventh Day Adventist 12.3%, Pentecostal 10.6%, Moravian 10.5%, Roman Catholic 10.4%, Methodist 7.9%, Baptist 4.9%, Church of God 4.5%, other Christian 5.4%, other 2%, none or unspecified 5.8% (2001 census)
Languages	English (official), local dialects
Literacy (age 15 and over has completed five or more years of schooling)	total population: 85.8% (2003 est.)
Natural Resources	Negligible; pleasant climate fosters tourism
Agricultural Products	cotton, fruits, vegetables, bananas, coconuts, cucumbers, mangoes, sugarcane, livestock
Industries	tourism, construction, light manufacturing (clothing, alcohol, household appliances)
Labor Force	30,000 (1991 est.)
Unemployment	11% (2001 est.)
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$10,900 (2005 est.)
External Debt (2000)	\$427.3 million; note - data are for public external debt, not total external debt
Exports	\$46.81 million (2004); petroleum products 48%, manufactures 23%, machinery and transport equipment 17%, food and live animals 4%, other 8%
Export Trading Partners	Spain 34%, Germany 20.7%, Italy 7.7%, Singapore 5.8%, UK 4.9% (2005)
Imports	\$378 million (2004 est.); food and live animals, machinery and transport equipment, manufactures, chemicals, oil
Import Trading Partners	US 21.1%, China 16.4%, Germany 13.3%, Singapore 12.7%, Spain 6.5% (2005)

## Argentina

Capital	Buenos Aires
Type of Government	republic
Area (sq. km)	2,766,890
Arable Land (2005 est.)	10.03%
Population (2007 est.)	40,301,927
Currency	Argentine peso (ARS)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 76.32; male: 72.6; female: 80.24
Ethnic Composition	white (mostly Spanish and Italian) 97%, mestizo (mixed white and Amerindian ancestry), Amerindian, or other non-white groups 3%
Religions	nominally Roman Catholic 92% (less than 20% practicing), Protestant 2%, Jewish 2%, other 4%
Languages	Spanish (official), English, Italian, German, French
Literacy (age 15 and over can read and write) (2003 est.)	total population: 97.2%; male: 97.2%; female: 97.2%
Natural Resources	fertile plains of the pampas, lead, zinc, tin, copper, iron ore, manganese, petroleum, uranium
Agricultural Products	sunflower seeds, lemons, soybeans, grapes, corn, tobacco, peanuts, tea, wheat, livestock
Industries	food processing, motor vehicles, consumer durables, textiles, chemicals and petrochemicals, printing, metallurgy, steel
Labor Force	15.35 million (2006 est.)
Unemployment (2006 est.)	8.7%
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$15,200 (2006 est.)
External Debt (2006 est.)	\$109 billion
Exports	\$46.6 billion f.o.b. (2006); edible oils, fuels and energy, cereals, feed, motor vehicles
Export Trading Partners	Brazil 15.8%, US 11.4%, Chile 11.2%, China 7.9% (2005)
Imports	\$31.69 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); machinery and equipment, motor vehicles, chemicals, metal manufactures, plastics
Import Trading Partners	Brazil 35.9%, US 14.1%, China 7.8%, Germany 4.5% (2005)

## Bahamas

Capital	Nassau
Type of Government	constitutional parliamentary democracy
Area (sq. km)	13,940
Arable Land (2005 est.)	0.58%
Population	305,655 (July 2007 est.)
Currency	Bahamian dollar (BSD)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 65.66; male: 62.37; female: 69.02
Ethnic Composition	black 85%, white 12%, Asian and Hispanic 3%
Religions	Baptist 35.4%, Anglican 15.1%, Roman Catholic 13.5%, Pentecostal 8.1%, Church of God 4.8%, Methodist 4.2%, other Christian 15.2%, none or unspecified 2.9%, other 0.8% (2000)
Languages	English (official), Creole (among Haitian immigrants)
Literacy (age 15 and over can read and write) (2003 est.)	total population: 95.6%; male: 94.7%; female: 96.5%
Natural Resources	salt, aragonite, timber, arable land
Agricultural Products	citrus, vegetables, poultry
Industries	tourism, banking, cement, oil transshipment, salt, rum, aragonite, pharmaceuticals, spiral-welded steel pipe
Labor Force	176,300 (2004 est.)
Unemployment (2005 est.)	10.2%
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$21,600 (2006 est.)
External Debt (2004 est.)	\$342.6 million
Exports	\$451 million (2005 est.); mineral products and salt, animal products, rum, chemicals, fruit and vegetables
Export Trading Partners	Spain 31.8%, US 30%, Poland 9%, Germany 5.4% (2005)
Imports	\$2.16 billion (2005 est.); machinery and transport equipment, manufactures, chemicals, mineral fuels, food and live animals
Import Trading Partners	US 21.2%, South Korea 19%, Brazil 17.8%, Spain 7.3%, Germany 5% (2005)

## Barbados

Capital	Bridgetown
Type of Government	parliamentary democracy
Area (sq. km)	431
Arable Land (2005 est.)	37.21%
Population	280,946 (July 2007 est.)
Currency	Barbadian dollar (BBD)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 73; male: 71.02; female: 75.01
Ethnic Composition	black 90%, white 4%, Asian and mixed 6%
Religions	Protestant 67% (Anglican 40%, Pentecostal 8%, Methodist 7%, other 12%), Roman Catholic 4%, none 17%, other 12%
Languages	English
Literacy (age 15 and over has ever attended school) (2002 est.)	total population: 99.7%; male: 99.7%; female: 99.7%
Natural Resources	petroleum, fish, natural gas
Agricultural Products	sugarcane, vegetables, cotton
Industries	tourism, sugar, light manufacturing, component assembly for export
Labor Force	128,500 (2001 est.)
Unemployment (2003 est.)	10.7%
GDP Per capita	\$18,400 (2006 est.)
External Debt (2003 est.)	\$668 million
Exports	\$209 million (2004 est.); sugar and molasses, rum, other foods and beverages, chemicals, electrical components
Export Trading Partners	US 18.6%, Trinidad and Tobago 15%, UK 12.1%, Saint Lucia 8.4%, Jamaica 7.9%, Grenada 4.6%, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 4.6% (2005)
Imports	\$1.476 billion (2004 est.); consumer goods, machinery, foodstuffs, construction materials, chemicals, fuel, electrical components
Import Trading Partners	US 37.2%, Trinidad and Tobago 22.1%, UK 5.5%, Japan 5.2% (2005)

