BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS









GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

Queen ELIZABETH II

Head of Government

Premier Andrew FAHIE

Government Type

parliamentary democracy; self-governing overseas territory of the UK

Capital

Road Town

Legislature

unicameral House of Assembly (15 seats)

Judiciary

the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (ECSC) is the superior court of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States; the ECSC - headquartered on St. Lucia - consists of the Court of Appeal and the High Court

Ambassador to US

none (overseas territory of the UK)

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GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 151 sq km Land: 151 sq km Water: 0 sq km

Climate

subtropical; humid; temperatures moderated by trade winds

Natural Resources

pleasant climate, beaches foster tourism

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

one of the most stable and prosperous economies in the Caribbean; highly dependent on tourism, which generates an estimated 45% of the national income

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$500 million (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$34,200 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$23 million (2017 est.)

Imports

\$300 million (2017 est.)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

37,380 (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth

2.14% (2020 est.)

Ethnicity

African/black 76.3%, Latino 5.5%, white 5.4%, mixed 5.3%, Indian 2.1%,



East Indian 1.6%, other 3%, unspecified 0.8% (2010 est.)

Language

English (official)

Religion

Protestant 70.2% (Methodist 17.6%, Church of God 10.4%, Anglican 9.5%, Seventh Day Adventist 9.0%, Pentecostal 8.2%, Baptist 7.4%, New Testament Church of God 6.9%, other Protestant 1.2%), Roman Catholic 8.9%, Jehovah's Witness 2.5%, Hindu 1.9%, other 6.2%, none 7.9%, unspecified 2.4% (2010 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 48.5% of total population (2018)

rate of urbanization: 2.42% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)