MARITIME PROFILE: BARBADOS

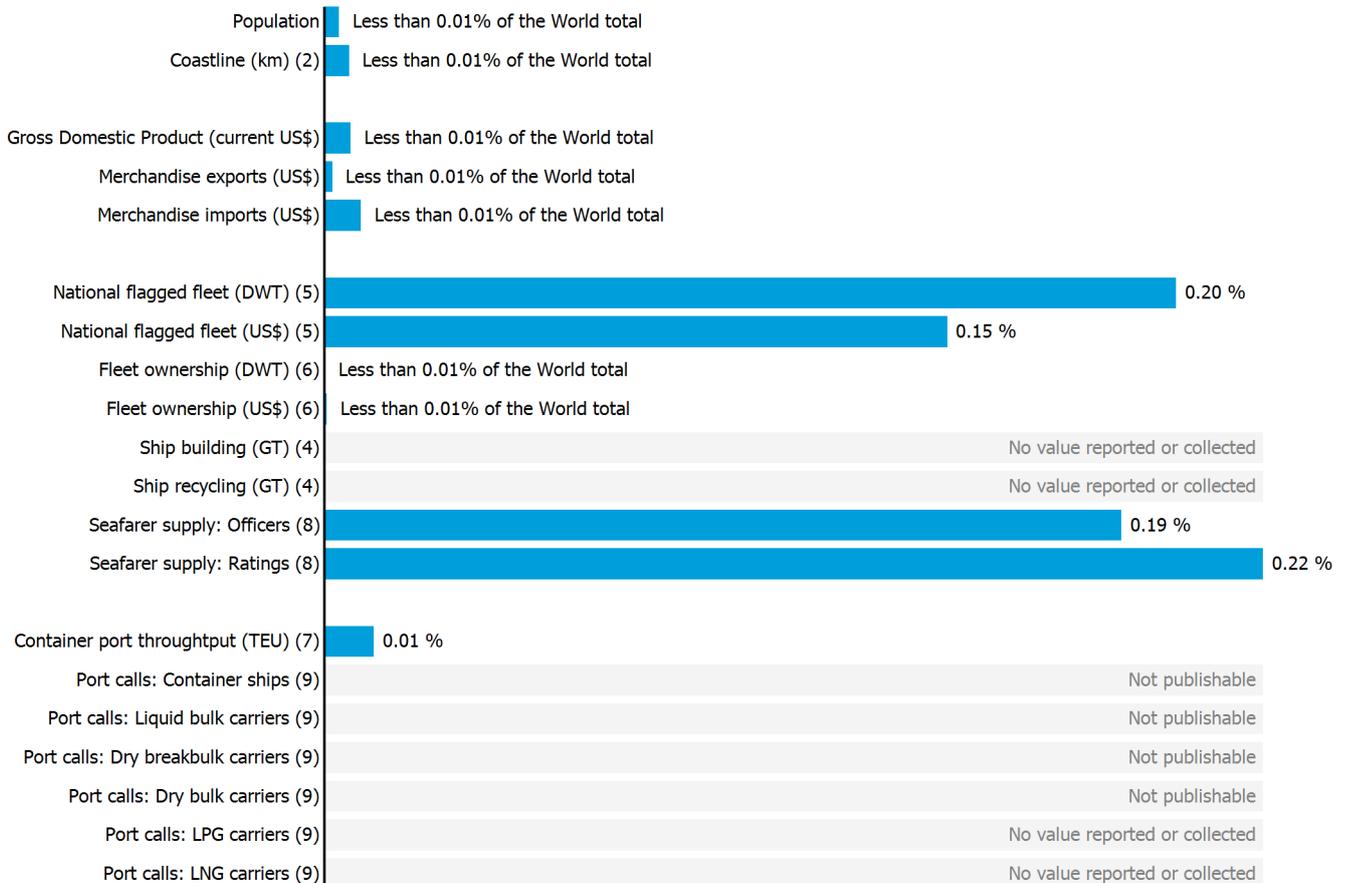## GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2023

