

POLITICAL FORMS OF THE CARIBBEAN

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JURISDICTION		POLITICAL STATUS AND IMPORTANT HISTORICAL DATES	MONETARY UNIT
* = on UN list of non-self-governing territories			
NETHERLANDS	Aruba	Constituent Country of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Seceded from the Netherlands Antilles in 1986 with plans for independence, but independence was postponed indefinitely in 1994.	Aruban Florin (AFL)
	Curacao	Constituent Country of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Former seat of the Netherlands Antilles central government. Became an autonomous country within the kingdom of the Netherlands in 2010.	Antillean Guilder (ANG)
	Sint Maarten	Constituent Country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Part of the Windward Islands territory within the Netherland Antilles until 1983. Became an autonomous country within the kingdom of the Netherlands in 2010.	ANG
	Bonaire	Special Municipality of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Formerly part of the Netherlands Antilles. Became a special municipality within the kingdom of the Netherlands in 2010.	US Dollar (USD)
	Saba	Special Municipality of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Part of the Windward Islands territory within the Netherland Antilles until 1983. Became a special municipality within the kingdom of the Netherlands in 2010.	USD
	Sint Eustatius	Special Municipality of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Part of the Windward Islands territory within the Netherland Antilles until 1983. Became a special municipality within the kingdom of the Netherlands in 2010	USD
UNITED KINGDOM	Anguilla*	Overseas Territory of the United Kingdom. Formerly part of the British Leeward Island colonial federation as the colony of Saint Cristopher-Nevis-Anguilla. Became a province of the West Indies Federation in 1958. Following the collapse of the federation, the British government reconstituted Saint Cristopher-Nevis-Anguilla as an associated state, but in 1971 Anguilla seceded as a separate dependency.	East Caribbean Dollar (XCD)
	British Virgin Islands *	Overseas Territory of the United Kingdom. Formerly part of the British Leeward Islands colonial federation. Separate colony status established in 1960.	USD
	Cayman Islands *	Overseas Territory of the United Kingdom. Was part of the West Indies federation as a Jamaican dependency. When the Federation dissolved in 1962, residents chose to remain a British dependency.	Caymanian Dollars (KYD)
	Montserrat *	Overseas Territory of the United Kingdom. Formerly part of the British Leeward Islands, in 1958 became a province of the West Indies Federation. In 1996, following volcanic eruptions, residents were granted residency and working rights in the UK.	XCD
	Turks and Caicos	Overseas Territory of the United Kingdom. Was part of the West Indies Federation as a Jamaican dependency. Became a Crown colony following Jamaica's independence in 1962. Administered by the governor of The Bahamas until Bahamian independence in 1973. Independence was agreed upon for 1982, but the policy was later reversed. In 2009 direct rule was imposed due to evidence of government corruption, home rule restored in 2012.	USD

F R A N C E	Guiana	Overseas Department of France (DOM). French penal colony between 1852 and 1939; Full political integration in 1946.	Euro (EUR)
	Guadeloupe	Overseas Department of France (DOM) since 1946.	EUR
	Martinique	Overseas Department of France (DOM) since 1946.	EUR
	Saint Barthélemy	Overseas Collectivity of France (COM). Formerly part of the Overseas Department of Guadeloupe, seceded from Guadeloupe through a referendum vote in 2003 and became an Overseas Collectivity in 2007.	EUR
	Saint Martin	Overseas Collectivity of France (COM). Formerly part of the Overseas Department of Guadeloupe, seceded from Guadeloupe through a referendum vote in 2003 and became an Overseas Collectivity in 2007.	EUR
U S A	Puerto Rico	Unincorporated Territory of the United States. Ceded to the United States by Spain in 1898. US citizenship granted in 1917. Commonwealth status established in 1952.	USD
	US Virgin Islands	Unincorporated Territory of the United States. Sold by Denmark in 1916, US citizenship granted in 1927, territorial status established in 1954. Since 1969 they have elected their own governor.	USD
I N D E P E N D E N T	Haiti	Independent State. Independence from France in 1804. Occupied by the United States from 1915-1934 and 1994-1995.	Haitian Gourde (HTG)
	Dominican Republic	Independent State. Independence from Spain in 1821. Annexed to Haiti in 1822. Independence from Haiti in 1844. Re-annexed to Spain from 1861-1865. Occupied by the United States from 1916 to 1924.	Dominican Peso (DOP)
	Cuba	Independent State. Independence from Spain in 1898; Occupied by the United States from 1898-1902.	Cuban Peso (CUP)
	Jamaica	Independent State within the British Commonwealth since 1962.	Jamaican Dollar (JMD)
	Trinidad and Tobago	Independent State within the British Commonwealth since 1962.	Trinidad /Tobago Dollar (TTD)
	Barbados	Independent State within the British Commonwealth since 1966.	Barbados Dollar (BBD)
	Guyana	Independent State within the British Commonwealth since 1966.	Guyanese Dollar (GYD)
	The Bahamas	Independent State within the British Commonwealth since 1973.	Bahamian Dollar (BSD)
	Grenada	Independent State within the British Commonwealth since 1974.	XCD
	Suriname	Independent State. Independence from the Netherlands in 1975. Occupied briefly by the United States in 1941.	Suriname Dollar (SRD)
	Dominica	Independent State within the British Commonwealth since 1978.	XCD
	Saint Lucia	Independent State within the British Commonwealth since 1979.	XCD
	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Independent State within the British Commonwealth since 1979.	XCD
	Antigua and Barbuda	Independent State within the British Commonwealth since 1981.	XCD
	Belize	Independent State within the British Commonwealth since 1981.	Belize Dollar (BZD)
	Saint Kitts and Nevis	Independent State within the British Commonwealth since 1983.	XCD

