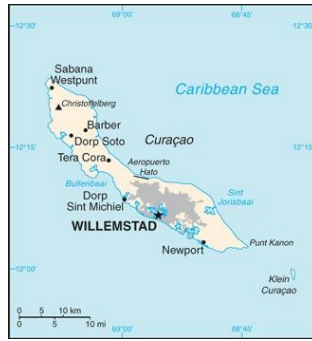




CURACAO



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

King WILLEM-ALEXANDER of the Netherlands

Head of Government

Prime Minister Ivar ASJES

Government Type

parliamentary democracy

Capital

Willemstad

Legislature

unicameral Parliament of Curacao (21 seats)

Judiciary

Joint Court of Justice of Aruba, Curacao, Sint Maarten, and of Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba or "Joint Court of Justice" (sits as a 3-judge panel); final appeals heard by the Supreme Court, in The Hague, Netherlands

Ambassador to US

none (represented by the Kingdom of the Netherlands)

US Ambassador

Consul General Allen GREENBERG

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 444 sq km

Land: 444 sq km

Water: 0 sq km

Climate

varies from tropical along coast to arid in interior

Natural Resources

calcium phosphates, aloes, sorghum, peanuts, vegetables, tropical fruit

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

Tourism, petroleum refining and bunkering, offshore finance, and transportation and communications are the mainstays of this small island economy; enjoys a high per capita income and a well-developed infrastructure compared to other countries in the region

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$3.128 billion (2012 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$15,000 (2004 est.)

Exports

\$839.7 million (2017 est.)

Imports

\$540.3 billion (2017 est.)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

151,350 (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth

0.35% (2020 est.)

Ethnicity

Curacaoan 75.4%, Dutch 6%, Dominican 3.6%, Colombian 3%, Bonairean, Sint Eustatian, Saban 1.5%, Haitian 1.2%, Surinamese 1.2%, Venezuelan 1.1%, Aruban 1.1%, other 5%, unspecified 0.9% (2011 est.)

Language

Papiamentu (official), 79.9%, Dutch (official) 8.8%, Spanish 5.6%, English (official) 3.1%, other 2.9%, unspecified .3% (2001 est.)

Religion

Roman Catholic 72.8%, Pentecostal 6.6%, Protestant 3.2%, Adventist 3%, Jehovah's Witness 2%, Evangelical 1.9%, other 3.8%, none 6%, unspecified 0.6% (2011 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 89.1% of total population (2020)

rate of urbanization: 0.62% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