## Belize

Capital	Belmopan
Type of Government	parliamentary democracy
Area (sq. km)	22,966
Arable Land (2005 est.)	3.05%
Population	294,385 (July 2007 est.)
Currency	Belizean dollar (BZD)
Life expectancy in years (2006 est.)	total population: 68.25; male: 66.44; female: 70.16
Ethnic Composition	Mestizo 48.7%, Creole 24.9%, Maya 10.6%, Garifuna 6.1%, other 9.7%
Religions	Roman Catholic 49.6%, Protestant 27% (Pentecostal 7.4%, Anglican 5.3%, Seventh-Day Adventist 5.2%, Mennonite 4.1%, Methodist 3.5%, Jehovah's Witnesses 1.5%), other 14%, none 9.4% (2000)
Languages	Spanish 46%, Creole 32.9%, Mayan dialects 8.9%, English 3.9% (official), Garifuna 3.4% (Carib), German 3.3%, other 1.4%, unknown 0.2% (2000 census)
Literacy (age 15 and over can read and write) (2000 census)	total population: 76.9% ; male: 76.7%; female: 77.1%
Natural Resources	Arable land potential, timber, fish, hydropower
Agricultural Products	bananas, cacao, citrus, sugar, fish, cultured shrimp, lumber, garments
Industries	garment production, food processing, tourism, construction, oil
Labor Force	113,000 note: shortage of skilled labor and all types of technical personnel (2006 est.)
Unemployment	9.4% (2006)
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$8,400 (2006 est.)
External Debt	\$1.2 billion (June 2005 est.)
Exports	\$359.5 million f.o.b. (2006 est.); sugar, bananas, citrus, clothing, fish products, molasses, wood
Export Trading Partners	US 31%, UK 25.3%, France 4.9%, Jamaica 4% (2005)
Imports	\$543 million f.o.b. (2006 est.); machinery and transport equipment, manufactured goods; fuels, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, food, beverages, tobacco
Import Trading Partners	US 31%, Mexico 11.6%, Russia 8.8%, Cuba 6%, Guatemala 5.6%, China 4.6%, Spain 4.5% (2005)

## Bolivia

Capital	La Paz (administrative capital)
Type of Government	republic
Area (sq. km)	1,098,580
Arable Land (2005 est.)	2.78%
Population	9,119,152 (July 2007 est.)
Currency	Boliviano (BOB)
Life expectancy in years (2006 est.)	total population: 66.19; male: 63.53; female: 68.97
Ethnic Composition	Quechua 30%, mestizo (mixed white and Amerindian ancestry) 30%, Aymara 25%, white 15%
Religions	Roman Catholic 95%, Protestant (Evangelical Methodist) 5%
Languages	Spanish (official), Quechua (official), Aymara (official)
Literacy (age 15 and over can read and write) (2001 census)	total population: 86.7%; male: 93.1%; female: 80.7%
Natural Resources	tin, natural gas, petroleum, zinc, tungsten, antimony, silver, iron, lead, gold, timber, hydropower
Agricultural Products	soybeans, coffee, coca, cotton, corn, sugarcane, rice, potatoes, timber
Industries	mining, smelting, petroleum, food and beverages, tobacco, handicrafts, clothing
Labor Force	4.3 million (2006 est.)
Unemployment	7.8% in urban areas; widespread underemployment (2006 est.)
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$3,100 (2006 est.)
External Debt (2006)	\$5.916 billion
Exports	\$3.668 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); natural gas, soybeans and soy products, crude petroleum, zinc ore, tin
Export Trading Partners	Brazil 44.2%, US 12.5%, Argentina 10.9%, Colombia 7.8%, Peru 4.8% (2005)
Imports	\$2.934 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); petroleum products, plastics, paper, aircraft and aircraft parts, prepared foods, automobiles, insecticides, soybeans
Import Trading Partners	Brazil 21.9%, Argentina 16.7%, US 13.8%, Chile 6.9%, Peru 6.5%, Japan 6.1%, China 5.8% (2005)

## Brazil

Capital	Brasilia
Type of Government	federal republic
Area (sq. km)	8,511,965
Arable Land (2005 est.)	6.93%
Population	190,010,647 (July 2007 est.)
Currency	Real (BRL)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 72.24; male: 68.3; female: 76.38
Ethnic Composition (2000 census)	white 53.7%, mulatto (mixed white and black) 38.5%, black 6.2%, other (includes Japanese, Arab, Amerindian) 0.9%, unspecified 0.7%
Religions (2000 census)	Roman Catholic (nominal) 73.6%, Protestant 15.4%, Spiritualist 1.3%, Bantu/voodoo 0.3%, other 1.8%, unspecified 0.2%, none 7.4%
Languages	Portuguese (official), Spanish, English, French
Literacy (age 15 and over can read and write) (2004 est.)	Total population: 88.6%; male: 88.4%; female: 88.8%
Natural Resources	bauxite, gold, iron ore, manganese, nickel, phosphates, platinum, tin, uranium, petroleum, hydropower, timber
Agricultural Products	coffee, soybeans, wheat, rice, corn, sugarcane, cocoa, citrus, beef
Industries	textiles, shoes, chemicals, cement, lumber, iron ore, tin, steel, aircraft, motor vehicles and parts, other machinery and equipment
Labor Force	96.34 million (2006 est.)
Unemployment	9.6% (2006 est.)
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$8,800 (2006 est.)
External Debt	\$176.5 billion (2006 est.)
Exports	\$137.5 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); transport equipment, iron ore, soybeans, footwear, coffee, autos
Export Trading Partners	US 19.2%, Argentina 8.4%, China 5.8%, Netherlands 4.5%, Germany 4.2% (2005)
Imports	\$91.4 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); machinery, electrical and transport equipment, chemical products, oil, automotive parts, electronics
Import Trading Partners	US 17.5%, Argentina 8.5%, Germany 8.4%, China 7.3%, Japan 4.6% (2005)

## Chile

Capital	Santiago
Type of Government	republic
Area (sq. km)	756,950
Arable Land (2005 est.)	2.62%
Population	16,284,741 (July 2007 est.)
Currency	Chilean peso (CLP)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 76.96; male: 73.69; female: 80.4
Ethnic Composition	white and white-Amerindian 95%, Amerindian 3%, other 2%
Religions	Roman Catholic 70%, Evangelical 15.1%, Jehovah's Witnesses 1.1%, other Christian 1%, other 4.6%, none 8.3% (2002 census)
Languages	Spanish
Literacy (age 15 and over can read and write) (2002 census)	total population: 95.7%; male: 95.8%; female: 95.6%
Natural Resources	copper, timber, iron ore, nitrates, precious metals, molybdenum, hydropower
Agricultural Products	grapes, apples, pears, onions, wheat, corn, oats, peaches, garlic, asparagus, beans, beef, poultry, wool, fish, timber
Industries	copper, other minerals, foodstuffs, fish processing, iron and steel, wood and wood products, transport equipment, cement, textiles
Labor Force	6.94 million (2006 est.)
Unemployment	7.8% (2006)
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$12,700 (2006 est.)
External Debt	\$47.6 billion (2006 est.)
Exports	\$58.21 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); copper, fruit, fish products, paper and pulp, chemicals, wine
Export Trading Partners	US 15.8%, Japan 11.5%, China 11.1%, Netherlands 5.8%, South Korea 5.5%, Brazil 4.4%, Italy 4.2%, Mexico 4% (2005)
Imports	\$35.37 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); petroleum and petroleum products, chemicals, electrical and telecommunications equipment, industrial machinery, vehicles, natural gas
Import Trading Partners	Argentina 14.8%, US 14.6%, Brazil 11.7%, China 7.8%, South Korea 4.8%, Yemen 4.4% (2005)

