GENERAL PROFILE: TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2018

- Population: 1.390 Millions
- Exchange rate: 6.771 TTD/US$
- GDP: 22 718 Millions current US$
- Land area: 5 130 km²
- CPI growth: 1.06 %
- GDP growth: 1.90 %

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

- Total merchandise trade (millions of US$):
  - Merchandise exports: 9 942, 10 982, 10 748, (e) 9 990
  - Merchandise imports: 5 694, 6 480, 9 233, (e) 7 090
  - Merchandise trade balance: 4 248, 4 502, 1 515, (e) 2 900

- Export structure by product group in 2018 (as % of total exports):
  - Fuels: 40 %
  - Manufactured goods: 55 %
  - Other: 5 %

- Top 5 partners in 2018 (exports, millions of US$):
  - United States of America: 3 380
  - Argentina: 644
  - Brazil: 575
  - Chile: 490
  - Peru: 387

- Merchandise exports growth rate in 2018: +9.1 %

INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SERVICES

- Total trade in services (millions of US$):
  - Services exports: 897, 874, 1 192, (e) 1 170
  - Services imports: 545, 389, 2 944, (e) 2 814
  - Services trade balance: 352, 485, -1 751, (e) -1 644

- Services exports by main category (as % of total services):
  - Transport: 24.0, 25.5, 32.3, (e) 19.8
  - Travel: 50.5, 51.4, 44.5, (e) 37.2
  - Other services: 25.5, 23.0, 23.1, (e) 43.0

TRADE INDICES

ECONOMIC TRENDS

- Economic indicators (millions of US$ unless otherwise specified):
  - GDP, current: 15 938, 22 062, 24 402, 22 718
  - GDP per capita, current US$: 12 293, 16 611, 17 808, 16 345
  - Real GDP growth, y-on-y, %: 6.21, 3.32, 1.52, 1.90
  - Current account balance, % of GDP: 24.35, 18.91, 7.60, 7.08

- GDP by expenditure in 2017 (as % of total GDP):
  - Household Consumption: 61.4
  - General government final consumption expenditure: 13.6
  - Gross Capital Formation: 16.1
  - Exports: 48.5
  - Imports: 39.6

+1.9 % Gross domestic product growth rate in 2018
## TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

### FDI AND EXTERNAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES

#### Financial flows

*(millions of US$ unless otherwise specified)*

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<td>FDI inflows</td>
<td>939.70</td>
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<td>FDI outflows</td>
<td>341.00</td>
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<td>Personal remittances, % of GDP</td>
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#### Financial flows trends

*(millions of US$)*

![Graph showing financial flows trends](image)

**FDI outflows as % of GDP in 2018**

### TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES

#### Trade balance indicators

*(as % and index)*

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<td>Balance, % of GDP</td>
<td>29.01</td>
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<td>Balance, % of imports</td>
<td>73.94</td>
<td>76.02</td>
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<td>Normalized balance</td>
<td>0.270</td>
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#### Trade openness

*(sum of imports and exports as % of GDP)*

![Bar chart showing trade openness](image)

### LABOUR FORCE

#### Labour force by gender in 2018

*(as % of total labour force, all sectors)*

- Male: 56%
- Female: 44%

### OTHER INDICATORS

#### Maritime transport indicators

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<td>Merchant fleet, national flag (thousands of DWT)</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>18</td>
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<td>Liner shipping connectivity index (maximum 2006 = 100 for China)</td>
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<td>21.48</td>
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<td>Container port throughput (TEU)</td>
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<td>573 217</td>
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#### Information economy indicators

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<td>Share of ICT goods, % of total exports</td>
<td>0.15</td>
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<td>Share of ICT goods, % of total imports</td>
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<td>Share of workforce involved in the ICT sector</td>
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Notes:
1. Land area refers to the total area of a country excluding area under inland water bodies. It differs from the country area, that includes area under inland water bodies, but excludes offshore territorial waters.
3. Estimated.

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*** Negative accumulation of flows; Value included in regional and global totals

Abbreviations & acronyms:
DWT: Dead weight tons
FDI: Foreign direct investment
GDP: Gross domestic product
ICT: Information and communication technology
TEU: Twenty foot equivalent unit
US$: United States dollar

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