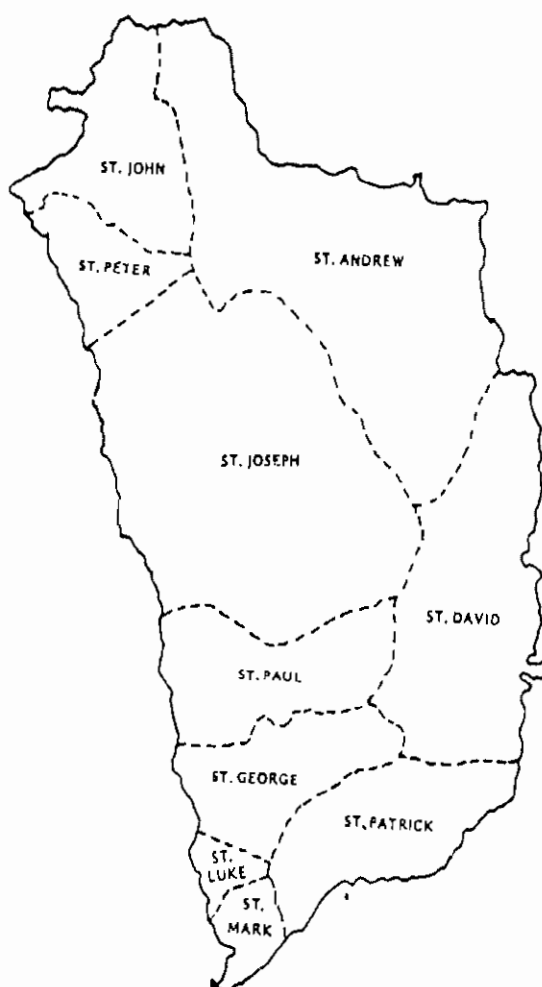




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PREFACE

The 1991 Population and Housing Census was conducted in Dominica in 12th May 1991.

The Census was conducted as part of a regional exercise coordinated by the Regional Census Coordinator of the CARICOM Secretariat located in Trinidad and Tobago.

This report which is the first in a series of reports, contains some of the major findings which include information in population size, growth and demographic characteristics, economic activity, education, fertility and living arrangements and housing.

The census office wishes to acknowledge the contribution of the many individuals and organizations that assisted in one way or the other in making the census a success.

Special thanks go to Mr. Desmond Hunte, the Regional Census Coordinator and his staff for their invaluable contribution.

CHAPTER 1

POPULATION SIZE, GROWTH AND DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

Population Size and Growth

The Population Census of Dominica was held on May 12th, 1991 and resulted in a population count of 71,183 persons¹. This was 2,612 persons less than the 1981 census figure of 73,795. Comparison with the previous censuses taken since 1871 are given in Table 1A. Except for the two intercensal periods 1881 - 1891 and 1981 - 1991, when the country's population decreased, all the other intercensal periods reflect increases of varying magnitudes. The average annual increases/decreases ranged from -261 between 1981 and 1891, to +963 between 1960 and 1970.

Fluctuations in the intercensal rates of growth are also reflected. Negative growth rates of -0.50% per annum between 1881 and 1891, and -0.37% per annum between 1981 and 1991 are displayed. All other intercensal rates being positive ranged from a low of 0.37% per annum between 1871 and 1881 to a high of 1.64% per annum between 1946 and 1960.

Sex ratios (males per 100 females) have never shown an excess of males over females, although for the 1981 and 1991 censuses, the sexes were almost equally divided (99 males per 100 females).

¹This figure which was derived from a manual count of the "visitation" records is 1,717 more than the non-institutional figure of 69,466 on which the tabulations in this report are based

TABLE 1A POPULATION SIZE AND GROWTH, 1871-1991 CENSUSES

CENSUS DATE	POPULATION			SEX RATIO	AVERAGE ANNUAL INCREASE/ DECREASE	AVERAGE ANNUAL RATE OF GROWTH RATE % P.A.
	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL			
1871	12737	14441	27178	88		
4th April, 1881	12867	15344	28211	84	103	0.37
5th April, 1891	12059	14782	26841	82	-137	-0.50
1st April, 1901	12870	16024	28894	80	205	0.74
3rd April, 1911	15231	18632	33863	82	497	1.59
24th April, 1921	16760	20299	37059	83	318	0.90
9th April, 1946	22277	25347	47624	88	423	1.00
7th April, 1960	28167	31749	59916	89	878	1.64
7th April, 1970	32968	36581	69549	90	963	1.48
7th April, 1981	36754	37041	73795	99	385	0.55
12 May, 1991	35471	35712	71183	99	-261	-0.37

Sources: Dominica Vol 3, 1980 - 1981 Population Census of the Commonwealth Caribbean;
Tabulations, 1991 Population Census of Dominica

Estimates of net intercensal migration were derived from subtracting the natural increase (births - deaths) from the intercensal increase. The figures so computed are seen in Table 1B.