## Colombia

Capital	Bogotá
Type of Government	republic; executive branch dominates government structure
Area (sq. km)	1,138,910
Arable Land (2005 est.)	2.01%
Population (2007 est.)	44,379,598
Currency	Colombian peso (COP)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 72.27; male: 68.44; female: 76.24
Ethnic Composition	mestizo 58%, white 20%, mulatto 14%, black 4%, mixed black-Amerindian 3%, Amerindian 1%
Religions	Roman Catholic 90%, other 10%
Languages	Spanish
Literacy (age 15 and over can read and write) (2004 est.)	total population: 92.8%; male: 92.9%; female: 92.7%
Natural Resources	petroleum, natural gas, coal, iron ore, nickel, gold, copper, emeralds, hydropower
Agricultural Products	coffee, cut flowers, bananas, rice, tobacco, corn, sugarcane, cocoa beans, oilseed, vegetables, forest products, shrimp
Industries	textiles, food processing, oil, clothing and footwear, beverages, chemicals, cement, gold, coal, emeralds
Labor Force	20.81 million (2006 est.)
Unemployment (2006 est.)	11.1%
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$8,600 (2006 est.)
External Debt (2006 est)	\$37.21 billion
Exports	\$24.86 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); petroleum, coffee, coal, nickel, emeralds, apparel, bananas, cut flowers
Export Trading Partners	US 41.8%, Venezuela 9.9%, Ecuador 6.3% (2005)
Imports	\$24.33 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); industrial equipment, transportation equipment, consumer goods, chemicals, paper products, fuels, electricity
Import Trading Partners	US 28.5%, Mexico 8.3%, China 7.6%, Brazil 6.5%, Venezuela 5.7% (2005)

## Costa Rica

Capital	San José
Type of Government	democratic republic
Area (sq. km)	51,100
Arable Land (2005 est.)	4.40%
Population (2007 est.)	4,133,884
Currency	Costa Rican colon (CRC)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 77.21; male: 74.61; female: 79.94
Ethnic Composition	white (including mestizo) 94%, black 3%, Amerindian 1%, Chinese 1%, other 1%
Religions	Roman Catholic 76.3%, Evangelical 13.7%, Jehovah's Witnesses 1.3%, other Protestant 0.7%, other 4.8%, none 3.2%
Languages	Spanish (official), English
Literacy (age 15 and over can read and write) (2003 est.)	total population: 96%; male: 95.9%; female: 96.1%
Natural Resources	hydropower
Agricultural Products	bananas, pineapples, coffee, melons, ornamental plants, sugar, corn, rice, beans, potatoes, beef, timber
Industries	microprocessors, food processing, textiles and clothing, construction materials, fertilizer, plastic products
Labor Force	1.866 million (2006 est.)
Unemployment (2006 est.)	6.60%
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$12,500 (2006 est.)
External Debt (2006 est)	\$6.42 billion
Exports	\$7.931 billion (2006 est.); bananas, pineapples, coffee, melons, ornamental plants, sugar, textiles, electronic components, medical equipment
Export Trading Partners	US 42.6%, Hong Kong 6.9%, Netherlands 6.4%, Guatemala 4.2% (2005)
Imports	\$10.88 billion (f.o.b., 2006 est.); raw materials, consumer goods, capital equipment, petroleum
Import Trading Partners	US 41.3%, Japan 5.6%, Venezuela 4.8%, Mexico 4.8%, Ireland 4.3%, Brazil 4.2%, China 4.2% (2005)

## Cuba

Capital	Havana
Type of Government	communist state
Area (sq. km)	110,860
Arable Land (2005 est.)	27.63%
Population (2007 est.)	11,394,043
Currency	Cuban peso (CUP) and Convertible peso (CUC)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 77.08 male: 74.85; female: 79.43
Ethnic Composition	mulatto 51%, white 37%, black 11%, Chinese 1%
Religions	nominally 85% Roman Catholic prior to Castro assuming power; Protestants, Jehovah's Witnesses, Jews, and Santeria are also represented
Languages	Spanish
Literacy (age 15 and over can read and write) (2002 census)	total population: 99.8%; male: 99.8%; female: 99.8%
Natural Resources	cobalt, nickel, iron ore, chromium, copper, salt, timber, silica, petroleum, arable land
Agricultural Products	sugar, tobacco, citrus, coffee, rice, potatoes, beans, livestock
Industries	sugar, petroleum, tobacco, construction, nickel, steel, cement, agricultural machinery, pharmaceuticals
Labor Force	4.82 million (2006 est.) note: state sector 78%, non-state sector 22%
Unemployment (2006 est.)	1.90%
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$4,000 (2006 est.)
External Debt (2006)	\$15.15 billion (convertible currency); another \$15-20 billion owed to Russia
Exports	\$2.956 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); sugar, nickel, tobacco, fish, medical products, citrus, coffee
Export Trading Partners	Netherlands 25.8%, Canada 21.1%, China 10%, Spain 6.8% (2005)
Imports	\$9.51 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); petroleum, food, machinery and equipment, chemicals
Import Trading Partners	China 14.5%, Spain 13.7%, Canada 8.4%, US 8.3%, Germany 7.2%, Brazil 5.6%, Italy 5.6%, Mexico 5.1%, Japan 4% (2005)

## Dominica

Capital	Roseau
Type of Government	parliamentary democracy
Area (sq. km)	754
Arable Land (2005 est.)	6.67%
Population (2007 est.)	72,386
Currency	East Caribbean dollar (XCD)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 75.1; male: 72.17; female: 78.18
Ethnic Composition	black 86.8%, mixed 8.9%, Carib Amerindian 2.9%, white 0.8%, other 0.7% (2001 census)
Religions	Roman Catholic 61.4%, Seventh Day Adventist 6%, Pentecostal 5.6%, Baptist 4.1%, Methodist 3.7%, Church of God 1.2%, Jehovah's Witnesses 1.2%, other Christian 7.7%, Rastafarian 1.3%, other or unspecified 1.6%, none 6.1% (2001 census)
Languages	English (official), French patois
Literacy (age 15 and over has ever attended school)	total population: 94%; male: 94%; female: 94% (2003 est.)
Natural Resources	timber, hydropower, arable land
Agricultural Products	bananas, citrus, mangoes, root crops, coconuts, cocoa, forest and fishery potential not exploited
Industries	soap, coconut oil, tourism, copra, furniture, cement blocks, shoes
Labor Force	25,000 (1999 est.)
Unemployment (2000 est.)	23%
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$3,800 (2005 est.)
External Debt (2004)	\$213 million
Exports	\$74 million f.o.b. (2004 est.); bananas, soap, bay oil, vegetables, grapefruit, oranges
Export Trading Partners	UK 26.8%, Jamaica 10%, South Korea 8.9%, Antigua and Barbuda 8.7%, Guyana 7.4%, Trinidad and Tobago 4.8%, US 4% (2005)
Imports	\$234 million f.o.b. (2004 est.); manufactured goods, machinery and equipment, food, chemicals
Import Trading Partners	US 25.5%, China 20.5%, Trinidad and Tobago 12.4%, South Korea 7.1%, Japan 4.7%, UK 4.4% (2005)