Population
0.282 Millions

GDP
6 721 Millions current US$

Merchandise trade[1]
2 585 Millions current US$

Land area[2]
(p) 430 Km²

GDP growth
4.09 %

Transport services trade[3]
(e) 1 867 Millions current US$

MARITIME KEY FIGURES FOR 2023

Coast/area ratio[2]
225.6 m/km²

Ship building[4]
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Ship recycling[4]
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Fleet - National flag[5]
4 623 Thousands DWT

Fleet - National flag[5]
273 ships

Fleet - Ownership[6]
2 Thousands DWT

Container port throughput[7]
101 300 TEU

Number of seafarers[8]
(m) 3 946

Number of port calls[9]
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WORLD SHARES FOR 2023

Indicator	Value
Population	Less than 0.01% of the World total
Coastline (km) (2)	Less than 0.01% of the World total
Gross Domestic Product (current US$)	Less than 0.01% of the World total
Merchandise exports (US$)	Less than 0.01% of the World total
Merchandise imports (US$)	Less than 0.01% of the World total
National flagged fleet (DWT) (5)	0.20 %
National flagged fleet (US$) (5)	0.15 %
Fleet ownership (DWT) (6)	Less than 0.01% of the World total
Fleet ownership (US$) (6)	Less than 0.01% of the World total
Ship building (GT) (4)	No value reported or collected
Ship recycling (GT) (4)	No value reported or collected
Seafarer supply: Officers (8)	0.19 %
Seafarer supply: Ratings (8)	0.22 %
Container port throughtput (TEU) (7)	0.01 %
Port calls: Container ships (9)	Not publishable
Port calls: Liquid bulk carriers (9)	Not publishable
Port calls: Dry breakbulk carriers (9)	Not publishable
Port calls: Dry bulk carriers (9)	Not publishable
Port calls: LPG carriers (9)	No value reported or collected
Port calls: LNG carriers (9)	No value reported or collected

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INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

Total merchandise trade

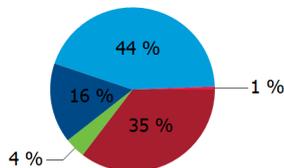| (millions of US$)	2005	2010	2015	2023
Merchandise exports	359	429	483	461
Merchandise imports	1 604	1 569	1 618	2 124
Merchandise trade balance	-1 245	-1 140	-1 135	-1 662

-7.4 %
Merchandise exports growth rate in 2023
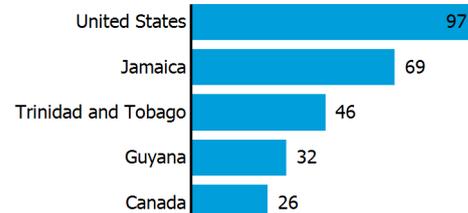
Export structure by product group in 2023

(as % of total exports)

- All food items
- Ores and metals
- Fuels
- Manufactured goods
- Other

44 %
16 %
1 %
35 %
4 %

Top 5 partners in 2023

(exports, millions of US$)

United States	97
Jamaica	69
Trinidad and Tobago	46
Guyana	32
Canada	26

INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TRANSPORT SERVICES

Services exports by main category[10]

(as % of total services)	2005	2010	2015	2023
Transport	2.1	1.8	4.2	(e) 3.7
Travel	71.5	77.9	66.8	(e) 80.1
Other services	26.4	20.2	28.8	(e) 16.3

+9.9 %
Transport services exports growth rate in 2023

Total trade in transport services[10]

(millions of US$)	2005	2010	2015	2023
Transport services exports	26	25	59	(e) 51
Transport services imports	135	153	121	(e) 75
Transport services trade balance	-109	-128	-62	(e) -24

NATIONAL FLEET

**Carrying capacity by type of ship[5]**

(Thousands DWT)	2005	2010	2015	2023
Total fleet	860.0	1 181.1	1 128.2	4 623.4
Oil tankers	243.0	282.4	74.5	314.0
Bulk carriers	395.0	512.6	599.0	3 400.8
General cargo	180.0	326.9	288.5	671.2
Container ships	..	..	4.8	7.0
Other types of ships	42.0	59.3	161.4	230.4