TABLE 1B COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE, 1981 - 1991

YEAR	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
Population in 1981	36754	37041	73795
Population in 1991	35471	35712	71183
Intercensal Change	-1283	-1329	-2612
Registered births 1981 - 1991	8523	8656	17179
Registered deaths 1981 - 1991	2214	2252	4466
Natural increase 1981 - 1991	6309	6404	12713
Implied Net migration	-7592	-7733	-15325

Sources Dominica Statistical Office
 Tabulations, 1991 Population and Housing Census, Dominica

Note: Registered events include all those registered in 1982-1990 plus those registered in April - December 1981 and January - April, 1991

Age and Sex Composition

The age and sex distribution of the population for the last two censuses are shown in Table 1C, and comparable age pyramids are shown in Figures 1A and 1B. Percentage distributions are also shown in Tables 1D and 1E for the two census years. These percentages were derived from the total population. Information from the tables reveal that the population under 15 years of age decreased both in numbers and in percentages, from 29,406 in 1981 (39.9%) to 23,139 (33.3%) in 1991. Mainly responsible for this decline, especially of the 10-14 age group, would be the sharp reduction in fertility which occurred in Dominica in the 1970's.

The working population however does not show any such decline, and in fact increased both in number and percentage. In 1981, the population 15-64 years of age comprised 38,817 or 52.5% of the total population while in 1991 this same age group totalled 39,839 persons or 57.3% of the total population.

Another important observation is the increase in the female population of childbearing age, (15-44 years), both in number and percentage between 1981 and 1991. In 1981, they consisted of 14,586 persons or 26.4% of the total population, while in 1991 they numbered 14,997 persons or 28.3% of the total population.

Meanwhile, the elderly continue to increase. In 1991, they totalled 789 more persons than they did in 1981 and are at present 8.8% of the total population, up from 7.2% in 1981. The consistent decline in the young and the continued increase of the elderly will in future pose different problems for health planners as well for those in the social field.

The sex ratios for Dominica are shown in Table 1F. Neither the 1981 nor the 1991 distribution show the usual pattern that one expects from data on sex ratios by age, but instead reflect a distribution seemingly influenced by sex selective migration, coupled with some underenumeration in the early age groups in the 1991 distribution.

TABLE 1C POPULATION BY AGE GROUP AND SEX, 1981 AND 1991 CENSUSES

AGE GROUP	1981			1991		
	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
TOTAL	36754	37041	73795	34581	34885	69466
0 - 4	4202	3994	8196	3820	3891	7711
5 - 9	5277	4850	10127	4085	4232	8317
10-14	5595	5488	11083	3695	3416	7111
15-19	4779	4611	9390	3743	3518	7261
20-24	3722	3286	7008	3433	3338	6771
25-29	2521	2190	4711	2943	2702	5645
30-34	1764	1755	3519	2461	2239	4700
35-39	1404	1416	2820	1934	1759	3693
40-44	1133	1328	2461	1508	1441	2949
45-49	1058	1292	2350	1241	1249	2490
50-54	1051	1311	2362	980	1136	2116
55-59	950	1097	2047	925	1192	2117
60-64	959	1190	2149	967	1130	2097
65+	2184	3107	5291	2604	3476	6080
Not Stated	155	126	281	242	166	408

Sources: Dominica Vol. 3, 1980 - 1981, Population Census of the Commonwealth Caribbean.
 Tabulations: 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

TABLE 1D PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION BY AGE GROUP AND SEX, 1981 AND 1991 CENSUSES

AGE GROUP	1981 (%)			1991 (%)		
	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
TOTAL	49.8	50.2	100.0	49.8	50.2	100.0
0 - 4	5.7	5.4	11.1	5.5	5.6	11.1
5 - 9	7.2	6.6	13.8	5.9	6.1	12.0
10-14	7.6	7.4	15.0	5.3	4.9	10.2
15-19	6.5	6.2	12.7	5.4	5.1	10.5
20-24	5.0	4.4	9.4	4.9	4.8	9.7
25-29	3.4	3.0	6.4	4.2	3.9	8.1
30-34	2.4	2.4	4.8	3.6	3.2	6.8
35-39	1.9	1.9	3.8	2.8	2.5	5.3
40-44	1.5	1.8	3.3	2.2	2.1	4.3
45-49	1.4	1.8	3.2	1.8	1.8	3.6
50-54	1.4	1.8	3.2	1.4	1.6	3.0
55-59	1.3	1.5	2.8	1.3	1.7	3.0
60-64	1.3	1.6	2.9	1.4	1.6	3.0
65+	3.0	4.2	7.2	3.8	5.0	8.8
Not Stated	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.6

Sources: Dominica Vol. 3, 1980 - 1981, Population Census of the Commonwealth Caribbean.
 Tabulations: 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

**TABLE 1E PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION IN BROAD AGE GROUPS
1981 AND 1991 CENSUSES**

AGE GROUP	1981 (%)			1991 (%)		
	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
TOTAL	49.8	50.2	100.0	49.8	50.2	100.0
Under 15	20.5	19.4	39.9	16.7	16.6	33.3
15 - 24	11.5	10.6	22.1	10.3	9.9	20.2
25 - 44	9.2	9.1	18.3	12.8	11.7	24.5
45 - 59	4.1	5.1	9.2	4.5	5.1	9.6
60 - 64	1.3	1.6	2.9	1.4	1.6	3.0
65 and over	3.0	4.2	7.2	3.8	5.0	8.8
Not Stated	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.6

Sources: Dominica Vol. 3, 1980 - 1981, Population Census of the Commonwealth Caribbean.
Tabulations: 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

