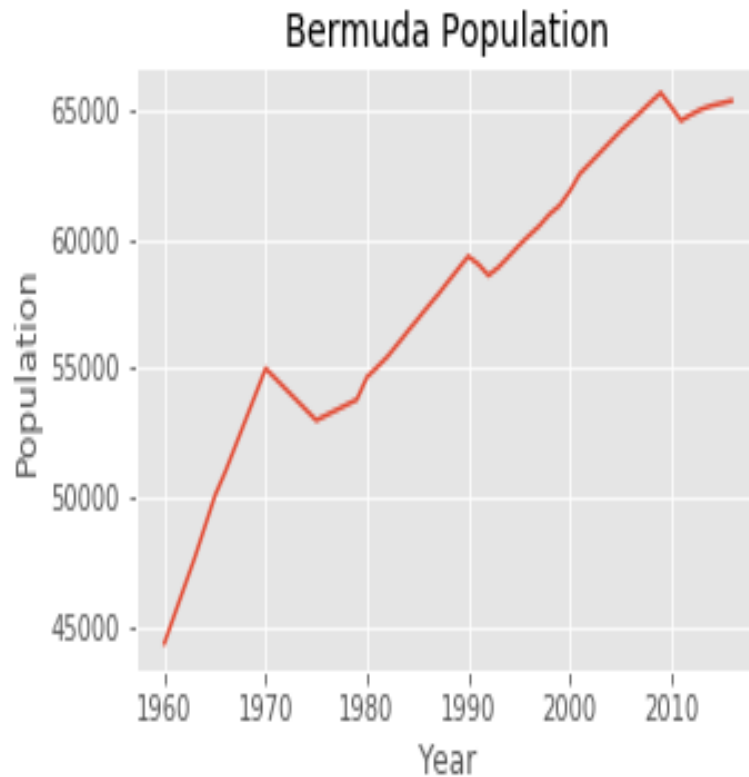


Bermuda



Coordinates: 32°20′N 64°45′W﻿ / ﻿32.333°N 64.750°W﻿ / 32.333; -64.750in the Atlantic Ocean (blue)Bermuda (/bɜrˈmjuːd/) is a British Overseas Territory in the North Atlantic Ocean. It is approximately 1,070 km (665 mi) east-southeast of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina; 1,236 km (768 mi) south of Cape Sable Island, Nova Scotia; and 1,576 km (979 mi) north of Puerto Rico. The capital city is Hamilton. Bermuda is self-governing, with its own constitution and its own government, which enacts local laws, while the United Kingdom retains responsibility for defence and foreign relations.Bermuda's two largest economic sectors are based on offshore insurance and reinsurance, and tourism. Bermuda had one of the world's highest GDP per capita for most of the 20th century and several years beyond[clarification needed]. Recently, its economic status has been affected by the global recession. It has a subtropical climate. The island is in the hurricane belt and prone to related severe weather; however, it is somewhat protected by a coral reef that surrounds the island and its position at the north of the belt, which limits the direction and severity of approaching storms.