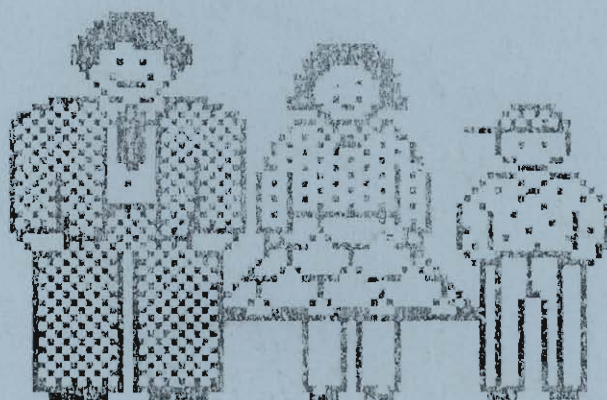


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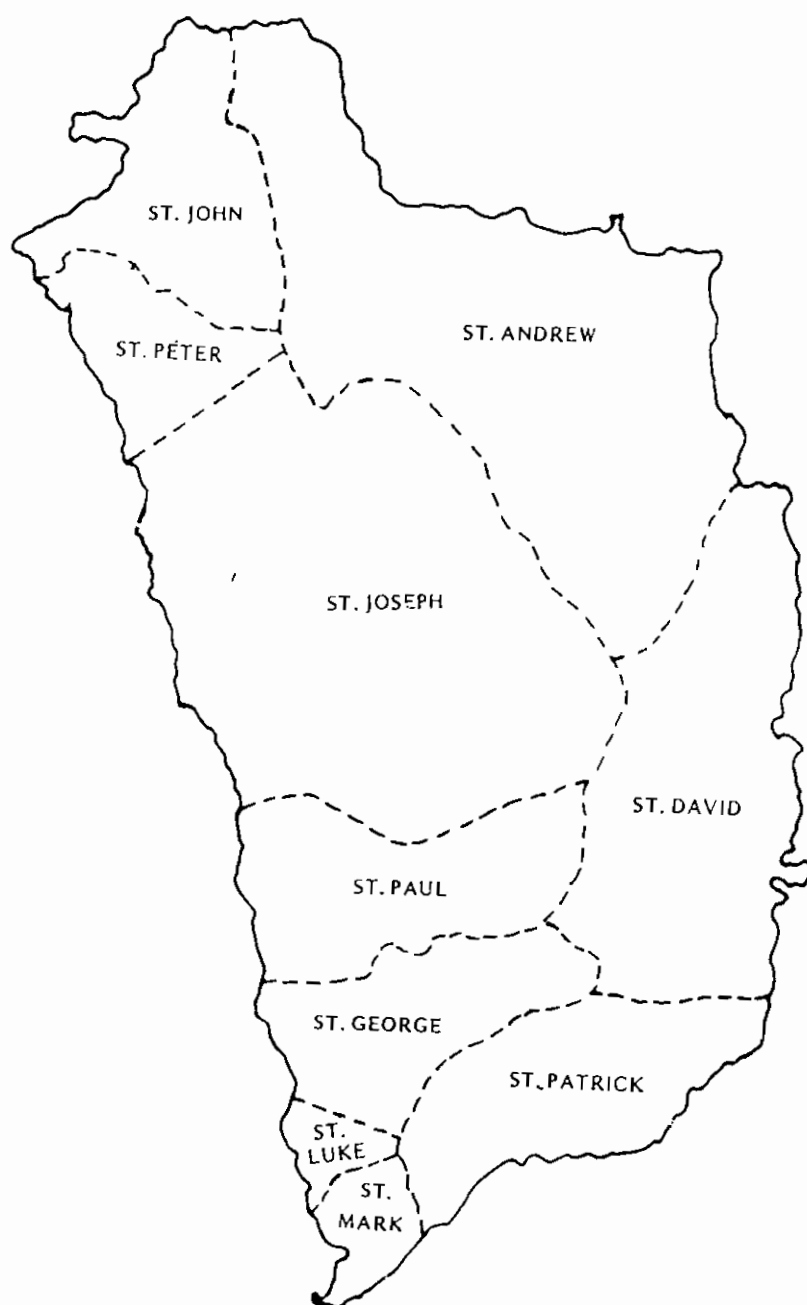


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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

Symbols and abbreviations used in this digest are:

St.	Saint for (Parishes or Population Zones)
M	Males
F	Females
T	Total
...	Not Available
%	Percentage
- or 0	Nil or zero
Avg.	Average
o/w	of which
B	Bride
G	Groom

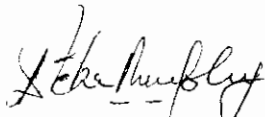


## PREFACE

This demographic report is the first published by the Central Statistical Office. Of course, we must acknowledge previous reports/analyses prepared by the Caribbean Community Secretariat, under the direction of Jack Harewood (based in Trinidad and Tobago). The French demographer Jean-Pierre Guengant, must also be recognized for his publication on Emigration and Fertility Challenges. In addition, over the years population projections have been produced by the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, (UNECLAC, Trinidad & Tobago). However, the Central Statistical Office is presenting its first detailed information on population dynamics over the past 11 years and in some cases as far back as the last century.

The report provides data on vital events -births, deaths, marriages and divorces- on fertility, mortality, migration and household composition. It is intended to assist policy-makers, planners, administrators, researchers, students and others interested in demographic trends related to Dominica.

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## ANALYSIS

### DOMINICA: A Brief Description

The island of the Commonwealth of Dominica is presently 751 square kilometers (298 square miles) and is situated between Latitude 15 40 North and Longitude 61 30 West. The island is in the Eastern Caribbean and is more suitably located between the French islands of Guadeloupe and Martinique. Dominica attained political independence from England in 1978. The official language is English. However because of past French influence, a semi-French dialect (creole) is widely spoken.

The topography is mountainous and the many rivers flowing from those peaks provide an ample supply of water. The island is relatively quiet and is popularly considered the appropriate hide-away from the hustle-bustle of life. The political climate is stable and based on a multi-party democracy. Dominica is also becoming a better known tourist destination. From 1982 to 1991 visitor arrivals increased by 170.6%, reaching a total arrival of 55,211 visitors in 1991. The three major markets are the Caribbean, Europe and the United States of America.

Economically, a free market is encouraged and for the last two years the economy has grown by 2.1% and 2.6% for 1991 and 1992 respectively. Though the cost of living is commonly considered high by resident nationals, it is almost comparable to other Caribbean counterparts. For 1991 and 1992 the Annual Consumer

Price Index recorded 5.6% and 5.3% respectively.

Dominica consists of ten parishes (see map on page i) which are conveniently used for demographic and other analytical purposes. The capital city is located within the Parish of St. George in the south-west. Health Districts may however, serve more than one parish. The seven health districts can be noted on Table 9.

#### THE POPULATION OF DOMINICA

Over the century (1891-1991) the population of Dominica almost trebled. From an 1891 count of 26841, the population reached its doubling time in approximately 62 years. The highest growth rate in any ten year period occurred between 1901 and 1911 (Table 4A). After 1960, the rate of growth seemed to have slowed down. In fact, a negative annual growth 0.4% was recorded for the period 1981-1991, the last two censuses (Table 4A).