FIGURE 1A

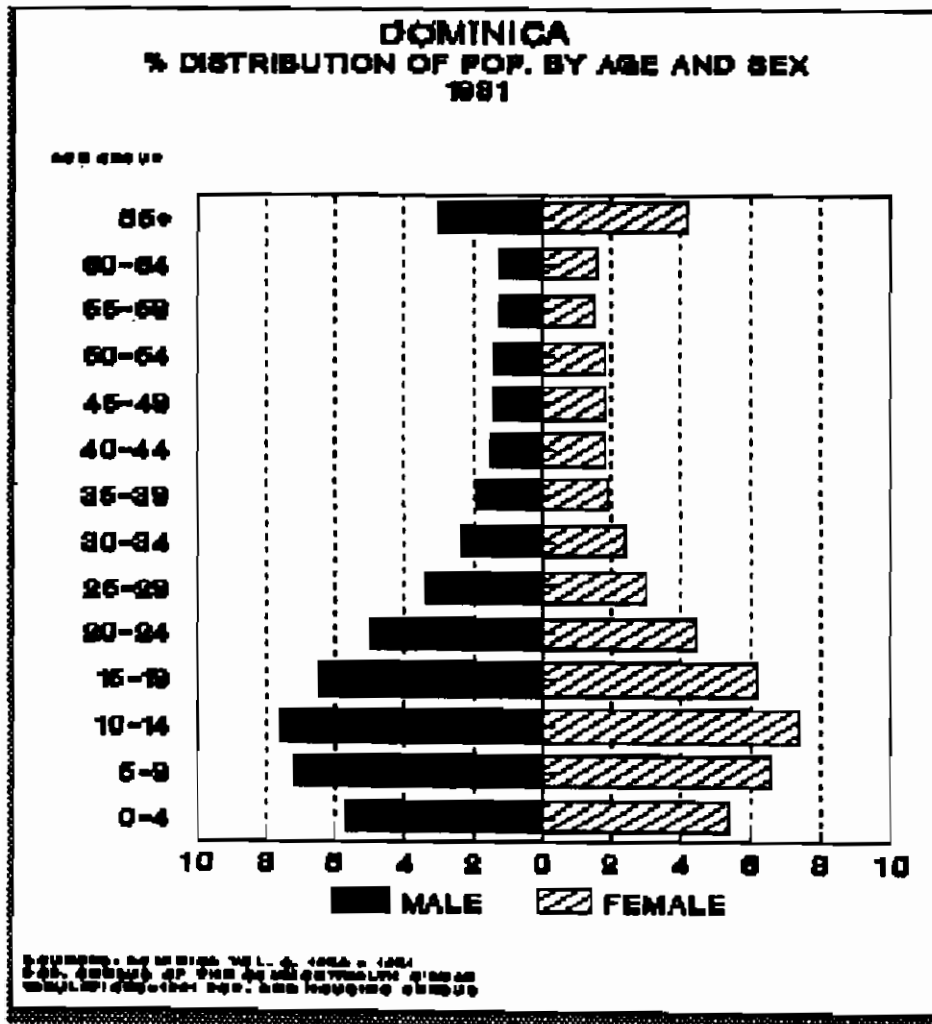


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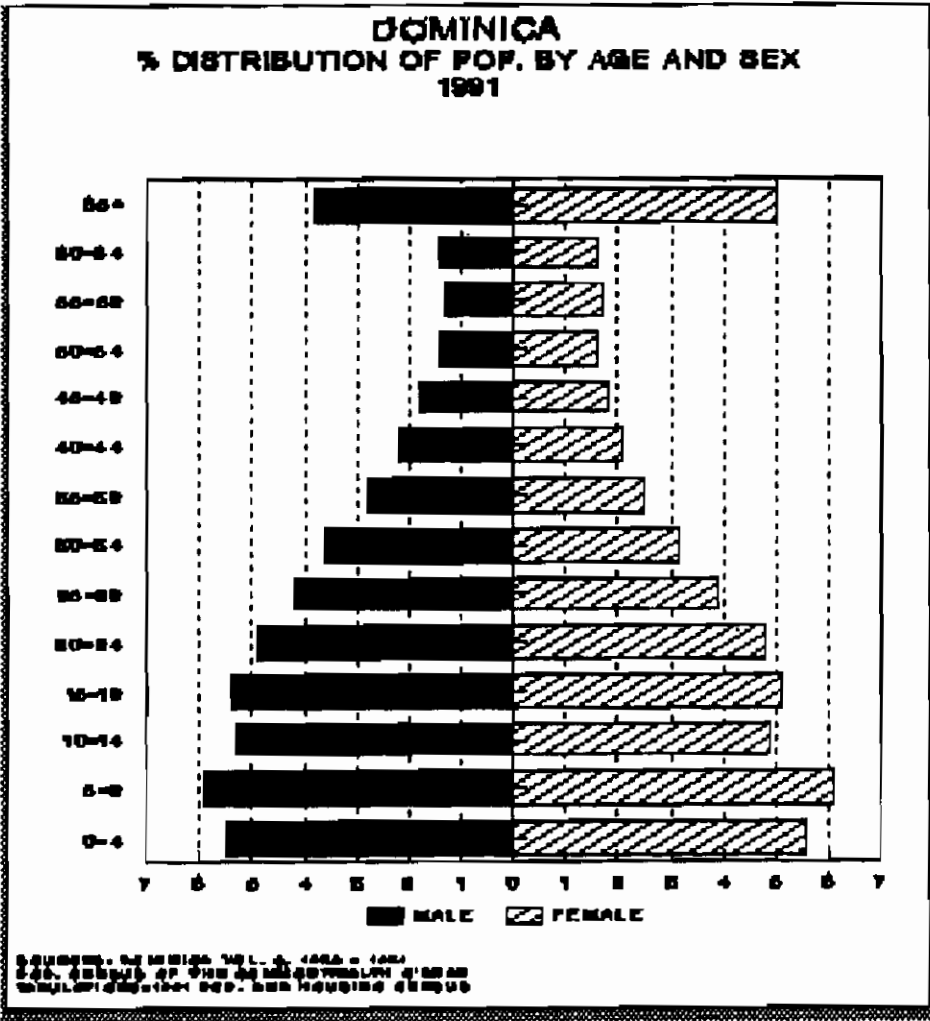


