

# BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS



## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

Queen ELIZABETH II

### Head of Government

Premier Andrew FAHIE

### Government Type

parliamentary democracy; self-governing overseas territory of the UK

### Capital

Road Town

### Legislature

unicameral House of Assembly (15 seats)

### Judiciary

the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (ECSC) is the superior court of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States; the ECSC - headquartered on St. Lucia - consists of the Court of Appeal and the High Court

### Ambassador to US

none (overseas territory of the UK)

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## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 151 sq km

Land: 151 sq km

Water: 0 sq km

### Climate

subtropical; humid; temperatures moderated by trade winds

### Natural Resources

pleasant climate, beaches foster tourism

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

one of the most stable and prosperous economies in the Caribbean; highly dependent on tourism, which generates an estimated 45% of the national income

### GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$500 million (2017 est.)

### GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$34,200 (2017 est.)

### Exports

\$23 million (2017 est.)

### Imports

\$300 million (2017 est.)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

37,380 (July 2020 est.)

### Population Growth

2.14% (2020 est.)

### Ethnicity

African/black 76.3%, Latino 5.5%, white 5.4%, mixed 5.3%, Indian 2.1%, East Indian 1.6%, other 3%, unspecified 0.8% (2010 est.)

### Language

English (official)

### Religion

Protestant 70.2% (Methodist 17.6%, Church of God 10.4%, Anglican 9.5%, Seventh Day Adventist 9.0%, Pentecostal 8.2%, Baptist 7.4%, New Testament Church of God 6.9%, other Protestant 1.2%), Roman Catholic 8.9%, Jehovah's Witness 2.5%, Hindu 1.9%, other 6.2%, none 7.9%, unspecified 2.4% (2010 est.)

### Urbanization

urban population: 48.5% of total population (2018)

rate of urbanization: 2.42% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

