



Dominica

Commonwealth of Dominica

Caribbean

Geography

Area 750 sq km. A hurricane-prone, rugged, mountainous island between the French islands of Guadeloupe and Martinique; ruled by France until 1759, which has determined much of its religious and cultural development.

Population	Ann Gr	Density
2010 66,515	-0.28%	89/sq km
2020 67,107	0.11%	89/sq km
2030 68,644	0.13%	92/sq km

A very high emigration rate to USA, Canada and UK. There are more expatriate Dominicans than indigenous.

Capital Roseau 14,300. **Urbanites** 74.6%. **Pop under 15 yrs** 30%. **Life expectancy** 75.6 yrs.

Peoples

African Caribbean 94.9%. Descended from slaves brought by the French and English. About 6% are of mixed race.

Amerindian 3.6%. Caribs 3,000; the descendants of the original inhabitants, but considerably intermarried with the African Caribbean people.

Other 1.5%. Small populations of Europeans, Asians and Middle Easterners.

Literacy 88%. **Official language** English, but as many as 80% speak a French Creole. **All languages** 3. **Languages with Scriptures** 1Bi 1NT 1por.

Economy

Highly dependent on banana exports, which makes the economy vulnerable to price fluctuations and violent weather. Eco-tourism in Dominica's beautiful interior is increasing, but limited infrastructure is a challenge. Development of offshore finance makes Dominica a target for money launderers.

HDI Rank 73rd/182. **Public debt** 74.6% of GDP. **Income/person** \$5,082 (11% of USA).

Politics

Dominica had the British Caribbean's first Black-majority government for a period in the 19th Century. Independent in 1978 as a democratic republic.

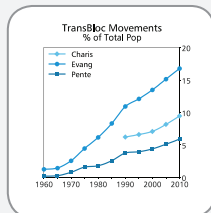
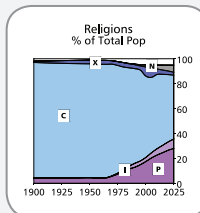
Religion

Religions	Pop %	Population	Ann Gr
Christian	91.75	61,028	-0.4%
Non-religious	3.20	2,128	4.8%
Ethnoreligionist	2.70	1,796	-0.3%
Baha'i	1.75	1,164	-0.1%
Muslim	0.20	133	-0.3%
Hindu	0.20	133	-0.3%
Chinese	0.20	133	-0.3%

Christians	Denoms	Pop %	Affiliates	Ann Gr
Protestant	12	22.85	15,000	1.5%
Independent	12	5.11	3,000	3.2%
Anglican	1	0.60	<1,000	0.0%
Catholic	1	60.14	40,000	-1.1%
Marginal	1	1.35	1,000	0.5%
Unaffiliated		2.50	2,000	-12.9%
<i>Doubly affiliated</i>		-0.75	-500	0.0%

Churches	MegaBloc	Congs	Members	Affiliates
Catholic Church	C	30	21,164	40,000
Seventh-day Adventist	P	23	4,545	6,500
Methodist Church	P	5	1,300	2,210
Ch of God of Prophecy	P	8	660	1,650
Christian Union	P	16	900	1,350
Gospel Mission Chs	I	20	800	1,280
Jehovah's Witnesses	M	8	360	900
Other denominations[19]		68	3,319	6,007
<i>Doubly affiliated</i>				-500
Total Christians[28]		178	33,048	59,397

TransBloc	Pop %	Population	Ann Gr
Evangelicals			
Evangelicals	16.8	11,146	1.8%
Renewalists			
Charismatics	9.4	6,285	2.7%
Pentecostals	5.9	3,912	2.7%



Challenges for Prayer

- 1 Practicing Catholics have substantially decreased** in recent years, indicating a high degree of nominalism. Pray for those who still adhere to Catholicism and those who have disaffiliated themselves, that the Holy Spirit might speak to their hearts about the reality of the gospel.
- 2 Evangelical Christians have increased** from 2% in 1970 to nearly 17% in 2010. The Association of Evangelicals is providing good leadership. Pray for continued growth in the gospel witness.
- 3 Due to Dominica's economic vulnerability**, many pastors must take a second job to support themselves. Pastoral "burn-out" is a resultant problem. The island's relative isolation is also a challenge for fresh spiritual input and leadership.
- 4 The Carib Indians** live on an isolated reservation on the northeast coast of Dominica. They are among the last indigenous peoples in the Caribbean to survive the arrival of colonialism and subsequent waves of immigrants. Most are nominally Christian, but only a small number actively follow Christ. Pray that these socially deprived people may find their true identity and fulfillment in Him.