TABLE 1F SEX RATIOS 1981 AND 1991 CENSUSES (MALES PER 100 FEMALES)

AGE GROUP	1981	1991
TOTAL	99	99
0 - 4	105	98
5 - 9	109	96
10-14	102	108
15-19	104	106
20-24	113	103
25-29	115	109
30-34	101	110
35-39	99	110
40-44	85	105
45-49	82	99
50-54	80	86
55-59	87	78
60-64	81	86
65 +	70	75
Not Stated	123	146

Sources: Dominica Vol. 3, 1980 - 1981, Population Census of the Commonwealth Caribbean.
 Tabulations: 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

TABLE 1G POPULATION BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RELATIONSHIP TO HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD, 1991 CENSUS

AGE GROUP	RELATIONSHIP TO HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD								
	TOTAL	HEAD	SPOUSE/ PARTNER	CHILD	SON/ DAUGH- TER IN LAW	GRAND- CHILD	PARENT/ PARENT- IN-LAW	OTHER RELATIVE	NON- RELATIVE
BOTH SEXES									
TOTAL	69466	19374	8049	25247	68	8080	476	5919	2253
0-4 YEARS	7711	-	-	4273	-	2556	-	669	213
5-9 YEARS	8317	-	-	4852	-	2384	-	780	301
10-14 YEARS	7111	-	-	4393	-	1563	-	841	314
15-19 YEARS	7261	227	127	4388	-	955	-	1146	418
20-24 YEARS	6771	1023	606	3450	10	409	-	885	388
25-29 YEARS	5645	1853	971	1967	20	133	-	489	212
30-34 YEARS	4700	2196	1157	932	6	54	-	250	105
35-39 YEARS	3693	2001	972	483	9	19	1	156	52
40-44 YEARS	2949	1794	751	245	9	3	6	106	35
45-49 YEARS	2490	1526	719	143	7	1	9	66	19
50-54 YEARS	2116	1349	605	67	1	2	6	53	33
55-59 YEARS	2117	1415	576	28	1	1	17	55	24
60-64 YEARS	2097	1458	510	10	1	-	41	55	22
65 YEARS & OVER	6080	4274	992	16	1	-	384	325	88
NOT STATED	408	258	63	-	3	-	12	43	29
MALE									
TOTAL	34581	12231	738	13101	45	4259	97	2988	1122
0-4 YEARS	3820	-	-	2125	-	1285	-	297	113
5-9 YEARS	4085	-	-	2365	-	1237	-	341	142
10-14 YEARS	3695	-	-	2287	-	837	-	414	157
15-19 YEARS	3743	149	3	2291	-	545	-	589	166
20-24 YEARS	3433	631	37	1871	5	229	-	470	190
25-29 YEARS	2943	1274	89	1088	5	76	-	295	116
30-34 YEARS	2461	1579	101	530	5	31	-	150	65
35-39 YEARS	1934	1415	89	282	8	14	-	96	30
40-44 YEARS	1508	1205	72	132	9	2	1	64	23
45-49 YEARS	1241	1024	76	80	6	1	1	38	15
50-54 YEARS	980	849	54	26	1	1	2	26	21
55-59 YEARS	925	821	49	12	1	1	2	33	6
60-64 YEARS	967	865	43	6	1	-	9	29	14
65 YEARS AND OVER	2604	2246	112	6	1	-	80	117	42
NOT STATED	242	173	13	-	3	-	2	29	22
FEMALE									
TOTAL	34885	7143	7311	12146	23	3821	379	2931	1131
0-4 YEARS	3891	-	-	2148	-	1271	-	372	100
5-9 YEARS	4232	-	-	2487	-	1147	-	439	159
10-14 YEARS	3416	-	-	2106	-	726	-	427	157
15-19 YEARS	3518	78	78	2097	-	410	-	557	252
20-24 YEARS	3338	392	392	1579	5	180	-	415	198
25-29 YEARS	2702	579	579	879	15	57	-	194	96
30-34 YEARS	2239	617	617	402	1	23	-	100	40
35-39 YEARS	1759	586	586	201	1	5	1	60	22
40-44 YEARS	1441	589	589	113	-	1	5	42	12
45-49 YEARS	1249	502	502	63	1	-	8	28	4
50-54 YEARS	1136	500	500	41	-	1	4	27	12
55-59 YEARS	1192	594	594	16	-	-	15	22	18
60-64 YEARS	1130	593	593	4	-	-	32	26	8
65 YEARS AND OVER	3476	2028	2028	10	-	-	304	208	46
NOT STATED	166	85	50	-	-	-	10	14	7

Source: 1991 Population and housing Census of Dominica

Ethnicity

Dominica's population is of mainly African origin as 89% of the population were recorded as being in this category. Together with mixed (7%) and Amerindian (2%), these three comprise 98% of the population of Dominica.