Over the last century (1891-1991), the annual average growth was approximately 1.0%. The parish of St. George (which includes the capital city, Roseau) was the most populous region throughout that period. In 1891, St. Patrick, St. Andrew, St. Joseph and St. John were the most populated regions (after St. George). However, in the 1991 census the order was St. Andrew, St. Patrick, St. Paul and St. David (Table 1)

### 1991 CENSUS: PRELIMINARY RESULTS

During the last census (1991), the parish of St. George (which includes the capital city, Roseau) recorded a 0.7% decrease. As previously stated, a negative growth of 0.4% was recorded for the total population over the last ten years (1981-1991). Only four out of the ten parishes registered increases in population. Still those increases were negligible.

St. Peter, St. Luke and St. Mark recorded increases of less than 50 persons. Only St. Paul gained just about 1000. The highest loss was in St. Andrew, a once steadily growing region (Tables 1 and 4).

The results of the last census compared to the previous (1981), revealed reductions in each age-group from 0 to 24 (Table 3A). Conversely, increases were recorded for each age-group from 25 to 54. The 5 to 9 age-group registered the highest percentage of total population (Table 3A). The previous census (1981), however revealed the highest percentage of population in an older age-group: the 10 to 14.

### BIRTH PATTERNS

Total births declined by 39.3% (Table 2) over the census years 1991 and 1960. Moreover, for the last eleven years (1982-1992) total births reflected a fluctuating pattern, recording the highest occurrence in 1983 and the lowest in 1990. The highest birth rate was however recorded in the last year, 1992 (Table 7). The apparent

negative growth or loss in population(over the eleven years (1981-1991)), did not affect the number of births. In fact, total births increased in 1991 and 1992 over 1981 (Tables 2 and 5). From 1982 to 1991, the 20 to 24 age group had been the most productive, as this group accounted for approximately 30 % of total births each year. Until 1990, the other productive age-group was the 15 to 19 (Table 8A). The pattern was however broken in the last two years(1991 and 1992), when an older age-group, the 25-29, seemed to be the second most productive (Table 8A).

The percentage of births by mothers in their early teens(>15) decreased to its lowest in 1992. Conversely, the percentage of births by the oldest child-bearing age-group, 40 to 49, rose steadily from 1989 and reached its highest in 1992- accounting for 1.9% of all births- the highest also for the period 1982 to 1992.

Over the last five years(1987 to 1991), most births(about 42% of total births) occurred in the Roseau Health District, the largest serving four parishes/region. Marigot(serving the north-east) followed as the second most productive district up to 1989, after which the Portsmouth district(serving the north) gained that position (Table 9). It is interesting to note that over the five years (1987-1991), the GrandBay district(serving the south and part of the south-east) continually recorded a higher number of female births as compared to male births (Table 9).



## DEATHS

Over the census years 1991 and 1960 total deaths decreased by 43.7%(Tables 2 and 6). For the last eleven years,(1982-1992) total deaths increased by 36.7% with the highest occurrence in 1992. Except for deviations in 1982 and 1989, most deaths occurred in the 85 and over age-group(Table 10A). It was further observed that more females compared to males, died at the age of 80 and over, while a high occurrence of male deaths were at an earlier age(Table 10). Deaths in the most productive age-groups, 15-29 (those having the highest percentage of total births), were minimal. In fact, zero deaths were recorded in 1983 and 1984. Infant deaths registered a total of 35 in 1984, the highest in the ten years (1982-1991). Correspondingly, the infant mortality rate reached its highest in that year. Although the IMR (Infant Mortality Rate) increased from 1990 to 1991, the total death rate showed no changes over the same period. Over the last year(1991 to 1992) the death rate increased while the IMR declined. According to health records the main cause of infant deaths in 1992 was due to certain conditions originating in the prenatal period, 80% of which accounted for respiratory conditions of the fetus or newborn. For all deaths, diseases of circulatory system was the leading cause (Table 10B). Neoplasms and hypertensive diseases closely followed as the other major causes.

## MIGRATION

According to the census taken on 12 May 1991, the population of Dominica numbered 71,183(preliminary). Over the last four census years(Table 2) the 1960 period recorded the highest out-migrants, while 1981 registered an inflow. The common destination at that period (1960), was the United Kingdom, England in particular. The exodus waned throughout the years until the early 1980's. This movement was however, changed in 1983 when numbers exceeded that of 1960(Tables 2 and 6). From 1983 to 1989, out-migration appeared to be an uncontrolled "force", negatively affecting the total increase, and consequently the end of year population. The outflow had its greatest impact in 1989 when total increase reached its lowest.

Destinations became varied as Dominicans looked at more favoured economies. Other Caribbean islands and the U.S.A. then became popular choices. From 1983, the end of year population steadily decreased until 1989. From 1990, out-migration drastically declined and for the first time in seven years(1983-1989) total increase was positive. Consequently, the end of year population rose in 1990. It must be noted that since a census was taken during 1991, the end of year population was adjusted to avoid double counting. Therefore, although a decrease was reflected over the year(1990-1991) an increase over the census count was recorded at the end of 1991(Table 6). Total increase over the past ten years(1983-1992) reached its highest in 1992.

### THE YEAR 1983

For the period (1982-1991), 1983 can be considered a phenomenal year. Total births and the birth rate recorded their highest while total deaths and the death rate were at their lowest.

Consequently, the rate of natural increase surpassed all other years (Tables 6 and 7). Furthermore, one would have expected the population to surge at that stage of high birth-low death rate. In spite of this rate, a counter-effect was met as out-migration reached a peak. This was the beginning of a transition - a declining end of year population for the next six years. The mean population however, reflected an increase which was only influenced by the previous year's (1982) end of year population. It was also in 1983 that the elderly/senior population accounted for as much as 66% of all deaths (Table 10A). This represented part of the cohort born by 1898 and earlier.

### MARRIAGES and DIVORCES

Over the eleven year period (1982-1992), total marriages registered its highest in 1988 (Table 11). Except for the years 1982, 1983, 1990 and 1991 most brides were from the 25 to 29 age-group. For grooms, that age-group (25 to 29) also recorded the highest number from 1982 to 1990. In the last two years (1991 and 1992) however, the highest number for grooms moved to an older age-group - the 30 to 34. The difference, though, was not significant. In the 35 to 39 age-

group, the number of grooms consistently out-numbered the brides. Except for 1986 and 1983, grooms in the 30 to 34 and 40 to 49 age-group followed a similar trend. In the 15 to 19 and 20 to 24 age-groups brides continually out-numbered grooms (Table 11).

For the last six years (1987-1992) divorces registered its highest number in 1989. Steadily rising from 1987, the divorce rate reached a peak in 1989.

#### HOUSEHOLDS

The total number of households increased by 16.5% from 1981-1991 (the last two census years). Of the ten parishes, St. Paul registered the highest increase of 34.7 %. This was followed by St. David, St. Mark and St. Joseph which recorded increases of 18.6, 18.1 and 17.4% respectively (Table 12). St. John recorded the lowest change of 6.0%. The parish of St. George, which comprises the city and its environs, registered an increase of 15.8% in total households in contrast to a 0.7% decline in total population (Tables 4 and 12). Over the period too, all parishes reflected reductions in average household size. The double effects of migration and increases in number of households influenced that decline. As of the last census, St. Peter and St. Joseph recorded the smallest household size, while the largest was in St. David, a position maintained from the previous census (1981).

## SUMMARY

The main and most reliable source of information on population is a census. In this report, total population counts were taken from censuses. Because of the relatively small population, the end of year and mean populations were basically derived from the components of total increase.

