



Guernsey



Background	Guernsey and the other Channel Islands represent the last remnants of the medieval Duchy of Normandy, which held sway in both France and England. The islands were the only British soil that Germany occupied in World War II. The Bailiwick of Guernsey consists of the main island of Guernsey and a number of smaller islands, including Alderney, Sark, Herm, Jethou, Brecqhou, and Lihou. The Bailiwick is a self-governing British Crown dependency that is not part of the UK. However, the UK Government is constitutionally responsible for its defense and international representation.
Capital	name: Saint Peter Port
Government type	parliamentary democracy (States of Deliberation)
Area	total : 78 sq km land: 78 sq km water: 0 sq km
Climate	temperate with mild winters and cool summers; about 50% of days are overcast
Natural resources	cropland
Population	total: 67,787 (2024 est.)
Population growth rate	0.21% (2024 est.)
Ethnic groups	Guernsey 53.5%, UK and Ireland 23.8%, Portugal 2.1%, Latvia 1.4%, other Europe 2.7%, other Crown Dependencies 0.7%, other 5.3%, unspecified 10.5% (2022 est.)
Religions	Protestant (Anglican, Presbyterian, Baptist, Congregational, Methodist), Roman Catholic
Languages	English, French, Norman-French dialect spoken in country districts
Executive branch	chief of state: King CHARLES III (since 8 September 2022); represented by Lieutenant-Governor Richard CRIPWELL (since 15 February 2022) head of government: Chief Minister Lindsay de SAUSMAREZ (since 1 July 2025)
Legislative branch	legislature name: States of Deliberation
Diplomatic representation from the US	embassy: none (British crown dependency)
Economic overview	high-income English Channel island economy; strong financial sector but stressed due to COVID-19 disruptions; manufacturing, tourism, and construction industries suffered but expected to recover; stable inflation; maintains independent taxation authority
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Population Pyramid