Religion

The country's population consist mainly of persons of the Christian faith, Roman Catholicism being the predominant religion as 70 per cent of the population are reported to be Roman Catholics. Of the other denominations none exceeds 5%.

TABLE 1H POPULATION BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND ETHNIC GROUPS, 1991 CENSUS

AGE GROUP	ETHNIC GROUPS										
	TOTAL	AFRICAN NEGRO/ BLACK	AMER- INDIAN/ CARIB	EAST INDIAN	CHINESE	PORT- UGUESE	SYRIAN LEBAN- ESE	WHITE	MIXED	OTHER	N/S
BOTH SEXES											
TOTAL	69466	61867	1634	49	23	6	67	285	5037	359	139
0-4 YEARS	7711	6801	165	1	1	-	4	12	681	35	11
5-9 YEARS	8317	7408	161	3	2	-	5	11	681	33	13
10-14 YEARS	7111	6339	179	2	3	1	4	8	532	35	8
15-19 YEARS	7261	6505	172	3	-	-	2	4	527	44	4
20-24 YEARS	6771	6090	158	5	2	-	4	16	448	36	12
25-29 YEARS	5645	5085	128	11	3	-	2	30	354	20	12
30-34 YEARS	4700	4189	122	4	5	1	10	32	303	23	11
35-39 YEARS	3693	3265	88	6	1	1	8	30	252	32	10
40-44 YEARS	2949	2623	71	3	2	-	3	20	201	23	3
45-49 YEARS	2490	2208	67	4	2	1	3	25	164	13	3
50-54 YEARS	2116	1854	63	4	1	-	4	24	149	10	7
55-59 YEARS	2117	1876	41	2	1	-	8	22	157	7	3
60-64 YEARS	2097	1852	56	1	-	-	1	13	157	11	6
65 YEARS & OVER	6080	5421	146	-	-	2	9	35	403	35	29
NOT STATED	408	351	17	-	-	-	-	3	28	2	7
MALE											
TOTAL	34581	30941	779	22	15	2	44	157	2387	163	71
0-4 YEARS	3820	3402	76	-	1	-	4	6	313	15	3
5-9 YEARS	4085	3657	82	2	1	-	3	2	318	13	7
10-14 YEARS	3695	3329	81	1	2	-	2	6	251	17	6
15-19 YEARS	3743	3365	81	1	-	-	1	1	271	21	2
20-24 YEARS	3433	3097	76	3	2	-	3	12	219	14	7
25-29 YEARS	2943	2648	66	7	3	-	1	23	177	12	6
30-34 YEARS	2461	2210	62	1	2	-	9	18	143	11	5
35-39 YEARS	1934	1729	40	2	-	-	6	15	124	12	6
40-44 YEARS	1508	1343	36	1	1	-	2	10	99	15	1
45-49 YEARS	1241	1106	35	-	1	-	2	10	76	8	3
50-54 YEARS	980	864	25	3	1	-	3	10	65	5	4
55-59 YEARS	925	805	20	1	1	-	4	15	76	2	1
60-64 YEARS	967	860	28	-	-	-	-	8	63	5	3
65 YEARS AND OVER	2604	2319	62	-	-	2	4	20	172	11	14
NOT STATED	242	207	9	-	-	-	-	1	20	2	3
FEMALE											
TOTAL	34885	30926	855	27	8	4	23	128	2650	196	68
0-4 YEARS	3891	3399	89	1	-	-	-	6	368	20	8
5-9 YEARS	4232	3751	79	1	1	-	2	9	363	20	6
10-14 YEARS	3416	3010	98	1	1	1	2	2	281	18	2
15-19 YEARS	3518	3140	91	2	-	-	1	3	256	23	2
20-24 YEARS	3338	2993	82	2	-	-	1	4	229	22	5
25-29 YEARS	2702	2437	62	4	-	-	1	7	177	8	6
30-34 YEARS	2239	1979	60	3	3	1	1	14	160	12	6
35-39 YEARS	1759	1536	48	4	1	1	2	15	128	20	4
40-44 YEARS	1441	1280	35	2	1	-	1	10	102	8	2
45-49 YEARS	1249	1102	32	4	1	1	1	15	88	5	-
50-54 YEARS	1136	990	38	1	-	-	1	14	84	5	3
55-59 YEARS	1192	1071	21	1	-	-	4	7	81	5	2
60-64 YEARS	1130	992	28	1	-	-	1	5	94	6	3
65 YEARS AND OVER	3476	3102	84	-	-	-	5	15	231	24	15
NOT STATED	166	144	8	-	-	-	-	2	8	-	4

Source: 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

TABLE 11 POPULATION BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RELIGION, 1991 CENSUS