## Dominican Republic

Capital	Santo Domingo
Type of Government	democratic republic
Area (sq. km)	48,730
Arable Land (2005)	22.49%
Population (2007 est.)	9,365,818
Currency	Dominican peso (DOP)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 73.07; male: 71.34; female: 74.87
Ethnic Composition	mixed 73%, white 16%, black 11%
Religions	Roman Catholic 95%, other 5%
Languages	Spanish
Literacy (age 15 and over can read and write) (2002 census)	total population: 87%; male: 86.8%; female: 87.2%
Natural Resources	nickle, bauxite, gold, silver
Agricultural Products	sugarcane, coffee, cotton, cocoa, tobacco, rice, beans, potatoes, corn, bananas, cattle, pigs, dairy products, beef, eggs
Industries	tourism, sugar processing, ferronickel and gold mining, textiles, cement, tobacco
Labor Force	3.896 million (2006 est.)
Unemployment (2006 est.)	16%
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$8,400 (2006 est.)
External Debt	\$8.634 billion (2006 est.)
Exports	\$6.495 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); ferronickel, sugar, gold, silver, coffee, cocoa, tobacco, meats, consumer goods
Export Trading Partners	US 78.9%, Netherlands 2.4%, Mexico 1.9% (2005)
Imports	\$11.39 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); foodstuffs, petroleum, cotton and fabrics, chemicals and pharmaceuticals
Import Trading Partners	US 50%, Colombia 6.2%, Mexico 5.8% (2005)

## Ecuador

Capital	Quito
Type of Government	republic
Area (sq. km)	283,560
Arable Land (2005 est.)	5.71%
Population (2007 est.)	13,755,680
Currency	US dollar (USD)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 76.62; male: 73.74; female: 79.63
Ethnic Composition	mestizo (mixed Amerindian and white) 65%, Amerindian 25%, Spanish and others 7%, black 3%
Religions	Roman Catholic 95%, other 5%
Languages	Spanish (official), Amerindian languages (especially Quechua)
Literacy (age 15 and over can read and write) (2001 census)	total population: 91%; male: 92.3%; female: 89.7%
Natural Resources	petroleum, fish, timber, hydropower
Agricultural Products	bananas, coffee, cocoa, rice, potatoes, manioc (tapioca), plantains, sugarcane, cattle, sheep, pigs, beef, pork, dairy products, balsa wood, fish, shrimp
Industries	petroleum, food processing, textiles, wood products, chemicals
Labor Force (2006 est.)	4.57 million (urban)
Unemployment (2006 est.)	10.6% official rate; but underemployment of 47%
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$4,500 (2006 est.)
External Debt	\$18.1 billion (2006 est.)
Exports	\$12.56 billion (2006 est.); petroleum, bananas, cut flowers, shrimp
Export Trading Partners	US 50.6%, Peru 7.9%, Germany 4.3%, Colombia 4.3% (2005)
Imports	\$10.81 billion (2006 est.); vehicles, medicinal products, telecommunications equipment, electricity
Import Trading Partners	US 22.1%, Colombia 14.8%, Venezuela 7.7%, Brazil 7.2%, China 5.2% (2005)

## El Salvador

Capital	San Salvador
Type of Government	republic
Area (sq. km)	21,040
Arable Land (2005 est.)	31.37%
Population (2007 est.)	6,948,073
Currency	US dollar (USD)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 71.78; male: 68.18; female: 75.57
Ethnic Composition	mestizo 90%, white 9%, Amerindian 1%
Religions	Roman Catholic 83%, other 17%; note: there is extensive activity by Protestant groups throughout the country; by the end of 1992, there were an estimated 1 million Protestant evangelicals in El Salvador
Languages	Spanish, Nahua (among some Amerindians)
Literacy (age 10 and over can read and write) (2003 est.)	total population: 80.2%; male: 82.8%; female: 77.7%
Natural Resources	hydropower, geothermal power, petroleum, arable land
Agricultural Products	coffee, sugar, corn, rice, beans, oilseed, cotton, sorghum, shrimp, beef, dairy products
Industries	food processing, beverages, petroleum, chemicals, fertilizer, textiles, furniture, light metals
Labor Force	2.856 million (2006 est.)
Unemployment (2006 est.)	6% official rate; but the economy has much underemployment
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$4,900 (2006 est.)
External Debt	\$8.841 billion (2006 est.)
Exports	\$3.686 billion (2006 est.); offshore assembly exports, coffee, sugar, shrimp, textiles, chemicals, electricity
Export Trading Partners	US 61%, Guatemala 12.1%, Honduras 7.4%, Nicaragua 4.2% (2005)
Imports	\$7.326 billion (2006 est.); raw materials, consumer goods, capital goods, fuels, foodstuffs, petroleum, electricity
Import Trading Partners	US 43.4%, Guatemala 8.2%, Mexico 7.8% (2005)

## Grenada

Capital	Saint George's
Type of Government	parliamentary democracy
Area (sq. km)	344
Arable Land (2005 est.)	5.88%
Population (2007 est.)	89,971
Currency	East Caribbean dollar (XCD)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 65.21; male: 63.38; female: 67.05
Ethnic Composition	black 82%, mixed black and European 13%, European and East Indian 5%, and trace of Arawak/Carib Amerindian
Religions	Roman Catholic 53%, Anglican 13.8%, other Protestant 33.2%
Languages	English (official), French patois
Literacy (age 15 and over can read and write) (2003 est.)	total population: 96%
Natural Resources	timber, tropical fruit, deepwater harbors
Agricultural Products	bananas, cocoa, nutmeg, mace, citrus, avocados, root crops, sugarcane, corn, vegetables
Industries	food and beverages, textiles, light assembly operations, tourism, construction
Labor Force	42,300 (1996 est.)
Unemployment (2000 est.)	13%
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$3,900 (2005 est.)
External Debt (2004)	\$347 million
Exports	\$40 million (2004 est.); bananas, cocoa, nutmeg, fruit and vegetables, clothing, mace
Export Trading Partners	Saint Lucia 12.3%, US 11.4%, Antigua and Barbuda 8.3%, Germany 8%, Netherlands 7.9%, Saint Kitts & Nevis 7.5%, Dominica 7.5%, UK 6.8%, France 4.2% (2005)
Imports	\$276 million (2004 est.); food, manufactured goods, machinery, chemicals, fuel
Import Trading Partners	Trinidad and Tobago 27.6%, US 26.8%, UK 5.9% (2005)

## Guatemala

Capital	Guatemala
Type of Government	constitutional democratic republic
Area (sq. km)	108,890
Arable Land (2005 est.)	13.22%
Population (2007 est.)	12,728,111
Currency	quetzal (GTQ), US dollar (USD), others allowed
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 69.69; male: 67.94; female: 71.52
Ethnic Composition (2001 census)	Mestizo (mixed Amerindian-Spanish - in local Spanish called Ladino) and European 59.4%, K'iche 9.1%, Kaqchikel 8.4%, Mam 7.9%, Q'eqchi 6.3%, other Mayan 8.6%, indigenous non-Mayan 0.2%, other 0.1%
Religions	Roman Catholic, Protestant, indigenous Mayan beliefs
Languages	Spanish 60%, Amerindian languages 40% (23 officially recognized Amerindian languages, including Quiche, Cakchiquel, Kekchi, Mam, Garifuna, and Xinca)
Literacy (age 15 and over can read and write) (2002 census)	total population: 69.1%; male: 75.4%; female: 63.3%
Natural Resources	petroleum, nickel, rare woods, fish, chicle, hydropower
Agricultural Products	sugarcane, corn, bananas, coffee, beans, cardamom, cattle, sheep, pigs, chickens
Industries	sugar, textiles and clothing, furniture, chemicals, petroleum, metals, rubber, tourism
Labor Force	5.02 million (2005 est.)
Unemployment	3.2% (2005 est.)
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$5,000 (2006 est.)
External Debt	\$3.908 billion (2006 est.)
Exports	\$3.71 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); coffee, sugar, petroleum, apparel, bananas, fruits and vegetables, cardamom
Export Trading Partners	US 50.1%, El Salvador 12.1%, Honduras 7.3%, Mexico 4% (2005)
Imports	\$9.911 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); fuels, machinery and transport equipment, construction materials, grain, fertilizers, electricity
Import Trading Partners	US 38.1%, Mexico 7.6%, El Salvador 4.8%, South Korea 4.8%, Panama 4.4% (2005)

