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Chapter 1

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1.1 28.guide

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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 km2
 land area:
 50 km2
 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
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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

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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:

semiotropical 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