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# Chapter 1

## 46

### 1.1 46.guide

Texified version of data for Cayman Islands.

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Cayman Islands

### 1.2 46.guide/Cayman Islands

Cayman Islands

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Header (Cayman Islands)  
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### 1.3 46.guide/Header (Cayman Islands)

Header (Cayman Islands)  
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Affiliation:  
    (dependent territory of the UK)

### 1.4 46.guide/Geography (Cayman Islands)

Geography (Cayman Islands)  
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Location:  
    in the northwestern Caribbean Sea, nearly halfway between Cuba and Honduras  
Map references:  
    Central America and the Caribbean  
Area:  
    total area:  
        260 km<sup>2</sup>  
    land area:  
        260 km<sup>2</sup>  
    comparative area:  
        slightly less than 1.5 times the size of Washington, DC  
Land boundaries:  
    0 km  
Coastline:  
    160 km  
Maritime claims:  
    exclusive fishing zone:  
        200 nm  
    territorial sea:  
        3 nm  
International disputes:  
    none  
Climate:  
    tropical marine; warm, rainy summers (May to October) and cool, relatively dry winters (November to April)

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Terrain:  
 low-lying limestone base surrounded by coral reefs  
 Natural resources:  
 fish, climate and beaches that foster tourism  
 Land use:  
 arable land:  
 0%  
 permanent crops:  
 0%  
 meadows and pastures:  
 8%  
 forest and woodland:  
 23%  
 other:  
 69%  
 Irrigated land:  
 NA km2  
 Environment:  
 within the Caribbean hurricane belt  
 Note:  
 important location between Cuba and Central America

## 1.5 46.guide/People (Cayman Islands)

People (Cayman Islands)

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Population:  
 30,440 (July 1993 est.)  
 Population growth rate:  
 4.35% (1993 est.)  
 Birth rate:  
 15.32 births/1,000 population (1993 est.)  
 Death rate:  
 4.98 deaths/1,000 population (1993 est.)  
 Net migration rate:  
 33.2 migrant(s)/1,000 population (1993 est.)  
 Infant mortality rate:  
 8.4 deaths/1,000 live births (1993 est.)  
 Life expectancy at birth:  
 total population:  
 77.1 years  
 male:  
 75.37 years  
 female:  
 78.81 years (1993 est.)  
 Total fertility rate:  
 1.48 children born/woman (1993 est.)  
 Nationality:  
 noun:  
 Caymanian(s)  
 adjective:  
 Caymanian

Ethnic divisions: mixed 40%, white 20%, black 20%, expatriates of various ethnic groups 20% ←

Religions:  
 United Church (Presbyterian and Congregational), Anglican, Baptist, Roman Catholic, Church of God, other Protestant denominations

Languages:  
 English

Literacy:  
 age 15 and over having ever attended school (1970)  
 total population:  
 98%  
 male:  
 98%  
 female:  
 98%

Labor force:  
 8,061  
 by occupation:  
 service workers 18.7%, clerical 18.6%, construction 12.5%, finance and investment 6.7%, directors and business managers 5.9% (1979)

## 1.6 46.guide/Government (Cayman Islands)

Government (Cayman Islands)  
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Names:  
 conventional long form:  
 none  
 conventional short form:  
 Cayman Islands

Digraph:  
 CJ

Type:  
 dependent territory of the UK

Capital:  
 George Town

Administrative divisions:  
 8 districts; Creek, Eastern, Midland, South Town, Spot Bay, Stake Bay, West End, Western

Independence:  
 none (dependent territory of the UK)

Constitution:  
 1959, revised 1972

Legal system:  
 British common law and local statutes

National holiday:  
 Constitution Day (first Monday in July)

Political parties and leaders:  
 no formal political parties

Suffrage:  
 18 years of age; universal

Elections:

Legislative Assembly:  
 last held November 1992 (next to be held November 1996); results - percent of vote by party NA; seats - (15 total, 12 elected)

Executive branch:  
 British monarch, governor, Executive Council (cabinet)