+41.8 %
Fleet growth rate in 2023

Fleet by type of ship[5]

(Number of ships)

- Oil tankers
- Bulk carriers
- General cargo
- Container ships
- Other types of ships
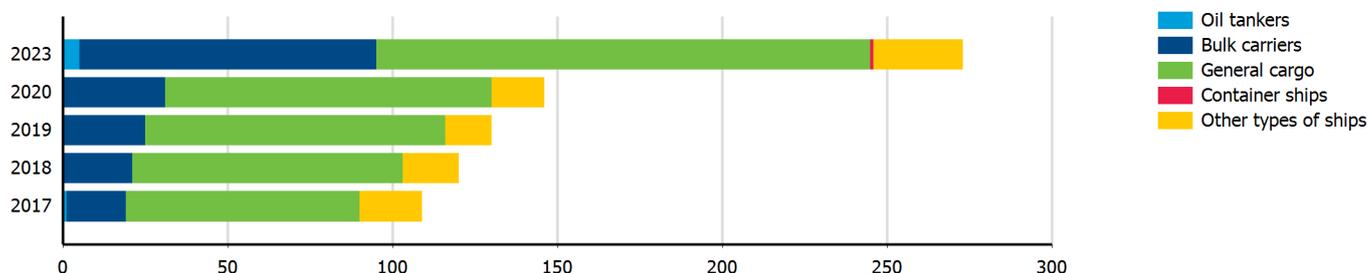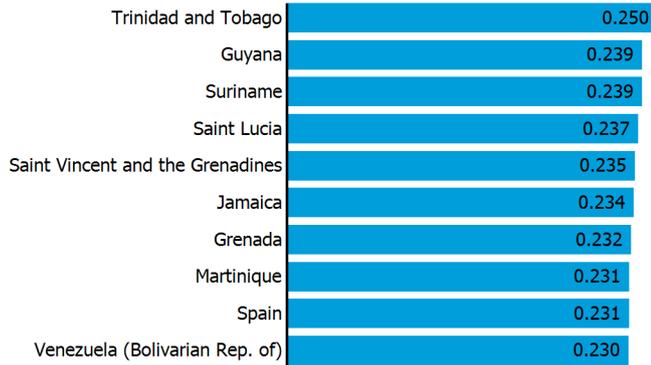
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Bilateral connectivity index - Top 10 partners in Q1 2006[11]

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Partner	Value
Trinidad and Tobago	0.250
Guyana	0.239
Suriname	0.239
Saint Lucia	0.237
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	0.235
Jamaica	0.234
Grenada	0.232
Martinique	0.231
Spain	0.231
Venezuela (Bolivarian Rep. of)	0.230

Liner shipping connectivity index[11]

Average Q1 2023=100

PORT CALLS AND PERFORMANCE

Port calls, time spent in ports, vessel age and size in 2023[9]

	Number of arrivals	Median time in port (days)	Avg age of vessels	Avg size (GT) of vessels	Avg cargo carrying capacity (DWT) per vessel	Avg container carrying capacity (TEU) per container ship	Maximum size (GT) of vessels
All ships	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liquid bulk carriers	-	-	-	-	-	..	-
Liquefied petroleum gas carriers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Liquefied natural gas carriers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dry bulk carriers	-	-	-	-	-	..	-
Dry breakbulk carriers	-	-	-	-	-	..	-
Roll-on/ roll-off ships	-	..	-	-	-	..	-
Container ships	-	-	-	-	..	-	-
Passenger ships	-	..	-	-	..	..	-

Port liner shipping connectivity index - Top 5 ports in 2023[11]