According to preliminary results of the last census, the population numbered 71,183, thus recording negative growth over the last ten years (1981-1991). It was not a first-time event as negative growth was recorded in 1891 (Table 4A) when total population declined over that of 1881. Of course, many opinions may hold if demographic data is correctly interpreted and the islands resources are considered. The phenomenon has raised many assumptions. However, within a sociological perspective this population outflow could be considered functional given the island's limited resources.

The population is currently slowly rising as of the last census. A further increase is expected at the end of 1993 as out-migration (the component which mainly influenced that decline over the years) is abating (Table 6).

TABLE 1. NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION AT CENSUS DATES 1891-1991

	1891 5th April	1901 1st April	1911 3rd April	1921 24th April	1946 9th April	1960 7th April	1970 7th April	1981 7th April	1991 12th May
<b>TOTAL</b>	26,841	28,894	33,863	37,059	47,624	59,916	69,548	73,795	71,183
<b>MALE</b>	12,059	12,870	15,231	16,760	22,277	28,167	32,967	36,754	35,471
<b>FEMALE</b>	14,782	16,024	18,632	20,299	25,347	31,749	36,581	37,041	35,712
<b>TOTAL POPULATION BY PARISHES</b>									
<i>St. George</i>	7,466	8,068	8,941	9,988	12,382	16,545	19,470	20,501	20,365
<i>City of Roseau</i>	5,186	5,764	6,577	6,803	9,752	10,417	9,949	8,346	15,853
<i>Rest of St. George</i>	2,220	2,304	2,364	3,185	2,630	6,128	9,521	12,155	4,512
<i>St. John</i>	2,342	2,568	3,359	2,958	3,600	4,658	5,226	5,412	4,990
<i>St. Peter</i>	1,231	1,285	1,345	1,377	1,719	1,702	1,701	1,601	1,643
<i>St. Joseph</i>	2,544	2,682	3,287	3,152	4,205	5,507	6,362	6,606	6,183
<i>St. Paul</i>	1,557	1,674	1,954	2,367	2,939	4,156	4,456	6,386	7,495
<i>St. Luke</i>	1,220	1,278	1,355	1,473	1,606	1,886	1,633	1,503	1,552
<i>St. Mark</i>	1,329	1,311	1,509	1,668	1,980	1,936	1,961	1,921	1,943
<i>St. Patrick</i>	3,940	4,719	5,809	6,663	8,057	8,880	10,095	9,780	8,929
<i>St. David</i>	1,514	1,611	2,108	2,574	4,127	5,210	6,707	7,337	6,977
<i>St. Andrew</i>	3,698	3,648	4,196	4,839	7,009	9,752	11,937	12,748	11,106

Source: Reports of the Dominica Census and the Census of the Windward Islands 1946 and 1960 and Reports of the Dominica Censuses 1970, 1981 and preliminary results for 1991

For 1991 census the City of Roseau includes Fond Cole, Goodwill, St. Arment Bath Estate and Elmshall.

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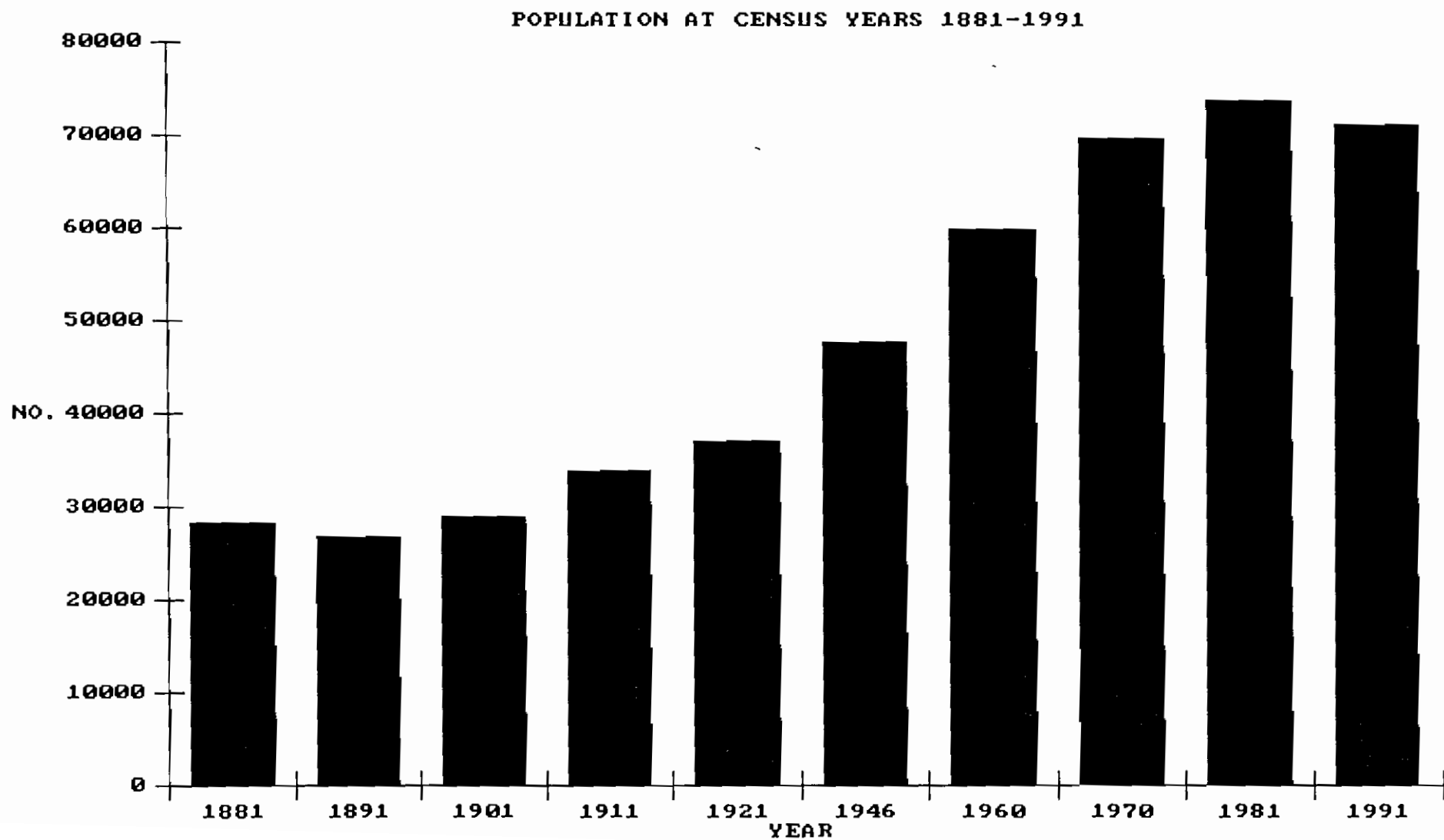






TABLE 2. NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION, BIRTHS AND DEATHS BY SEX AT CENSUS YEARS  
1960-1991

YEAR	NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION			BIRTHS				DEATHS				NET MIGRATION
	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	SEX NOT STATED	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	SEX NOT STATED	TOTAL	
1960	28,167	31,749	59,916	...	...	...	2,820	...	...	-	920	-2160
1970	32,968	36,581	69,549	1,212	1,288	3	2,503	...	...	...	583	-165
1981	36,754	37,041	73,795	822	833	6	1,661	185	155	-	340	1902
1991	35,471	35,712	71,183	858	854	-	1,712	248	270	-	518	-895