## Guyana

Capital	Georgetown
Type of Government	republic
Area (sq. km)	214,970
Arable Land (2005 est.)	2.23%
Population (2007 est.)	769,095
Currency	Guyanese dollar (GYD)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 66.17; male: 63.52; female: 68.95
Ethnic Composition	East Indian 50%, black 36%, Amerindian 7%, white, Chinese, and mixed 7%
Religions	Christian 50%, Hindu 35%, Muslim 10%, other 5%
Languages	English, Amerindian dialects, Creole, Caribbean Hindustani (a dialect of Hindi), Urdu
Literacy (age 15 and over has ever attended school) (2003 est.)	total population: 98.8%; male: 99.1%; female: 98.5%
Natural Resources	bauxite, gold, diamonds, hardwood timber, shrimp, fish
Agricultural Products	sugarcane, rice, wheat, vegetable oils, beef, pork, poultry, dairy products, fish, shrimp
Industries	bauxite, sugar, rice milling, timber, textiles, gold mining
Labor Force	418,000 (2001 est.)
Unemployment	9.1% (understated) (2000)
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$4,800 (2006 est.)
External Debt	\$1.2 billion (2002)
Exports	\$621.6 million f.o.b. (2006 est.); sugar, gold, bauxite, alumina, rice, shrimp, molasses, rum, timber
Export Trading Partners	Canada 18.9%, US 18.9%, UK 11.8%, Portugal 8.1%, Jamaica 5.3%, Trinidad and Tobago 4.2% (2005)
Imports	\$706.9 million f.o.b. (2006 est.); manufactures, machinery, petroleum, food
Import Trading Partners	US 26.7%, Trinidad and Tobago 23.9%, Cuba 6.6%, UK 5%, China 4.1% (2005)

## Haiti

Capital	Port-au-Prince
Type of Government	republic
Area (sq. km)	27,750
Arable Land (2005 est.)	28.11%
Population (2007 est.)	8,706,497
Currency	gourde (HTG)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 57.03; male: 55.35; female: 58.75
Ethnic Composition	black 95%, mulatto and white 5%
Religions	Roman Catholic 80%, Protestant 16% (Baptist 10%, Pentecostal 4%, Adventist 1%, other 1%), none 1%, other 3%; note: roughly half of the population practices voodoo
Languages	French (official), Creole (official)
Literacy (age 15 and over can read and write) (2003 est.)	total population: 52.9%; male: 54.8%; female: 51.2%
Natural Resources	bauxite, copper, calcium carbonate, gold, marble, hydropower
Agricultural Products	coffee, mangoes, sugarcane, rice, corn, sorghum, wood
Industries	sugar refining, flour milling, textiles, cement, light assembly industries based on imported parts
Labor Force	3.6 million; note: shortage of skilled labor, unskilled labor abundant (1995)
Unemployment (2002 est.)	widespread unemployment and underemployment; more than two-thirds of the labor force do not have formal jobs
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$1,800 (2006 est.)
External Debt	\$1.309 billion (2006 est.)
Exports	\$443.7 million f.o.b. (2006 est.); manufactures, coffee, oils, cocoa, mangoes
Export Trading Partners	US 80.9%, Dominican Republic 6.9%, Canada 4% (2005)
Imports	\$1.721 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); food, manufactured goods, machinery and transport equipment, fuels, raw materials
Import Trading Partners	US 48.7%, Netherlands Antilles 11.9%, Brazil 3.3% (2005)

## Honduras

Capital	Tegucigalpa
Type of Government	democratic constitutional republic
Area (sq. km)	112,090
Arable Land (2005 est.)	9.53%
Population (2007 est.)	7,483,763
Currency	lempira (HNL)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 69.35; male: 67.78; female: 70.99
Ethnic Composition	mestizo (mixed Amerindian and European) 90%, Amerindian 7%, black 2%, white 1%
Religions	Roman Catholic 97%, Protestant 3%
Languages	Spanish, Amerindian dialects
Literacy (age 15 and over can read and write) (2001 census)	total population: 80%; male: 79.8%; female: 80.2%
Natural Resources	timber, gold, silver, copper, lead, zinc, iron ore, antimony, coal, fish, hydropower
Agricultural Products	bananas, coffee, citrus, beef, timber, shrimp
Industries	sugar, coffee, textiles, clothing, wood products
Labor Force	2.589 million (2006 est.)
Unemployment	27.9% (2006 est.)
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$3,100 (2006 est.)
External Debt	\$5.587 billion (2006 est.)
Exports	\$1.947 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); coffee, shrimp, bananas, gold, palm oil, fruit, lobster, lumber
Export Trading Partners	US 73.3%, Guatemala 2.9%, El Salvador 2.9% (2005)
Imports	\$4.86 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); machinery and transport equipment, industrial raw materials, chemical products, fuels, foodstuffs
Import Trading Partners	US 52.6%, Guatemala 6.4%, El Salvador 4.1% (2005)

## Jamaica

Capital	Kingston
Type of Government	constitutional parliamentary democracy
Area (sq. km)	10,991
Arable Land (2005 est.)	15.83%
Population (2007 est.)	2,780,132
Currency	Jamaican dollar (JMD)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 73.12; male: 71.43; female: 74.9
Ethnic Composition (2001 census)	black 91.2%, mixed 6.2%, other or unknown 2.6%
Religions (2001 census)	Protestant 62.5% (Seventh-Day Adventist 10.8%, Pentecostal 9.5%, Other Church of God 8.3%, Baptist 7.2%, New Testament Church of God 6.3%, Church of God in Jamaica 4.8%, Church of God of Prophecy 4.3%, Anglican 3.6%, other Christian 7.7%), Roman Catholic 2.6%, other or unspecified 14.2%, none 20.9%
Languages	English, English patois
Literacy (age 15 and over has ever attended school) (2003 est.)	total population: 87.9%; male: 84.1%; female: 91.6%
Natural Resources	bauxite, gypsum, limestone
Agricultural Products	sugarcane, bananas, coffee, citrus, yams, ackees, vegetables, poultry, goats, milk, crustaceans, mollusks
Industries	tourism, bauxite/alumina, agro processing, light manufactures, rum, cement, metal, paper, chemical products, telecommunications
Labor Force	1.1 million (2006 est.)
Unemployment	11.3% (2006 est.)
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$4,600 (2006 est.)
External Debt	\$7.384 billion (2006 est.)
Exports	\$2.087 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); alumina, bauxite, sugar, bananas, rum, coffee, yams, beverages, chemicals, wearing apparel, mineral fuels
Export Trading Partners	US 25.8%, Canada 19.3%, UK 10.7%, Netherlands 8.6%, China 7%, Norway 6.4%, Germany 5.6% (2005)
Imports	\$4.682 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); food and other consumer goods, industrial supplies, fuel, parts and accessories of capital goods, machinery and transport equipment, construction materials
Import Trading Partners	US 41.4%, Trinidad and Tobago 14%, Venezuela 5.5%, Japan 4.6% (2005)