Average Q1 2023=100

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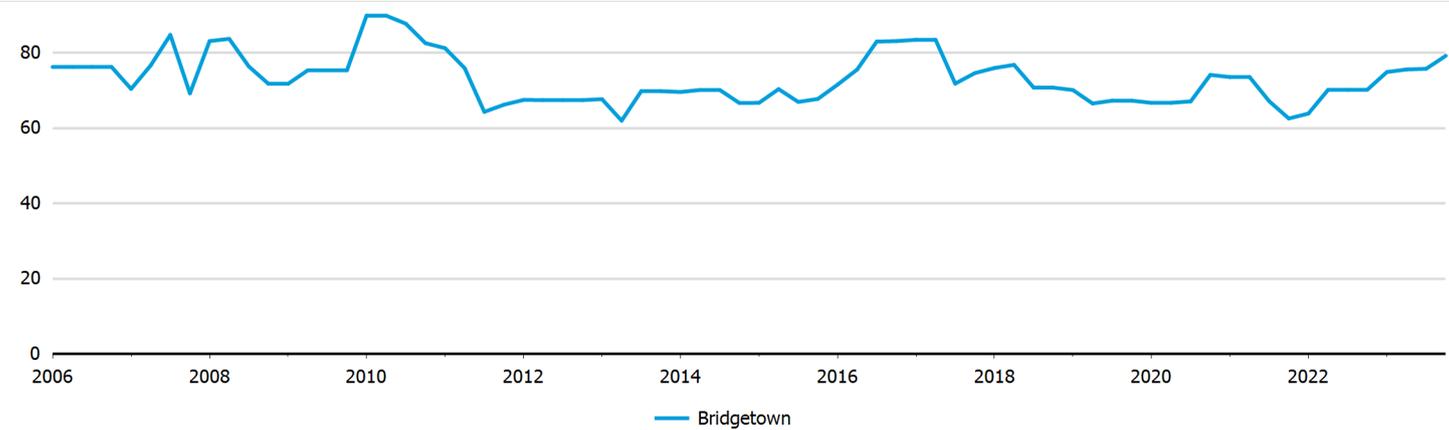
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Notes:

1	Sum of exports and imports.
2	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.
	Coastline length based on data calculated in 2000 from the World Vector Shoreline database at 1:250,000 scale.
3	Sum of exports and imports. Statistics presented correspond to the 6th edition of the IMF Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual, 2009 (BPM6, 2009).
4	Propelled seagoing merchant vessels of 100 GT and above. Source: Clarksons Research (https://www.clarksons.com/services/research/).
5	Propelled seagoing merchant vessels of 100 GT and above, on 1 January. Source: Clarksons Research (https://www.clarksons.com/services/research/).
6	Propelled seagoing merchant vessels of 1000 GT and above, on 1 January. Source: Clarksons Research (https://www.clarksons.com/services/research/).
7	UNCTAD Secretariat, derived from various sources including Dynamar B.V. Publications, terminal operators and port authorities.
8	Refers to year 2021. Source: BIMCO-ICS Manpower Report 2015 and BIMCO-ICS Seafarer Workforce Report, 2021 edition.
9	UNCTAD Secretariat, based on data provided by MarineTraffic (http://marinetraffic.com). Ships of 1000 GT and above.
10	Statistics presented correspond to the 6th edition of the IMF Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual, 2009 (BPM6, 2009).
11	UNCTAD Secretariat, generated from data provided by MDS Transmodal (https://www.mdst.co.uk).
e	Estimated.
m	Estimated by BIMCO/ICS based on estimates of seafarer demand.
p	Estimated. Data refers to 2020.

Symbols for missing values:

0	Zero means that the amount is nil or negligible
..	No value reported or collected
_	Not applicable
...	Not available, including no quotation
#	Non-relevant calculation
-	Not publishable
***	Negative accumulation of flows; Value included in regional and global totals

Abbreviations & acronyms:

DWT:	Dead weight tons
LNG:	Liquefied natural gas
LPG:	Liquefied petroleum gas
GDP:	Gross domestic product
GT:	Gross tons
TEU:	Twenty foot equivalent unit

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