Source: Ministry of Health  
Registrar General's Office and Police Headquarters  
Report of the 1970 and 1981 Population Census  
Population and Housing Census 1991 Preliminary Results

**TABLE 3. POPULATION BY SEX AND FIVE YEAR AGE GROUP**  
**1960,1970,1981,1991**

AGE GROUP	1960			1970			1981			1991		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
0-4	5,713	5,487	11,200	6,223	6,278	12,501	4,202	3,994	8,196	3,820	3,891	7,711
5-9	4,287	4,322	8,609	5,951	5,886	11,837	5,277	4,850	10,127	4,398	4,285	8,683
10-14	3,555	3,438	6,993	5,030	4,750	9,780	5,595	5,488	11,083	3,937	4,107	8,044
15-19	2,566	2,764	5,330	3,235	3,563	6,798	4,779	4,611	9,390	4,221	3,535	7,756
20-24	1,988	2,491	4,479	2,269	2,599	4,868	3,722	3,286	7,008	3,263	3,250	6,513
25-29	1,565	1,954	3,519	1,392	1,718	3,110	2,521	2,190	4,711	2,589	2,286	4,875
30-34	1,278	1,584	2,862	1,123	1,492	2,615	1,764	1,755	3,519	2,128	2,107	4,235
35-39	1,222	1,515	2,737	1,139	1,527	2,666	1,404	1,416	2,820	2,022	1,714	3,736
40-44	1,185	1,487	2,672	1,132	1,354	2,486	1,133	1,328	2,461	1,348	1,286	2,634
45-49	1,183	1,323	2,506	1,069	1,345	2,414	1,058	1,292	2,350	1,738	1,214	2,952
50-54	1,028	1,335	2,363	1,097	1,374	2,471	1,051	1,311	2,362	1,029	1,678	2,707
55-59	737	1,059	1,796	911	1,168	2,079	950	1,097	2,047	737	964	1,701
60-64	646	904	1,550	848	975	1,823	959	1,190	2,149	1,029	1,500	2,529
65-69	445	667	1,112	601	925	1,526	850	962	1,812	862	1,025	1,887
70-74	351	571	922	406	642	1,048	611	872	1,483	698	886	1,584
75-79	207	370	577	257	390	647	383	584	967	546	654	1,200
80-84	125	269	394	171	299	470	191	357	548	285	496	781
85+	86	209	295	114	296	410	149	332	481	213	415	628
n.s.							155	126	281	608	419	1,027
Total	28,167	31,749	59,916	32,968	36,581	69,549	36,754	37,041	73,795	35,471	35,712	71,183

Source: Population Censuses of 1960,1970,1981 and 1991 Preliminary results

**TABLE 3A. NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION BY FIVE YEAR AGE GROUP  
1960,1970,1981,1991**

AGE GROUP	1960	% of Total	1970	% of Total	1981	% of Total	1991	% of Total
0-4	11,200	18.7	12,501	18.0	8,196	11.1	7,711	10.8
5-9	8,609	14.4	11,837	17.0	10,127	13.7	8,683	12.2
10-14	6,993	11.7	9,780	14.1	11,083	15.0	8,044	11.3
15-19	5,330	8.9	6,798	9.8	9,390	12.7	7,756	10.9
20-24	4,479	7.5	4,868	7.0	7,008	9.5	6,513	9.1
25-29	3,519	5.9	3,110	4.5	4,711	6.4	4,875	6.8
30-34	2,862	4.8	2,615	3.8	3,519	4.8	4,235	5.9
35-39	2,737	4.6	2,666	3.8	2,820	3.8	3,736	5.2
40-44	2,672	4.5	2,486	3.6	2,461	3.3	2,634	3.7
45-49	2,506	4.2	2,414	3.5	2,350	3.2	2,952	4.1
50-54	2,363	3.9	2,471	3.6	2,362	3.2	2,707	3.8
55-59	1,796	3.0	2,079	3.0	2,047	2.8	1,701	2.4
60-64	1,550	2.6	1,823	2.6	2,149	2.9	2,529	3.6
65-69	1,112	1.9	1,526	2.2	1,812	2.5	1,887	2.7
70-74	922	1.5	1,048	1.5	1,483	2.0	1,584	2.2
75-79	577	1.0	647	0.9	967	1.3	1,200	1.7
80-84	394	0.7	470	0.7	548	0.7	781	1.1
85+	295	0.5	410	0.6	481	0.7	628	0.9
n.s		0.0		0.0	281	0.4	1,027	1.4
Total	59,916	100.0	69,549	100.0	73,795	100.0	71,183	100.0

Source: Population Censuses of 1960,1970,1981 and Preliminary results of 1991

**TABLE 4. POPULATION BY PARISHES**  
**1946,1960,1970,1981,1991**

Parish	1946	1960	1970	1981	1991	% change 1981-1991	% change 1946-1991
St. George	12,382	16,545	19,470	20,501	20,365	-0.7	64.5
City of Roseau	9,752	10,417	9,949	8,279	15,853	91.5	62.6
Rest of St.George	2,630	6,128	9,521	12,222	4,512	-63.1	71.6
St. John	3,600	4,658	5,227	5,412	4,990	-7.8	38.6
St. Peter	1,719	1,702	1,701	1,601	1,643	2.6	-4.4
St. Joseph	4,205	5,507	6,362	6,606	6,183	-6.4	47.0
St. Paul	2,939	4,156	4,456	6,386	7,495	17.4	155.0
St. Luke	1,606	1,590	1,633	1,503	1,552	3.3	-3.4
St. Mark	1,980	1,936	1,961	1,921	1,943	1.1	-1.9
St.Patrick	8,057	8,880	10,095	9,780	8,929	-8.7	10.8
St. David	4,127	5,210	6,706	7,337	6,977	-4.9	69.1
St. Andrew	7,009	9,732	11,937	12,748	11,106	-12.9	58.5
Dominica	47,624	59,916	69,548	73,795	71,183	-3.5	18.6

Source: Reports of the Dominica Census and the Census of the  
Windward Islands for 1946  
1980-1981 Population Census of the Commonwealth Caribbean, Volume 3  
Population and Housing Census 1991 Preliminary results.

Note: % change is not equal to growth rate.

For 1991 census the City of Roseau includes Fond Cole, Goodwill, St. Aroment  
Bath Estate and Elmshall.

