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# Chapter 1

## 28

### 1.1 28.guide

Texified version of data for Bermuda.

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Bermuda

### 1.2 28.guide/Bermuda

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### 1.3 28.guide/Header (Bermuda)

Header (Bermuda)

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Affiliation:  
(dependent territory of the UK)

### 1.4 28.guide/Geography (Bermuda)

Geography (Bermuda)

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Location:  
in the western North Atlantic Ocean, 1,050 km east of North Carolina

Map references:  
North America

Area:  
total area:  
50 km<sup>2</sup>  
land area:  
50 km<sup>2</sup>  
comparative area:  
about 0.3 times the size of Washington, DC

Land boundaries:  
0 km

Coastline:  
103 km

Maritime claims:  
exclusive fishing zone:  
200 nm

territorial sea:  
12 nm

International disputes:  
none

Climate:  
subtropical; mild, humid; gales, strong winds common in winter

Terrain:  
low hills separated by fertile depressions

Natural resources:  
limestone, pleasant climate fostering tourism

Land use:  
 arable land:  
   0%  
 permanent crops:  
   0%  
 meadows and pastures:  
   0%  
 forest and woodland:  
   20%  
 other:  
   80%  
 Irrigated land:  
   NA km2  
 Environment:  
   ample rainfall, but no rivers or freshwater lakes; consists of about 360  
   small coral islands  
 Note:  
   some reclaimed land leased by US Government

## 1.5 28.guide/People (Bermuda)

People (Bermuda)

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Population:  
   60,686 (July 1993 est.)  
 Population growth rate:  
   0.78% (1993 est.)  
 Birth rate:  
   15.21 births/1,000 population (1993 est.)  
 Death rate:  
   7.3 deaths/1,000 population (1993 est.)  
 Net migration rate:  
   -0.13 migrant(s)/1,000 population (1993 est.)  
 Infant mortality rate:  
   13.16 deaths/1,000 live births (1993 est.)  
 Life expectancy at birth:  
   total population:  
     75.03 years  
   male:  
     73.36 years  
   female:  
     76.97 years (1993 est.)  
 Total fertility rate:  
   1.82 children born/woman (1993 est.)  
 Nationality:  
   noun:  
     Bermudian(s)  
   adjective:  
     Bermudian  
 Ethnic divisions:  
   black 61%, white and other 39%  
 Religions:

Anglican 37%, Roman Catholic 14%, African Methodist Episcopal (Zion) 10%, Methodist 6%, Seventh-Day Adventist 5%, other 28%

Languages:  
English

Literacy:  
age 15 and over can read and write (1970)  
total population:  
98%  
male:  
98%  
female:  
99%

Labor force:  
32,000  
by occupation:  
clerical 25%, services 22%, laborers 21%, professional and technical 13%, administrative and managerial 10%, sales 7%, agriculture and fishing 2% (1984)

## 1.6 28.guide/Government (Bermuda)

Government (Bermuda)

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Names:  
conventional long form:  
none  
conventional short form:  
Bermuda

Digraph:  
BD

Type: dependent territory of the UK

Capital:  
Hamilton

Administrative divisions:  
9 parishes and 2 municipalities\*; Devonshire, Hamilton, Hamilton\*, Paget,, ←  
Pembroke, Saint

George\*, Saint Georges, Sandys, Smiths, Southampton, Warwick, Independence:  
none (dependent territory of the UK)

Constitution:  
8 June 1968

Legal system:  
English law

National holiday:  
Bermuda Day, 22 May

Political parties and leaders:  
United Bermuda Party (UBP), John W. D. SWAN; Progressive Labor Party (PLP),  
Frederick WADE; National Liberal Party (NLP), Gilbert DARRELL

Other political or pressure groups:  
Bermuda Industrial Union (BIU), Ottiwell SIMMONS

Suffrage:  
21 years of age; universal

Elections:

## House of Assembly:

last held 9 February 1989 (next to be held by February 1994); results - percent of vote by party NA; seats - (40 total) UBP 23, PLP 15, NLP 1, ↔ other

1

## Executive branch:

British monarch, governor, deputy governor, premier, deputy premier, Executive Council (cabinet)

## Legislative branch:

bicameral Parliament consists of an upper house or Senate and a lower house or House of Assembly

