

Barbados

Key indicators

Population (millions), 2005.....	0.3
Surface area (1,000 square kilometers)	0.4
Gross domestic product (US\$ billions), 2005	3.1
Gross domestic product (PPP, US\$) per capita, 2005	17,610
Real GDP growth (percent), 2005.....	3.9

Source: World Bank, *World Development Indicators Online Database* (December 2006); IMF, *World Economic Outlook Online Database* (April and September 2006 editions); national sources

Travel & Tourism indicators

T&T industry, 2006 estimates

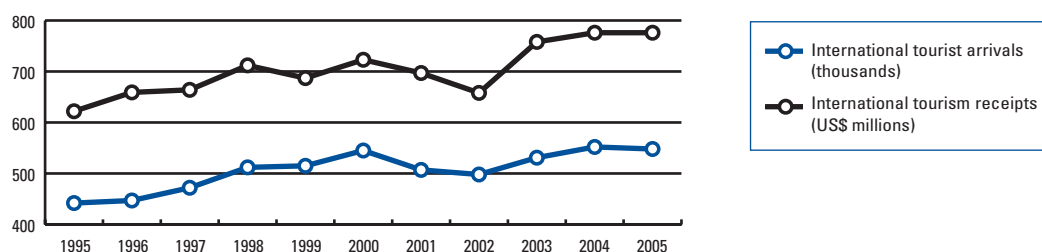
	Percent of total	2007–2016 annual growth (% forecast)
GDP (US\$ millions)	13.1	5.2
Employment (1,000 jobs).....	16.5	3.2

T&T economy, 2006 estimates

GDP (US\$ millions)	41.4	4.6
Employment (1,000 jobs).....	46.9	2.8

Source: World Travel & Tourism Council, *TSA Research 2006*

International tourist arrivals (1,000), 2005	548
International tourism receipts (US\$ millions), 2005	776



Source: United Nations World Tourism Organization

Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index

	Rank (out of 124)	Score (1–7 scale)
2007 Index	29	4.9
T&T regulatory framework	31	5.1
Policy rules and regulations.....	27	5.2
Environmental regulation.....	42	4.4
Safety and security	35	5.1
Health and hygiene.....	42	5.4
Prioritization of T&T strategies.....	11	5.2
T&T business environment and infrastructure	36	4.1
Air transport infrastructure	53	3.2
Ground transport infrastructure	41	4.1
Tourism infrastructure	42	3.8
ICT infrastructure	25	4.6
Price competitiveness in T&T industry	33	4.9
T&T human, cultural, and natural resources	17	5.4
Human resources.....	42	5.3
Education and training.....	30	5.3
Availability of qualified labor	79	4.1
Workforce wellness	49	6.6
National tourism perception.....	2	6.6
Natural and cultural resources.....	68	4.3

Note: For descriptions of variables and detailed sources, please refer to "How to Read the Country/Economy Profiles."

T&T national competitiveness balance sheet

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES		Rank/124	COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES		Rank/124
Policy rules and regulations					
1.04	Visa requirements	15	1.03	Rules governing foreign direct investment	41
1.05	Openness of bilateral Air Service Agreements	22	1.02	Property rights	36
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Environmental regulation					
2.03	Government prioritization of sustainable T&T	9	<hr/>		
Safety and security					
3.02	Reliability of police services	28	<hr/>		
Health and hygiene					
4.04	Access to improved drinking water	1	<hr/>		
Prioritization of Travel & Tourism					
5.01	Government prioritization of the T&T industry	2	<hr/>		
5.02	T&T government expenditure	4	<hr/>		
5.03	Effectiveness of marketing and branding	5	<hr/>		
Air transport infrastructure					
6.01	Quality of air transport infrastructure	12	<hr/>		
Ground transport infrastructure					
7.03	Port infrastructure	22	<hr/>		
Tourism infrastructure					
8.01	Hotel rooms	6	<hr/>		
ICT infrastructure					
9.02	Internet users	13	<hr/>		
9.03	Telephone lines	18	<hr/>		
Price competitiveness in the T&T industry					
10.01	Ticket taxes and airport charges	12	<hr/>		
Human resources					
11.01	Primary education enrollment	1	<hr/>		
11.02	Secondary education enrollment	1	<hr/>		
11.09	Malaria incidence	1	<hr/>		
11.03	Quality of the educational system	16	<hr/>		
11.10	Tuberculosis incidence	26	<hr/>		
National tourism perception					
12.01	Tourism openness	1	<hr/>		
12.03	Recommendation to extend business trips	19	<hr/>		
12.02	Attitude toward tourists	26	<hr/>		
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