**TABLE 4A. PERCENTAGE CHANGE AND GROWTH  
AT CENSUS AND INTERCENSAL YEARS  
1881-1991**

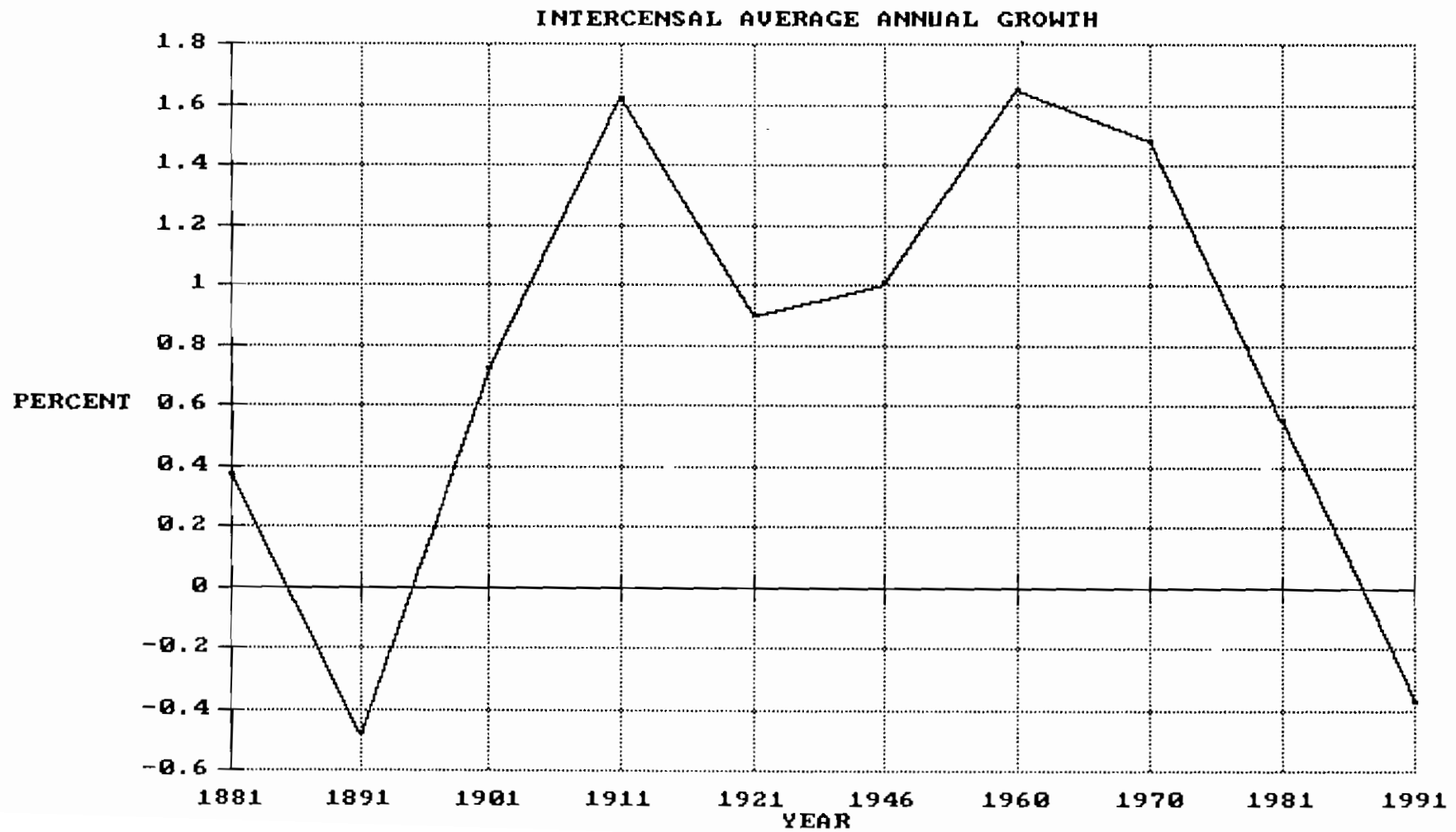
YEAR	POPULATION	PERCENTAGE CHANGE	INTERCENSAL AVERAGE ANNUAL GROWTH (%)
1881	28211	3.8	0.37
1891	26841	-4.9	-0.48
1901	28894	7.6	0.72
1911	33863	17.2	1.62
1921	37059	9.4	0.90
1946	47624	28.5	1.01
1960	59916	25.8	1.65
1970	69549	16.1	1.48
1981	73795	6.1	0.55
1991	71183	-3.5	-0.37

Source: Reports of the Dominica Census and the  
Census of the Windward Islands 1946 and 1960  
Reports of the 1970,1981 and preliminary  
results of the 1991 census

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CHART 2







**TABLE 5. BIRTHS AND DEATHS BY SEX  
1982-1992**

YEAR	BIRTHS		SEX NOT STATED	TOTAL BIRTHS	SEX RATE AT BIRTH	DEATHS		SEX NOT STATED	TOTAL DEATHS
	MALE	FEMALE				MALE	FEMALE		
1982	859	891	3	1753	964.1	213	201	-	414
1983	898	950	16	1864	945.3	156	189	4	349
1984	828	875	13	1716	946.3	207	223	2	432
1985	868	828	7	1703	1048.3	230	236	-	466
1986	833	888	-	1721	938.1	255	233	-	488
1987	802	819	-	1621	979.2	232	223	-	455
1988	853	878	-	1731	971.5	202	222	-	424
1989	848	809	-	1657	1048.2	251	246	-	497
1990	814	790	-	1604	1030.4	247	265	-	512
1991	858	854	-	1712	1004.7	248	270	-	518
1992	934	901	-	1835	1036.6	293	273	-	566

Source: Ministry of Health and Central Statistical Office

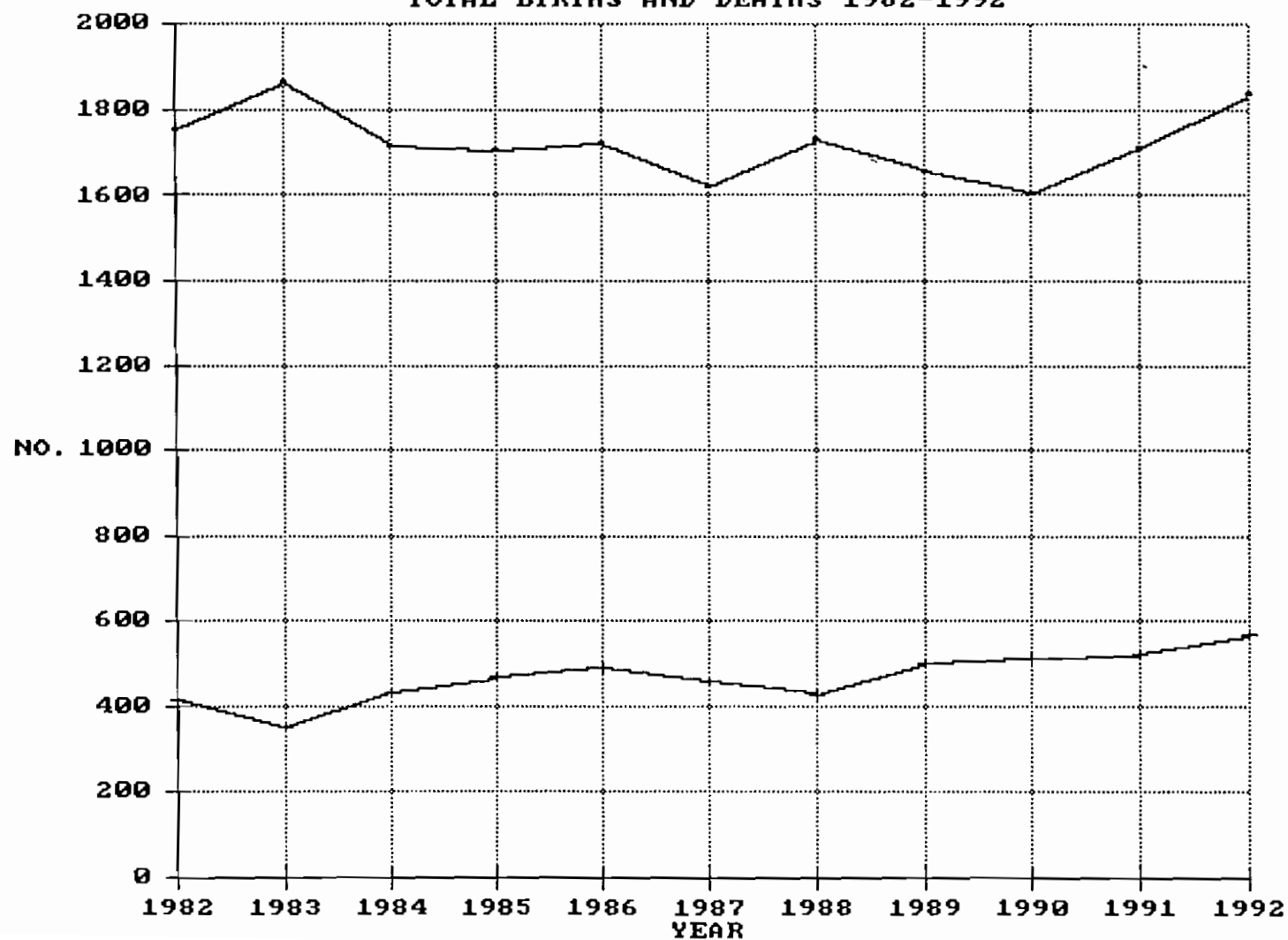
**TABLE 6. TOTAL POPULATION ANALYSED BY BIRTHS,DEATHS AND NET MIGRATION  
1982-1992**