AGE GROUP	RELIGION											
	TOTAL	ANGLI-CAN	BAPTIST (SPIRITUAL)	CHURCH OF GOD	JEHOVAH WITNESS	METHO-DIST	PENTE-COSTAL	ROMAN CATH-OLIC	7TH DAY ADVEN-TIST	OTHER	NONE	N/S
BOTH SEXES												
TOTAL	69466	501	1912	436	623	2895	3013	48690	3209	5528	2022	637
0-4 YEARS	7711	33	240	54	48	314	397	5311	393	698	164	59
5-9 YEARS	8317	44	273	68	84	357	415	5734	463	722	113	44
10-14 YEARS	7111	49	217	67	84	286	325	4981	380	604	78	40
15-19 YEARS	7261	31	205	33	74	279	347	5085	345	572	234	56
20-24 YEARS	6771	20	182	33	53	233	345	4618	313	524	353	97
25-29 YEARS	5645	37	165	26	32	187	254	3714	271	542	352	65
30-34 YEARS	4700	40	160	23	33	182	253	2964	228	504	257	56
35-39 YEARS	3693	41	114	25	31	145	179	2424	169	364	160	41
40-44 YEARS	2949	26	90	21	42	124	125	2023	121	269	87	21
45-49 YEARS	2490	26	57	19	33	97	94	1801	91	184	68	20
50-54 YEARS	2116	11	42	17	21	108	67	1587	81	122	45	15
55-59 YEARS	2117	26	38	18	14	132	47	1621	81	100	26	14
60-64 YEARS	2097	22	44	11	15	128	53	1644	55	94	15	16
65 YEARS & OVER	6080	94	85	20	56	301	106	4892	208	212	48	58
NOT STATED	408	1	-	1	3	22	6	291	10	17	22	35
MALE												
TOTAL	34581	267	902	211	265	1489	1374	23947	1504	2760	1474	388
0-4 YEARS	3820	17	120	28	23	153	182	2616	213	355	83	30
5-9 YEARS	4085	24	124	31	39	170	210	2858	215	332	61	21
10-14 YEARS	3695	33	116	37	38	158	169	2607	181	276	53	27
15-19 YEARS	3743	15	101	19	33	149	158	2615	168	280	175	30
20-24 YEARS	3433	10	82	16	22	127	154	2307	140	253	266	56
25-29 YEARS	2943	21	68	12	15	105	112	1883	119	295	269	44
30-34 YEARS	2461	21	69	10	9	96	118	1489	107	303	194	45
35-39 YEARS	1934	19	64	7	9	86	73	1224	85	217	125	25
40-44 YEARS	1508	16	45	12	16	70	59	1010	59	138	65	18
45-49 YEARS	1241	17	28	9	17	48	41	886	44	77	56	18
50-54 YEARS	980	2	16	10	6	51	27	743	28	52	35	10
55-59 YEARS	925	16	8	7	4	64	14	712	32	40	20	8
60-64 YEARS	967	8	22	2	7	67	18	760	20	43	10	10
65 YEARS AND OVER	2604	47	39	11	24	131	35	2074	88	86	42	27
NOT STATED	242	1	-	-	3	14	4	163	5	13	20	19
FEMALE												
TOTAL	34885	234	1010	225	358	1406	1639	24743	1705	2768	548	249
0-4 YEARS	3891	16	120	26	25	161	215	2695	180	343	81	29
5-9 YEARS	4232	20	149	37	45	187	205	2876	248	390	52	23
10-14 YEARS	3416	16	101	30	46	128	156	2374	199	328	25	13
15-19 YEARS	3518	16	104	14	41	130	189	2470	177	292	59	26
20-24 YEARS	3338	10	100	17	31	106	191	2311	173	271	87	41
25-29 YEARS	2702	16	97	14	17	82	142	1831	152	247	83	21
30-34 YEARS	2239	19	91	13	24	86	135	1475	121	201	63	11
35-39 YEARS	1759	22	50	18	22	59	106	1200	84	147	35	16
40-44 YEARS	1441	10	45	9	26	54	66	1013	62	131	22	3
45-49 YEARS	1249	9	29	10	16	49	53	915	47	107	12	2
50-54 YEARS	1136	9	26	7	15	57	40	844	53	70	10	5
55-59 YEARS	1192	10	30	11	10	68	33	909	49	60	6	6
60-64 YEARS	1130	14	22	9	8	61	35	884	35	51	5	6
65 YEARS AND OVER	3476	47	46	9	32	170	71	2818	120	126	6	31
NOT STATED	166	-	-	1	-	8	2	128	5	4	2	16

Source: 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

CHAPTER 2

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

Economic Activity

This chapter seeks to determine the extent of economic activity of persons 15 years of age and over, both in the 12 months preceding the census and in the week preceding enumeration. Differences in the results for both periods can be attributed mainly to the fact that for the tables based on data in the 12 months preceding the census, priority is given to the "main activity engaged in" while for those based on data in the period one week prior to the census priority is given to "any work done".

Table 2A compares economic activity in the week preceding the censuses of 1981 and 1991. For both males and females who reported "employed" as the main activity, the percentages decreased over the ten year period although their respective numbers increased. For the males, the percentage declined from 79.4% to 67.8% while their numbers increased from 14,008 to 15,575. For the females, the percentage decreased from 36.0% to 35.3% while their numbers grew from 6698 to 8248. On the other hand the males who reported their main activity as employed had their percentage increased from 6.4% in 1981 to 7.4% in 1991, while their numbers declined from 2690 in 1981 to 1701 in 1991. Females who reported a similar main activity decreased both in percentages and numbers over the ten year period. Their percentage declined from 4.2% in 1981 to 3.6% in 1991, while their numbers decreased from 1937 to 840 over the same period.

Increases in the home duties and students main activity categories over the ten year period have contributed to the decrease in the numbers of those who recorded their main activity as unemployed. Similarly the increase in the number of females who reported their main activity as students have resulted in a 50% decrease in the number who reported unemployed as the main activity.