Legislative branch:  
 unicameral Legislative Assembly

Judicial branch:  
 Grand Court, Cayman Islands Court of Appeal

Leaders:  
 Chief of State:  
 Queen ELIZABETH II (since 6 February 1952)

Head of Government:  
 Governor and President of the Executive Council Michael GORE (since NA May 1992)

Member of:  
 CARICOM (observer), CDB, INTERPOL (subbureau), IOC

Diplomatic representation in US:  
 as a dependent territory of the UK, Caymanian interests in the US are represented by the UK

Flag:  
 blue, with the flag of the UK in the upper hoist-side quadrant and the Caymanian coat of arms on a white disk centered on the outer half of the flag; the coat of arms includes a pineapple and turtle above a shield with three stars (representing the three islands) and a scroll at the bottom bearing the motto HE HATH FOUNDED IT UPON THE SEAS

## 1.7 46.guide/Economy (Cayman Islands)

### Economy (Cayman Islands)

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#### Overview:

The economy depends heavily on tourism (70% of GDP and 75% of export earnings) and offshore financial services, with the tourist industry aimed at the luxury market and catering mainly to visitors from North America. About 90% of the islands' food and consumer goods needs must be imported. The Caymanians enjoy one of the highest standards of living in the region.

#### National product:

GDP - exchange rate conversion - \$670 million (1991 est.)

#### National product real growth rate:

4.4% (1991)

#### National product per capita:

\$23,000 (1991 est.)

#### Inflation rate (consumer prices):

8% (1990 est.)

#### Unemployment rate:

7% (1992)

#### Budget:

revenues \$141.5 million; expenditures \$160.7 million, including capital expenditures of \$NA (1991)

#### Exports:

\$1.5 million (f.o.b., 1987 est.)



commodities:  
   turtle products, manufactured consumer goods  
 partners:  
   mostly US  
 Imports:  
   \$136 million (c.i.f., 1987 est.)  
 commodities:  
   foodstuffs, manufactured goods  
 partners:   US, Trinidad and Tobago, UK, Netherlands Antilles, Japan  
 External debt:  
   \$15 million (1986)  
 Industrial production:  
   growth rate NA%  
 Electricity:  
   74,000 kW capacity; 256 million kWh produced, 8,780 kWh per capita (1992)  
 Industries:  
   tourism, banking, insurance and finance, construction, building materials,  
   furniture making  
 Agriculture:  
   minor production of vegetables, fruit, livestock; turtle farming  
 Economic aid:  
   US commitments, including Ex-Im (FY70-89), \$26.7 million; Western (non-US)  
   countries, ODA and OOF bilateral commitments (1970-89), \$35 million  
 Currency:  
   1 Caymanian dollar (CI\$) = 100 cents  
 Exchange rates:  
   Caymanian dollars (CI\$) per US\$1 - 1.20 (fixed rate)  
 Fiscal year:  
   1 April - 31 March

## 1.8 46.guide/Communications (Cayman Islands)

Communications (Cayman Islands)

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Highways:  
   160 km of main roads  
 Ports:  
   George Town, Cayman Brac  
 Merchant marine:  
   29 ships (1,000 GRT or over) totaling 307,738 GRT/468,659 DWT; includes 1  
   passenger-cargo, 8 cargo, 8 roll-on/roll-off cargo, 3 oil tanker, 2 ←  
   chemical  
   tanker, 1 liquefied gas carrier, 4 bulk, 2 combination bulk; note - a flag  
   of convenience registry  
 Airports:  
   total:  
     3  
   usable:  
     3  
   with permanent-surface runways:  
     2  
   with runways over 3,659 m:

0  
with runways 2,440-3,659 m:  
0  
with runways 1,220-2,439 m:  
2  
Telecommunications:  
35,000 telephones; telephone system uses 1 submarine coaxial cable and 1  
Atlantic Ocean INTELSAT earth station to link islands and access  
international services; broadcast stations - 2 AM, 1 FM, no TV

## 1.9 46.guide/Defense Forces (Cayman Islands)

Defense Forces (Cayman Islands)  
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Branches:  
Royal Cayman Islands Police Force (RCIPF)  
Note:  
defense is the responsibility of the UK