YEAR	BIRTH	DEATHS	NATURAL INCREASE	NET MIGRATION	TOTAL INCREASE	END OF YEAR POPULATION	MEAN POPULATION
1982	1753	414	1339	1282	2621	76839	76198
1983	1864	349	1515	-2392	-877	75962	76401
1984	1716	432	1284	-2219	-935	75027	75495
1985	1703	466	1237	-2046	-809	74218	74623
1986	1721	488	1233	-1873	-640	73578	73898
1987	1621	455	1166	-1700	-534	73044	73311
1988	1731	424	1307	-1699	-392	72652	72848
1989	1657	497	1160	-2355	-1195	71457	72055
1990	1604	512	1092	-981	111	71568	71513
1991	1712	518	1194	-895	299	71373	71471
1992	1835	566	1269	-272	997	72370	71872

Source: Ministry of Health,Immigration Department and Central Statistical Office

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TOTAL BIRTHS AND DEATHS 1982-1992



- TOTAL BIRTHS

+ TOTAL DEATHS



**TABLE 7. MEAN POPULATION AND VITAL RATES  
1982-1992**

YEAR	MEAN POPULATION	BIRTH RATE	DEATH RATE	RATE OF NATURAL INCREASE	INFANT MORTALITY RATE
1982	76198	23.0	5.4	17.6	11.4
1983	76401	24.4	4.6	19.8	13.4
1984	75495	22.7	5.7	17.0	20.4
1985	74623	22.8	6.2	16.6	18.8
1986	73898	23.3	6.6	16.7	15.1
1987	73311	22.1	6.2	15.9	18.5
1988	72848	23.8	5.8	18.0	9.2
1989	72055	23.0	6.9	16.1	16.9
1990	71513	22.4	7.2	15.2	15.0
1991	71471	24.0	7.2	16.8	16.4
1992	71872	25.5	7.9	17.6	14.2

Source: Central Statistical Office

TABLE 8. BIRTHS BY SEX AND AGE GROUP OF MOTHER  
1982-1992

AGE GROUP	1982		1983		1984		1985		1986		1987		1988		1989		1990		1991		1992	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
< 15	4	7	4	6	4	3	3	8	3	5	6	11	4	4	8	1	4	3	3	7	4	2
15-19	242	267	223	252	214	221	216	176	216	247	203	198	209	219	227	190	166	197	180	166	157	154
20-24	266	272	268	279	243	267	265	261	271	253	263	261	287	292	274	267	253	231	280	287	298	281
25-29	156	140	189	174	170	178	193	182	186	198	184	196	188	190	164	167	183	168	196	198	234	226
30-34	93	83	90	91	71	93	96	95	113	120	100	98	107	111	127	126	118	124	117	115	144	162
35-39	26	43	44	50	43	38	37	47	37	43	36	44	46	56	43	49	59	62	74	67	77	62
40-44	10	14	9	10	9	11	13	8	7	22	8	10	12	5	5	7	11	5	8	14	20	13
45-49	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	2	1	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	1
Unknown	62	65	71	88	74	64	43	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	859	891	898	950	828	875	868	828	833	888	802	819	853	878	848	809	814	790	858	854	935	901

Source: Statistical Unit, Ministry of Health

N.B. For the years 1982 to 1985 the number of not stated sex was 3,16,13 and 7 respectively

For all years except 1985,1987, 1988 and 1989, the number of births for the age-group 40-44 also includes those of the 45-49 age-group.

**TABLE 8A. TOTAL BIRTHS BY AGE GROUP OF MOTHER  
1982-1992**

AGE GROUP	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
< 15	11	10	7	11	8	17	8	9	7	10	5
15-19	509	475	435	392	463	401	428	417	383	346	311
20-24	538	547	510	526	524	524	579	541	484	567	579
25-29	296	363	348	375	384	380	378	331	351	394	460
30-34	176	181	164	191	233	198	218	253	242	232	306
35-39	69	94	81	84	80	80	102	92	121	141	139
40-44	24	19	20	21	29	18	17	12	16	22	33
45-49	0	0	0	3	0	3	1	2	0	0	2
Unknown	127	159	138	93	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Total	1750	1848	1703	1696	1721	1621	1731	1657	1604	1712	1835

Source: Statistical Unit, Ministry of Health

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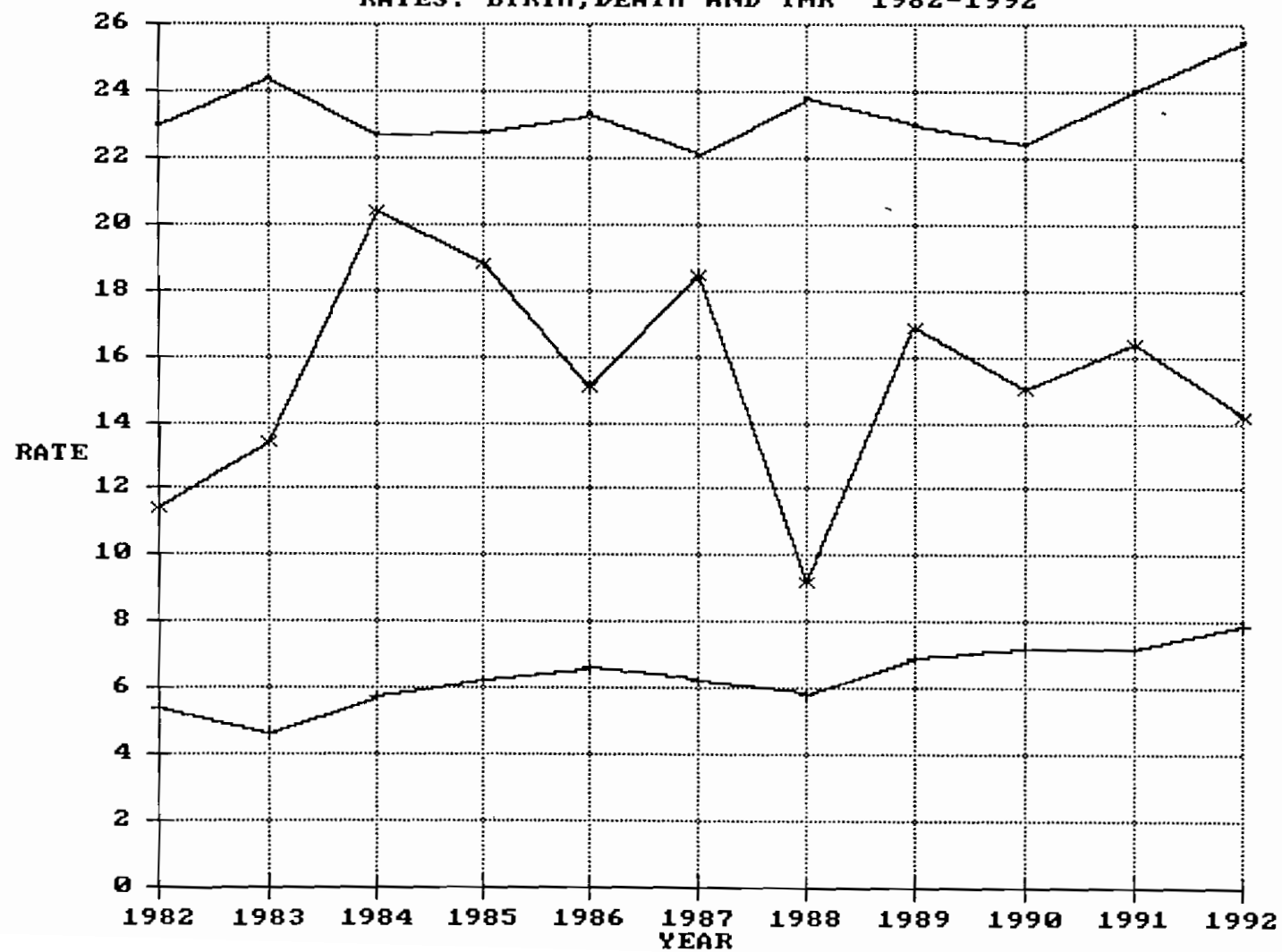
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RATES: BIRTH, DEATH AND IMR 1982-1992