## Mexico

Capital	Mexico (Distrito Federal)
Type of Government	federal republic
Area (sq. km)	1,972,550
Arable Land (2005 est.)	12.66%
Population (2007 est.)	108,700,891
Currency	Mexican peso (MXN)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 75.63; male: 72.84; female: 78.56
Ethnic Composition	mestizo (Amerindian-Spanish) 60%, Amerindian or predominantly Amerindian 30%, white 9%, other 1%
Religions (2000 census)	Roman Catholic 76.5%, Protestant 6.3% (Pentecostal 1.4%, Jehovah's Witnesses 1.1%, other 3.8%), other 0.3%, unspecified 13.8%, none 3.1%
Languages	Spanish, various Mayan, Nahuatl, and other regional indigenous languages
Literacy (age 15 and over can read and write) (2004 est.)	total population: 91%; male: 92.4%; female: 89.6%
Natural Resources	petroleum, silver, copper, gold, lead, zinc, natural gas, timber
Agricultural Products	corn, wheat, soybeans, rice, beans, cotton, coffee, fruit, tomatoes, beef, poultry, dairy products, wood products
Industries	food and beverages, tobacco, chemicals, iron and steel, petroleum, mining, textiles, clothing, motor vehicles, consumer durables, tourism
Labor Force	38.09 million (2006 est.)
Unemployment	3.2% plus underemployment of perhaps 25% (2006 est.)
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$10,700 (2006 est.)
External Debt (2006)	\$178.3 billion
Exports	\$248.8 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); manufactured goods, oil and oil products, silver, fruits, vegetables, coffee, cotton
Export Trading Partners	US 85.7%, Canada 2%, Spain 1.4% (2005)
Imports	\$253.1 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); metalworking machines, steel mill products, agricultural machinery, electrical equipment, car parts for assembly, repair parts for motor vehicles, aircraft, and aircraft parts
Import Trading Partners	US 53.4%, China 8%, Japan 5.9% (2005)

## Nicaragua

Capital	Managua
Type of Government	republic
Area (sq. km)	129,494
Arable Land (2005 est.)	14.81%
Population (2007 est.)	5,675,356
Currency	gold cordoba (NIO)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 70.92; male: 68.82; female: 73.13
Ethnic Composition	mestizo (mixed Amerindian and white) 69%, white 17%, black 9%, Amerindian 5%
Religions	Roman Catholic 72.9%, Evangelical 15.1%, Moravian 1.5%, Episcopal 0.1%, other 1.9%, none 8.5% (1995 census)
Languages (1995 census)	Spanish 97.5% (official), Miskito 1.7%, other 0.8%; note: English and indigenous languages on Atlantic coast
Literacy (age 15 and over can read and write) (2003 est.)	total population: 67.5%; male: 67.2%; female: 67.8%
Natural Resources	gold, silver, copper, tungsten, lead, zinc, timber, fish
Agricultural Products	coffee, bananas, sugarcane, cotton, rice, corn, tobacco, sesame, soya, beans, beef, veal, pork, poultry, dairy products, shrimp, lobsters
Industries	food processing, chemicals, machinery and metal products, textiles, clothing, petroleum refining and distribution, beverages, footwear, wood
Labor Force	2.261 million (2006 est.)
Unemployment	3.8% plus underemployment of 46.5% (2006 est.)
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$3,100 (2006 est.)
External Debt	\$3.763 billion (2006 est.)
Exports	\$1.714 billion f.o.b.; note: includes free trade zones (2006 est.); coffee, beef, shrimp and lobster, tobacco, sugar, gold, peanuts
Export Trading Partners	US 34.1%, El Salvador 14.3%, Honduras 7.9%, Costa Rica 6.1%, Guatemala 5.2%, Mexico 5.1%, Spain 4.2% (2005)
Imports	\$3.202 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); consumer goods, machinery and equipment, raw materials, petroleum products
Import Trading Partners	US 20.1%, Venezuela 11.9%, Costa Rica 8.9%, Mexico 8.3%, Guatemala 7%, El Salvador 5.1%, Japan 4.5%, Ecuador 4.2% (2005)

## Panama

Capital	Panama City
Type of Government	constitutional democracy
Area (sq. km)	78,200
Arable Land (2005 est.)	7.26%
Population (2007 est.)	3,242,173
Currency	balboa (PAB); US dollar (USD)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 75.19; male: 72.69; female: 77.8
Ethnic Composition	mestizo (mixed Amerindian and white) 70%, Amerindian and mixed (West Indian) 14%, white 10%, Amerindian 6%
Religions	Roman Catholic 85%, Protestant 15%
Languages	Spanish (official), English 14%; note: many Panamanians bilingual
Literacy (age 15 and over can read and write) (2000 census)	total population: 91.9%; male: 92.5%; female: 91.2%
Natural Resources	copper, mahogany forests, shrimp, hydropower
Agricultural Products	bananas, rice, corn, coffee, sugarcane, vegetables, livestock, shrimp
Industries	construction, brewing, cement and other construction materials, sugar milling
Labor Force (2006 est.)	1.441 million; note: shortage of skilled labor, but an oversupply of unskilled labor
Unemployment	8.8% (2006 est.)
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$8,200 (2006 est.)
External Debt	\$9.993 billion (2006 est.)
Exports	\$8.087 billion f.o.b.; note: includes the Colon Free Zone (2006 est.); bananas, shrimp, sugar, coffee, clothing
Export Trading Partners	US 44.9%, Spain 8.9%, Sweden 5.6%, Netherlands 4.9%, Costa Rica 4% (2005)
Imports	\$9.365 billion f.o.b. (includes the Colon Free Zone) (2006 est.); capital goods, foodstuffs, consumer goods, chemicals
Import Trading Partners	US 27.5%, Netherlands Antilles 11.4%, Costa Rica 4.7%, Japan 4.5% (2005)

## Paraguay

Capital	Asunción
Type of Government	constitutional republic
Area (sq. km)	406,750
Arable Land (2005 est.)	7.47%
Population (2007 est.)	6,669,086
Currency	guarani (PYG)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 75.34; male: 72.78; female: 78.02
Ethnic Composition	mestizo (mixed Spanish and Amerindian) 95%, other 5%
Religions (2002 census)	Roman Catholic 89.6%, Protestant 6.2%, other Christian 1.1%, other or unspecified 1.9%, none 1.1%
Languages	Spanish (official), Guarani (official)
Literacy (age 15 and over can read and write) (2003 est.)	total population: 94%; male: 94.9%; female: 93%
Natural Resources	hydropower, timber, iron ore, manganese, limestone
Agricultural Products	cotton, sugarcane, soybeans, corn, wheat, tobacco, cassava (tapioca), fruits, vegetables, beef, pork, eggs, milk, timber
Industries	sugar, cement, textiles, beverages, wood products, steel, metallurgic, electric power
Labor Force	2.742 million (2006 est.)
Unemployment	9.4% (2005 est.)
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$4,800 (2006 est.)
External Debt	\$3.722 billion (2006 est.)
Exports	\$1.69 billion f.o.b. (2005 est.); soybeans, feed, cotton, meat, edible oils, electricity, wood, leather
Export Trading Partners	Uruguay 28.4%, Brazil 19.3%, Argentina 6.4%, Russia 6%, China 4.1% (2005)
Imports	\$4.5 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); road vehicles, consumer goods, tobacco, petroleum products, electrical machinery
Import Trading Partners	Brazil 27.2%, China 20.5%, Argentina 19.7%, US 5.3%, Switzerland 4.2% (2005)