Further, the difference of 43.4% between the males and females who reported employed as their main activity in 1981, was narrowed to 32.5% in 1991, not to any increase in the females who reported employment as their main activity, but to a decline in the proportion of males who reported employed as their main activity.

Table 2C presents an analysis of data similar to Table 2A, but for the period 12 months preceding the census, instead of one week as given in Table 2A. As mentioned earlier, the differences recorded in the two periods for 1991, are due in the main to the fact that in the 12 month period, priority is given to "main activity engaged in", while in the one week period, priority is given to "any work done". The differences observed however, can be considered minor.

TABLE 2A ECONOMIC ACTIVITY DURING THE WEEK BEFORE THE 1981 AND 1991 CENSUSES

ACTIVITY	MALES				FEMALES			
	NUMBER		PER CENT		NUMBER		PER CENT	
	1981	1991	1981	1991	1981	1991	1981	1991
TOTAL	20455	22981	100.0	100.0	21014	23346	100.0	100.0
Employed	14008	15575	79.4	67.8	6698	8248	36.0	35.3
Unemployed	2690	1701	6.4	7.4	1937	840	4.2	3.6
Home Duties	361	1306	0.7	5.7	9024	9912	45.9	42.5
Student	224	1352	0.4	5.9	228	1746	0.4	7.5
Retired	749	1059	2.8	4.6	961	745	3.2	3.2
Disabled	1051	1318	6.8	5.7	1446	1525	7.7	6.5
Other & Not Stated	1372	670	3.5	2.9	720	330	2.6	1.4

Sources: Dominica Vol. 3, 1980-1981, Population Census of the Commonwealth Caribbean; Tabulations, 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

TABLE 2B POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OVER BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND MAIN ACTIVITY PAST WEEK, 1991 CENSUS

AGE GROUP	ECONOMIC ACTIVITY PAST WEEK									
	TOTAL	EMPLOYED	SEEKER	OTHER UN-EMPLOYED	HOME DUTIES	ATTENDED SCHOOL	RETIRED	DISABLED/ UNABLE TO WORK	OTHER	N/S
BOTH SEXES										
TOTAL	46327	23823	1942	599	11218	3098	1804	2843	158	842
15-19 YEARS	7261	2048	631	200	1269	2834	-	83	40	156
20-24 YEARS	6771	3959	562	152	1642	166	-	115	32	143
25-29 YEARS	5645	3686	270	91	1330	47	-	103	20	98
30-34 YEARS	4700	3164	175	48	1100	22	-	96	15	80
35-39 YEARS	3673	2595	89	31	820	9	-	91	10	48
40-44 YEARS	2949	2049	64	22	684	4	5	80	8	33
45-49 YEARS	2490	1637	55	12	648	6	12	82	9	29
50-54 YEARS	2116	1255	28	7	651	-	35	107	6	27
55-59 YEARS	2117	1113	22	13	696	1	92	141	9	30
60-64 YEARS	2097	834	21	10	693	-	294	210	1	34
65 YEARS & OVER	6080	1279	19	8	1613	1	1343	1672	6	139
NOT STATED	408	204	6	5	72	8	23	63	2	25
MALE										
TOTAL	22981	15575	1288	413	1306	1352	1059	1318	99	571
15-19 YEARS	3743	1455	431	134	303	1225	-	46	25	124
20-24 YEARS	3433	2528	328	90	220	72	-	72	20	103
25-29 YEARS	3943	2365	165	64	148	27	-	69	11	74
30-34 YEARS	2461	2042	127	38	99	14	-	60	10	71
35-39 YEARS	1934	1675	65	26	64	2	-	56	10	36
40-44 YEARS	1508	1287	48	17	66	2	5	53	5	25
45-49 YEARS	1241	1059	43	6	55	3	10	37	7	21
50-54 YEARS	980	816	25	6	43	-	19	52	1	18
55-59 YEARS	925	709	16	10	59	-	47	64	6	14
60-64 YEARS	967	566	16	9	70	-	186	97	1	22
65 YEARS & OVER	2604	899	18	8	168	-	779	681	1	50
NOT STATED	242	154	6	5	11	7	13	31	2	13
FEMALE										
TOTAL	23346	8248	654	186	9912	1746	745	1525	59	271
15-19 YEARS	3518	593	200	66	966	1609	-	37	15	32
20-24 YEARS	3338	1431	234	62	1422	94	-	43	12	40
25-29 YEARS	2702	1301	105	27	1182	20	-	34	9	24
30-34 YEARS	2239	1122	48	10	1001	8	-	36	5	9
35-39 YEARS	1759	920	24	5	756	7	-	35	-	12
40-44 YEARS	1441	762	16	5	618	2	-	27	3	8
45-49 YEARS	1249	578	12	6	593	3	2	45	2	8
50-54 YEARS	1136	439	3	1	608	-	16	55	5	9
55-59 YEARS	1192	404	6	3	637	1	45	77	3	16
60-64 YEARS	1130	268	5	1	623	-	108	113	-	12
65 YEARS & OVER	3476	380	1	-	1445	1	564	991	5	89
NOT STATED	166	50	-	-	61	1	10	32	-	12