— RATES:  
BIRTH

+ DEATH

\* IMR



TABLE 9. TOTAL BIRTHS BY SEX AND HEALTH DISTRICTS  
1987-1991

HEALTH DISTRICTS	1987			1988			1989			1990			1991		
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
Roseau	325	351	676	376	328	704	364	333	697	343	345	688	402	357	759
Castle Bruce	57	51	108	56	60	116	48	71	119	47	52	99	45	60	105
Grand Bay	72	81	153	59	96	155	77	80	157	84	85	169	83	104	187
La Plaine	50	50	100	56	55	111	54	46	100	49	46	95	33	42	75
Marigot	111	101	212	113	115	228	105	97	202	102	90	192	98	108	206
Portsmouth	100	109	209	105	112	217	107	89	196	107	99	206	109	99	208
St. Joseph	87	76	163	88	112	200	93	93	186	82	73	155	88	84	172
TOTAL	802	819	1621	853	878	1731	848	809	1657	814	790	1604	858	854	1712

Source: Statistical Unit, Ministry of Health

Health Districts: Roseau serves St. Mark, St. Luke, St. George and St. Paul.  
 Castle Bruce serves St. David  
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**TABLE 10A. TOTAL DEATHS BY AGE GROUP**  
1982-1992

AGE GROUP	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
0-11mths	20	25	35	32	26	30	16	28	24	28	26
1-4	4	3	3	9	11	6	8	5	3	2	5
5-9	9	0	1	1	3	1	2	3	6	5	1
10-14	2	5	2	1	1	6	1	3	4	7	3
15-19	4	0	4	3	5	1	7	2	4	3	8
20-24	3	0	3	6	11	5	5	3	3	9	8
25-29	4	0	0	5	10	4	9	13	1	10	16
30-34	7	0	6	7	6	6	2	12	12	8	11
35-39	7	0	6	5	4	5	7	7	10	8	5
40-44	10	16	6	6	7	7	17	11	9	16	14
45-49	10	0	13	10	15	6	7	6	9	15	8
50-54	17	0	18	13	18	17	12	14	23	21	18
55-59	27	0	19	12	14	23	18	29	22	25	22
60-64	27	56	36	32	48	30	33	25	30	22	40
65-69	39	0	36	35	45	44	34	39	29	44	48
70-74	66	0	58	43	55	49	52	79	66	42	65
75-79	38	0	43	48	72	69	45	63	53	62	82
80-84	54	0	44	55	53	64	58	61	84	80	77
85+	44	228	80	72	75	77	75	77	97	92	95
Unk.	22	12	17	71	9	5	16	17	23	19	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>566</b>

Source: Statistical Unit, Ministry of Health

Note: For 1983 and 1984, the number of deaths with sex not stated were 4 and 2 respectively.

0-11 mths is actually 0-11months 28 days

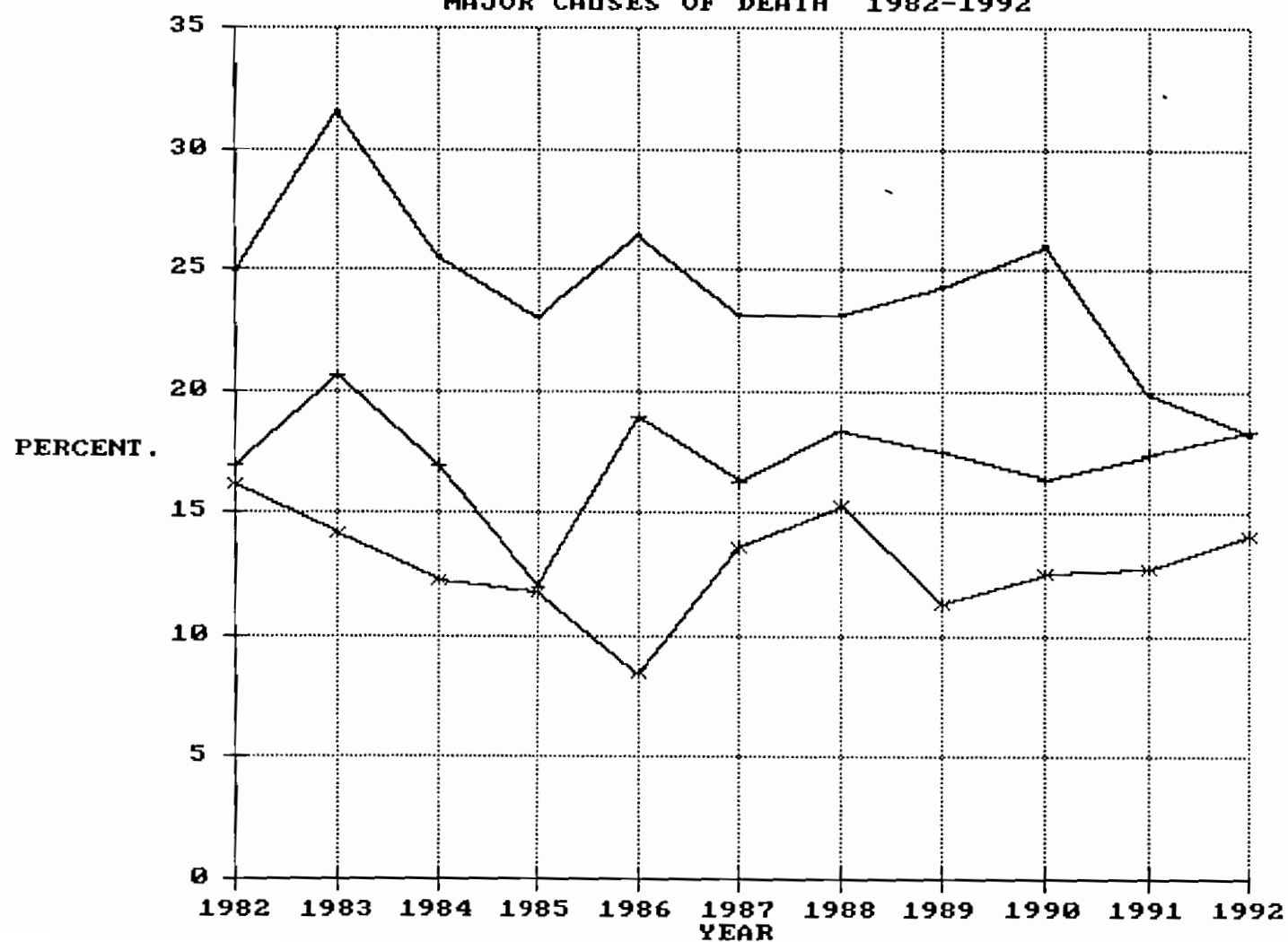
**TABLE 10B. MAJOR CAUSES OF DEATH**  
**1982-1992**