## Judicial branch:

Supreme Court

## Leaders:

## Chief of State:

Queen ELIZABETH II (since 6 February 1952), represented by Governor Lord David WADDINGTON (since NA)

## Head of Government:

Premier John William David SWAN (since NA January 1982)

## Member of:

CARICOM (observer), CCC, ICFTU, INTERPOL (subbureau), IOC

## Diplomatic representation in US:

as a dependent territory of the UK, Bermuda's interests in the US are represented by the UK

## US diplomatic representation:

## chief of mission:

Consul General L. Ebersole GAINES

## consulate general:

Crown Hill, 16 Middle Road, Devonshire, Hamilton

## 1.7 28.guide/Government (Bermuda 2. usage)

Government (Bermuda 2. usage)

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## Flag:

red with the flag of the UK in the upper hoist-side quadrant and the Bermudian coat of arms (white and blue shield with a red lion holding a scrolled shield showing the sinking of the ship Sea Venture off Bermuda in 1609) centered on the outer half of the flag

## 1.8 28.guide/Economy (Bermuda)



## Economy (Bermuda)

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## Overview:

Bermuda enjoys one of the highest per capita incomes in the world, having successfully exploited its location by providing luxury tourist facilities and financial services. The tourist industry attracts more than 90% of its business from North America. The industrial sector is small, and ←

agriculture

is severely limited by a lack of suitable land. About 80% of food needs are imported.

## National product:

GDP - purchasing power equivalent - \$1.3 billion (1991)

## National product real growth rate:

-1.5% (1991)

## National product per capita:

\$22,000 (1991)

## Inflation rate (consumer prices):

4.4% (1991)

## Unemployment rate:

6% (1991)

## Budget:

revenues \$327.5 million; expenditures \$308.9 million, including capital expenditures of \$35.4 million (FY91 est.)

## Exports:

\$50 million (f.o.b., FY89)

## commodities:

semitropical produce, light manufactures, re-exports of pharmaceuticals

## partners:

US 55%, UK 32%, Canada 11%, other 2%

## Imports:

527.2 million (f.o.b., FY89)

## commodities:

fuel, foodstuffs, machinery

## partners:

US 60%, UK 8%, Venezuela 7%, Canada 5%, Japan 5%, other 15%

## External debt:

\$NA

## Industrial production:

growth rate NA%

## Electricity:

154,000 kW capacity; 504 million kWh produced, 8,370 kWh per capita (1992)

## Industries:

tourism, finance, structural concrete products, paints, pharmaceuticals, ship repairing

## Agriculture:

accounts for less than 1% of GDP; most basic foods must be imported;

produces bananas, vegetables, citrus fruits, flowers, dairy products

## Economic aid:

US commitments, including Ex-Im (FY70-81), \$34 million; Western (non-US) countries, ODA and OOF bilateral commitments (1970-89), \$277 million

## Currency:

1 Bermudian dollar (Bd\$) = 100 cents

## Exchange rates:

Bermudian dollar (Bd\$) per US\$1 - 1.0000 (fixed rate)

Fiscal year:  
1 April - 31 March

## 1.9 28.guide/Communications (Bermuda)

Communications (Bermuda)

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Highways:

210 km public roads, all paved (about 400 km of private roads)

Ports:

Freeport, Hamilton, Saint George

Merchant marine:

72 ships (1,000 GRT or over) totaling 3,451.099 GRT/5,937,636 DWT; includes  
5 cargo, 5 refrigerated cargo, 5 container, 7 roll-on/roll-off, 21 oil  
tanker, 13 liquefied gas, 16 bulk; note - a flag of convenience registry

Airports:

total:

1

usable:

1

with permanent-surface runways:

1

with runways over 3,659 m:

0

with runways 2,440-3,659 m:

1

with runways 1,220-2,439 m:

0

Telecommunications:

modern with fully automatic telephone system; 52,670 telephones; broadcast  
stations - 5 AM, 3 FM, 2 TV; 3 submarine cables; 2 Atlantic Ocean INTELSAT  
earth stations

## 1.10 28.guide/Defense Forces (Bermuda)

Defense Forces (Bermuda)

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Branches:

Bermuda Regiment, Bermuda Police Force, Bermuda Reserve Constabulary

Note:

defense is the responsibility of the UK