## Peru

Capital	Lima
Type of Government	constitutional republic
Area (sq. km)	1,285,220
Arable Land (2005 est.)	2.88%
Population (2007 est.)	28,674,757
Currency	nuevo sol (PEN)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 70.14; male: 68.33; female: 72.04
Ethnic Composition	Amerindian 45%, mestizo (mixed Amerindian and white) 37%, white 15%, black, Japanese, Chinese, and other 3%
Religions (2003 est.)	Roman Catholic 81%, Seventh Day Adventist 1.4%, other Christian 0.7%, other 0.6%, unspecified or none 16.3%
Languages	Spanish (official), Quechua (official), Aymara, and a large number of minor Amazonian languages
Literacy (age 15 and over can read and write) (2004 est.)	total population: 87.7%; male: 93.5%; female: 82.1%
Natural Resources	copper, silver, gold, petroleum, timber, fish, iron ore, coal, phosphate, potash, hydropower, natural gas
Agricultural Products	asparagus, coffee, cotton, sugarcane, rice, potatoes, corn, plantains, grapes, oranges, coca, poultry, beef, dairy products, fish, guinea pigs
Industries	mining and refining of minerals, steel, metal fabrication, petroleum extraction and refining, natural gas, fishing and fish processing, textiles, clothing, food processing
Labor Force	9.21 million (2006 est.)
Unemployment	7.2% in metropolitan Lima; widespread underemployment (2006 est.)
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$6,600 (2006 est.)
External Debt	\$27.93 billion (2006 est.)
Exports	\$22.69 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); copper, gold, zinc, crude petroleum and petroleum products, coffee, potatoes, asparagus, textiles, guinea pigs
Export Trading Partners	US 31.1%, China 10.8%, Chile 6.6%, Canada 5.9%, Switzerland 4.6% (2005)
Imports	\$15.38 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); petroleum and petroleum products, plastics, machinery, vehicles, iron and steel, wheat, paper
Import Trading Partners	US 18.2%, China 8.5%, Brazil 8%, Ecuador 7.4%, Colombia 6.1%, Argentina 5.1%, Chile 5.1%, Venezuela 4.1% (2005)

## Saint Kitts and Nevis

Capital	Basseterre
Type of Government	parliamentary democracy
Area (sq. km)	261 (Saint Kitts 168 sq km; Nevis 93 sq km)
Arable Land (2005 est.)	19.44%
Population (2007 est.)	39,349
Currency	East Caribbean dollar (XCD)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 72.66; male: 69.81; female: 75.69
Ethnic Composition	predominantly black; some British, Portuguese, and Lebanese
Religions	Anglican, other Protestant, Roman Catholic
Languages	English
Literacy (age 15 and over has ever attended school)	total population: 97.8% (2003 est.)
Natural Resources	arable land
Agricultural Products	sugarcane, rice, yams, vegetables, bananas, fish
Industries	tourism, cotton, salt, copra, clothing, footwear, beverages
Labor Force	18,170 (1995 est.)
Unemployment	4.5% (1997 est.)
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$8,200 (2005 est.)
External Debt	\$314 million (2004)
Exports	\$70 million (2004 est.); machinery, food, electronics, beverages, tobacco
Export Trading Partners	US 61.3%, Canada 8.1%, UK 5.6% (2005)
Imports	\$405 million (2004 est.); machinery, manufactures, food, fuels
Import Trading Partners	US 46.9%, Trinidad and Tobago 13.7%, UK 5.4%, France 4.5%, Japan 4.2% (2005)

## Saint Lucia

Capital	Castries
Type of Government	parliamentary democracy
Area (sq. km)	616
Arable Land (2005 est.)	6.45%
Population (2007 est.)	170,649
Currency	East Caribbean dollar (XCD)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 74.08; male: 70.53; female: 77.88
Ethnic Composition (2001 census)	black 82.5%, mixed 11.9%, East Indian 2.4%, other or unspecified 3.1%
Religions	Roman Catholic 67.5%, Seventh Day Adventist 8.5%, Pentecostal 5.7%, Rastafarian 2.1%, Anglican 2%, Evangelical 2%, other Christian 5.1%, other 1.1%, unspecified 1.5%, none 4.5% (2001 census)
Languages	English (official), French patois
Literacy (age 15 and has ever attended school) (2001 est.)	total population: 90.1%; male: 89.5%; female: 90.6%
Natural Resources	forests, sandy beaches, minerals (pumice), mineral springs, geothermal potential
Agricultural Products	bananas, coconuts, vegetables, citrus, root crops, cocoa
Industries	clothing, assembly of electronic components, beverages, corrugated cardboard boxes, tourism, lime processing, coconut processing
Labor Force	43,800 (2001 est.)
Unemployment	20% (2003 est.)
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$4,800 (2005 est.)
External Debt	\$257 million (2004)
Exports	\$82 million (2004 est.); bananas 41%, clothing, cocoa, vegetables, fruits, coconut oil
Export Trading Partners	France 31.4%, US 18.7%, China 18.2%, UK 14% (2005)
Imports	\$410 million (2004 est.); food 23%, manufactured goods 21%, machinery and transportation equipment 19%, chemicals, fuels
Import Trading Partners	US 22.5%, Trinidad and Tobago 14.5%, Netherlands 13.6%, Argentina 6.6%, Venezuela 5.2%, UK 5.2%, France 4.5% (2005)

## Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Capital	Kingstown
Type of Government	parliamentary democracy
Area (sq. km)	389 sq km (Saint Vincent 344 sq km)
Arable Land (2005 est.)	17.95%
Population (2007 est.)	118,149
Currency	East Caribbean dollar (XCD)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 74.09; male: 72.21; female: 76.04
Ethnic Composition	black 66%, mixed 19%, East Indian 6%, Carib Amerindian 2%, other 7%
Religions	Anglican 47%, Methodist 28%, Roman Catholic 13%, other (includes Hindu, Seventh-Day Adventist, other Protestant) 12%
Languages	English, French patois
Literacy (age 15 and over has ever attended school)	total population: 96%; male: 96%; female: 96% (1970 est.)
Natural Resources	hydropower, cropland
Agricultural Products	bananas, coconuts, sweet potatoes, spices, small numbers of cattle, sheep, pigs, goats, fish
Industries	food processing, cement, furniture, clothing, starch
Labor Force	41,680 (1991 est.)
Unemployment	15% (2001 est.)
GDP Per capita (PPP)	3,600 (2005 est.)
External Debt	\$223 million (2004)
Exports	\$37 million (2004 est.); bananas 39%, eddoes and dasheen (taro), arrowroot starch, tennis racquets
Export Trading Partners	UK 26.7%, Barbados 12.7%, Trinidad and Tobago 12.3%, Saint Lucia 10.9%, US 9.2%, Dominica 7.2%, Grenada 6.8%, Antigua and Barbuda 6.2% (2005)
Imports	\$225 million (2004 est.) ; foodstuffs, machinery and equipment, chemicals and fertilizers, minerals and fuels
Import Trading Partners	US 33.3%, Trinidad and Tobago 23.6%, UK 9.4%, Japan 4.2% (2005)