MAJOR CAUSES	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
Infective & Parasitic	21	26	11	10	12	8	9	23	27	12	19
Neoplasms	70	72	73	56	92	74	78	87	84	90	104
Endocrine, Metabolic Diseases and Immunity Disorders	25	19	22	14	24	27	27	50	37	39	51
o/w AIDS	...	...	...	...	...	1	-	-	3	4	5
Hypertensive	67	n.a	53	55	41	62	65	56	64	66	80
Diseases of Respiratory System	16	21	23	35	23	34	37	13	31	27	25
Disease of the Circulatory System	103	110	110	107	129	105	98	121	133	103	103
o/w disease of the heart	65	n.a	66	52	79	64	54	84	87	73	63
Disease of Digestive System	15	4	8	16	19	11	9	10	15	18	16
Conditions Originating from Prenatal Period	13	14	30	22	20	18	9	18	12	14	15
Signs & Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	41	52	37	80	67	54	48	59	41	62	54
Accidents, Poisoning and Violence	21	12	7	21	31	22	12	29	13	38	41
Diseases of the Blood and Blood-forming organs	5	1	7	7	5	5	1	5	9	9	9
Other	17	18	51	43	25	35	31	26	46	40	49
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>566</b>

Source: Statistical Unit, Ministry of Health

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MAJOR CAUSES OF DEATH 1982-1992



- Diseases of the Circulatory System

+ Neoplasms

\* Hypertensive





**TABLE 11. NUMBER OF MARRIAGES BY AGE OF BRIDE AND GROOM  
1982-1992**

YEAR	15 - 19		20 - 24		25 - 29		30 - 34		35 - 39		40 - 49		50-59		60+		NOT STATED		TOTAL MARRIAGES	NUMBER OF DIVORCES FILED
	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G		
1982	16	1	94	49	87	94	51	64	26	44	17	32	10	16	11	10	-	2	312	...
1983	22	-	86	42	70	81	38	63	20	40	27	23	11	16	1	10	1	1	276	...
1984	14	-	82	33	92	85	46	76	15	38	19	34	8	10	6	6	-	-	282	...
1985	17	1	65	32	90	78	30	58	32	45	22	29	10	16	2	11	2	-	270	...
1986	12	1	66	35	76	86	48	46	21	36	15	33	11	10	8	9	2	3	259	...
1987	13	-	86	32	105	99	53	81	28	44	26	50	11	12	5	9	1	1	328	26
1988	10	2	86	30	107	103	55	87	29	48	36	41	12	20	7	11	3	3	345	32
1989	5	-	62	21	81	76	49	53	20	40	20	41	10	12	9	15	3	1	259	36
1990	7	-	68	29	65	65	42	64	20	32	18	22	5	8	3	8	-	-	228	29
1991	15	2	73	32	71	69	56	72	26	36	25	42	12	16	5	16	5	3	288	34
1992	10	-	61	25	73	64	40	66	29	46	25	34	16	14	3	8	-	-	257	31

Source: Registry Department

**TABLE 12. NON-INSTITUTIONAL HOUSEHOLDS BY PARISH  
1981 and 1991**

Parish	1981	1991	% change 1981-1991	1981 AVG. H/HOLD SIZE	1991 AVG. H/HOLD SIZE
St. George	4,899	5,673	15.8	4.2	3.6
City of Roseau	2,150	4,402	104.7	3.9	3.6
Rest of St. George	2,749	1,271	-53.8	4.4	3.5
St. John	1,372	1,454	6.0	3.9	3.4
St. Peter	465	533	14.6	3.4	3.1
St. Joseph	1,702	1,998	17.4	3.9	3.1
St. Paul	1,507	2,030	34.7	4.2	3.7
St. Luke	438	486	11.0	3.4	3.2
St. Mark	476	562	18.1	4.0	3.5
St. Patrick	2,186	2,536	16.0	4.5	3.5
St. David	1,479	1,754	18.6	5.0	4.0
St. Andrew	2,786	3,142	12.8	4.6	3.5
Dominica	17,310	20,168	16.5	4.3	3.5

Source: 1980-1981 Population Census of the Commonwealth Caribbean,  
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St. George	St. John	St. Peter	St. Joseph	St. Paul
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Roseau	Portsmouth	Dublanc	Coulibistrie	Tarreau
Pottersville	Picard	Bioche	Morne Rachette	Jimmit
Newtown	Glanvillia	Colihaut	Salisbury	Belfast
Kingshill	Clifton		St. Joseph	Mahaut
Fond Colet	Toucarie		Mero	Campbell
Goodwill	Cottage		Layou	Warner
Loubiere	Guillette		Hillsborough	Massacre
Wotten Waven	Tantan		Belles	Canefield/Roger
Morne Prosper	Bornes		Penrice	Cockrane
Giraudel/Eggleston	Capuchin			River Estate
Trafalgar	Savanne Paille			Culpepper
Laudat	Cocoyer			Point Casse'
Fond Canie				
Fond Baron				
Citronier				
Bellevue Chopin				

# St. Luke

Pointe Mitchel

# St. Mark

Soufriere  
Scottshead  
Gallion

# St. Patrick

Grand Bay  
Berricoa  
Hagley  
Montine  
Tete Morne  
Picodeau  
Powell  
Grand Coulibri  
Pichelin  
Perdu Temps  
Dubique  
Stowe  
Pointe Carib  
Bagatelle  
Fond St. Jean  
Petite Savanne  
Pointe Mulatre  
Victoria  
La Roche  
Caribe  
Delices  
Boetica  
La Plaine/Plaissance

# St. Patrick Cont'd.

La Ronde  
Casse O'Gowrie  
Felicite

# St. David

Morne Jaune  
Riviere Cyrique  
Grand Fond  
Rosalie  
Petite Soufriere  
San Sauveur  
Good Hope  
Mopo  
Tranto  
Castle Bruce  
Atkinson  
Crayfish River  
Batacca  
Salybia  
St. Cyr  
Gaullette River  
Sineku  
Madjinni

St. Andrew

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Concord

Hatten Garden

North End

Marigot

Londonderry

Wesley

Woodfordhill

Calibishie

Hampstead

Bense

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