## Suriname

Capital	Paramaribo
Type of Government	constitutional democracy
Area (sq. km)	163,270
Arable Land (2005 est.)	0.36%
Population (2007 est.)	470,784
Currency	Surinam dollar (SRD)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 73.23; male: 70.52; female: 76.12
Ethnic Composition	Hindustani 37%, Creole (mixed white and black) 31%, Javanese 15%, "Maroons" (their African ancestors were brought to the country in the 17th and 18th centuries as slaves and escaped to the interior) 10%, Amerindian 2%, Chinese 2%, white 1%, other 2%
Religions	Hindu 27.4%, Protestant 25.2% (predominantly Moravian), Roman Catholic 22.8%, Muslim 19.6%, indigenous beliefs 5%
Languages	Dutch (official), English (widely spoken), Sranang Tongo, Caribbean Hindustani (a dialect of Hindi), Javanese
Literacy (age 15 and over can read and write) (2004 census)	total population: 89.6%; male: 92%; female: 87.2%
Natural Resources	timber, hydropower, fish, kaolin, shrimp, bauxite, gold, and small amounts of nickel, copper, platinum, iron ore
Agricultural Products	paddy rice, bananas, palm kernels, coconuts, plantains, peanuts, beef, chickens, shrimp, forest products
Industries	bauxite and gold mining, alumina production, oil, lumbering, food processing, fishing
Labor Force	156,700 (2004 est.)
Unemployment	9.5% (2004 est.)
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$7,100 (2006 est.)
External Debt	\$504.3 million (2005 est.)
Exports	\$881 million f.o.b. (2004 est.); alumina, crude oil, lumber, shrimp and fish, rice, bananas
Export Trading Partners	Norway 24%, US 16.8%, Canada 16.4%, Belgium 9.8%, France 8.1%, UAE 7.5% (2005)
Imports	\$750 million f.o.b. (2004 est.); capital equipment, petroleum, foodstuffs, cotton, consumer goods
Import Trading Partners	US 29.3%, Netherlands 17.5%, Trinidad and Tobago 12.7%, China 6.5%, Japan 5.2%, Brazil 4.3% (2005)

## Trinidad and Tobago

Capital	Port-of-Spain
Type of Government	parliamentary democracy
Area (sq. km)	5,128
Arable Land (2005 est.)	14.62%
Population (2007 est.)	1,056,608
Currency	Trinidad and Tobago dollar (TTD)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 66.85; male: 65.87; female: 67.87
Ethnic Composition (2000 census)	Indian (South Asian) 40%, African 37.5%, mixed 20.5%, other 1.2%, unspecified 0.8%
Religions (2000 census)	Roman Catholic 26%, Hindu 22.5%, Anglican 7.8%, Baptist 7.2%, Pentecostal 6.8%, Muslim 5.8%, Seventh Day Adventist 4%, other Christian 5.8%, other 10.8%, unspecified 1.4%, none 1.9%
Languages	English (official), Caribbean Hindustani (a dialect of Hindi), French, Spanish, Chinese
Literacy (age 15 and over can read and write) (2003 est.)	total population: 98.6%; male: 99.1%; female: 98%
Natural Resources	petroleum, natural gas, asphalt
Agricultural Products	cocoa, rice, citrus, coffee, vegetables, poultry
Industries	petroleum, chemicals, tourism, food processing, cement, beverage, cotton textiles
Labor Force	618,000 (2006 est.)
Unemployment	7% (2006 est.)
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$19,800 (2006 est.)
External Debt	\$2.838 billion (2006 est.)
Exports	\$12.5 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); petroleum and petroleum products, chemicals, steel products, fertilizer, sugar, cocoa, coffee, citrus, flowers
Export Trading Partners	US 68.6%, Jamaica 5.4%, Barbados 2.9% (2005)
Imports	\$8.798 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); machinery, transportation equipment, manufactured goods, food, live animals
Import Trading Partners	US 27.2%, Venezuela 13.1%, Brazil 13.1%, Japan 5.4%, Canada 4.1% (2005)

## Uruguay

Capital	Montevideo
Type of Government	constitutional republic
Area (sq. km)	176,220
Arable Land (2005 est.)	7.77%
Population (2007 est.)	3,460,607
Currency	Uruguayan peso (UYU)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 75.93; male: 72.68; female: 79.3
Ethnic Composition	white 88%, mestizo 8%, black 4%, Amerindian (practically nonexistent)
Religions	Roman Catholic 66% (less than half of the adult population attends church regularly), Protestant 2%, Jewish 1%, nonprofessing or other 31%
Languages	Spanish, Portunol, or Brazilerlo (Portuguese-Spanish mix on the Brazilian frontier)
Literacy (age 15 and over can read and write) (2003 est.)	total population: 98%; male: 97.6%; female: 98.4%
Natural Resources	arable land, hydropower, minor minerals, fisheries
Agricultural Products	rice, wheat, corn, barley, livestock, fish
Industries	food processing, electrical machinery, transportation equipment, petroleum products, textiles, chemicals, beverages
Labor Force	1.27 million (2006 est.)
Unemployment	10.8% (2006 est.)
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$10,900 (2006 est.)
External Debt	\$11.4 billion (2006 est.)
Exports	\$3.993 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); meat, rice, leather products, wool, fish, dairy products
Export Trading Partners	US 23.2%, Brazil 13.5%, Argentina 7.8%, Germany 4.2%, Mexico 4.1% (2005)
Imports	\$4.532 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); machinery, chemicals, road vehicles, crude petroleum
Import Trading Partners	Brazil 21.3%, Argentina 20.3%, Russia 8%, US 6.7%, Venezuela 6.3%, China 6.2%, Nigeria 5.9% (2005)

## Venezuela

Capital	Caracas
Type of Government	federal republic
Area (sq. km)	912,050
Arable Land (2005 est.)	2.85%
Population (2007 est.)	26,023,528
Currency	bolivar (VEB)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 73.28; male: 70.24; female: 76.48
Ethnic Composition	Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Arab, German, African, indigenous people
Religions	nominally Roman Catholic 96%, Protestant 2%, other 2%
Languages	Spanish (official), numerous indigenous dialects
Literacy (age 15 and over can read and write) (2001 census)	total population: 93%; male: 93.3%; female: 92.7%
Natural Resources	petroleum, natural gas, iron ore, gold, bauxite, other minerals, hydropower, diamonds
Agricultural Products	corn, sorghum, sugarcane, rice, bananas, vegetables, coffee, beef, pork, milk, eggs, fish
Industries	petroleum, construction materials, food processing, textiles, iron ore mining, steel, aluminum, motor vehicle assembly
Labor Force	12.5 million (2006 est.)
Unemployment	8.9% (2006 est.)
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$7,200 (2006 est.)
External Debt	\$35.63 billion (2006 est.)
Exports	\$69.23 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); petroleum, bauxite and aluminum, steel, chemicals, agricultural products, basic manufactures
Export Trading Partners	US 50.9%, Netherlands Antilles 7.2%, Canada 2.4% (2005)
Imports	\$28.81 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); raw materials, machinery and equipment, transport equipment, construction materials
Import Trading Partners	US 31.6%, Colombia 11%, Brazil 9.1%, Mexico 6.9% (2005)