Source: 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

TABLE 2C MAIN ACTIVITY IN THE YEAR BEFORE THE 1981 AND 1991 CENSUSES

MAIN ACTIVITY	MALES				FEMALES			
	NUMBER		PER CENT		NUMBER		PER CENT	
	1981	1991	1981	1991	1981	1991	1981	1991
TOTAL	20455	22981	100.0	100.0	21014	23346	100.0	100.0
Employed	13961	15704	68.3	68.3	6816	8064	32.4	34.5
Looked for work	1813	1273	8.9	5.5	1386	749	6.6	3.2
Wanted work and available	828	403	4.0	1.8	719	195	3.4	0.8
Home duties	280	1150	1.4	5.0	8551	9913	40.7	42.5
Student	283	1420	1.4	6.2	293	1821	1.4	7.8
Retired	751	1156	3.7	5.0	1005	809	4.8	3.5
Disabled	944	1257	4.6	5.5	1406	1478	6.7	6.3
Other & Not Stated	1595	618	7.8	2.7	838	317	4.0	1.4

Sources: Dominica Vol. 3, 1980-1981, Population Census of the Commonwealth Caribbean;
Tabulations, 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

TABLE 2D POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OVER BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND MAIN ACTIVITY PAST TWELVE MONTHS, 1991 CENSUS

AGE GROUP	MAIN ACTIVITY PAST TWELVE MONTHS										
	TOTAL	WORKED	HAD JOB DID NOT WORK	LOOKED FOR WORK	WANTED WORK & AVAILABLE	HOME DUTIES	ATTENDED SCHOOL	RETIRED	DISABLED /UNABLE TO WORK	OTHER	N/S
BOTH SEXES											
TOTAL	46327	23665	103	2022	598	11063	3241	1965	2735	138	797
15-19 YEARS	7261	1956	10	678	200	1181	2970	-	78	39	149
20-24 YEARS	6771	4004	22	594	151	1560	177	-	107	28	128
25-29 YEARS	5645	3722	13	284	91	1289	48	-	96	11	91
30-34 YEARS	4700	3156	13	174	51	1106	24	-	90	12	74
35-39 YEARS	3693	2613	8	90	26	814	8	-	82	8	44
40-44 YEARS	2949	2057	7	60	21	692	3	5	70	8	26
45-49 YEARS	2490	1645	7	42	13	653	1	13	75	10	31
50-54 YEARS	2116	1257	6	27	11	655	-	36	97	5	22
55-59 YEARS	2117	1085	7	26	12	714	1	102	131	10	29
60-64 YEARS	2097	793	4	20	7	704	-	329	204	1	35
65 YEARS & OVER	6080	1178	6	20	9	1624	2	1452	1644	4	141
NOT STATED	408	199	-	7	6	71	7	28	61	2	27
MALE											
TOTAL	22981	15642	62	1273	403	1150	1420	1156	1257	87	531
15-19 YEARS	3743	1404	6	459	132	264	1293	-	44	25	116
20-24 YEARS	3433	2579	12	310	96	188	72	-	69	16	91
25-29 YEARS	2943	2420	6	168	61	122	28	-	66	4	68
30-34 YEARS	2461	2062	8	121	37	86	16	-	59	8	64
35-39 YEARS	1934	1695	5	64	22	56	2	-	50	7	33
40-44 YEARS	1508	1317	3	45	15	51	1	5	46	5	20
45-49 YEARS	1241	1071	5	30	6	49	1	11	35	10	23
50-54 YEARS	980	826	3	20	8	43	-	20	44	2	14
55-59 YEARS	925	709	7	15	9	52	-	54	59	7	13
60-64 YEARS	967	558	3	15	6	67	-	204	92	1	21
65 YEARS & OVER	2604	846	4	19	7	162	1	847	664	-	54
NOT STATED	242	155	-	7	4	10	6	15	29	2	14
FEMALE											
TOTAL	23346	8023	41	749	195	9913	1821	809	1478	51	266
15-19 YEARS	3518	552	4	219	68	917	1677	-	34	14	33
20-24 YEARS	3338	1425	10	284	55	1372	105	-	38	12	37
25-29 YEARS	2702	1302	7	116	30	1167	20	-	30	7	23
30-34 YEARS	2239	1094	5	53	14	1020	8	-	31	4	10
35-39 YEARS	1759	918	3	26	4	758	6	-	32	1	11
40-44 YEARS	1441	740	4	15	6	641	2	-	24	3	6
45-49 YEARS	1249	574	2	12	7	604	-	2	40	-	8
50-54 YEARS	1136	431	3	7	3	612	-	16	53	3	8
55-59 YEARS	1192	376	-	11	3	662	-	48	72	3	16
60-64 YEARS	1130	235	1	5	1	637	1	125	112	-	14
65 YEARS & OVER	3476	332	2	1	2	1462	-	605	980	4	87
NOT STATED	166	44	-	-	2	61	1	13	32	-	13

Source: 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

Employment and Unemployment

In the absence of labour force sample surveys, periodic censuses are the only means of obtaining an indication of the levels of employment and unemployment in Dominica. As we look at Table 2E, and observe the extent of unemployment, we can be somewhat heartened by the fact that the overall unemployment level declined from 18.6% to 9.9% over the ten year period 1981 to 1991. In fact, for each sex the unemployment rate declined appreciably. For the males the decline was 40%, while for the females the decline was even steeper, 56%. This overall decline however masks what actually took place within the various age groups. Without attempting an in-depth analysis into the reasons, however, the figures suggest that the main decline in unemployment occurred in the younger age groups - the 15-19 and the 20-24 - with the major declines taking place among the females.

Previously we observed that there was an increase in the number of students reported in the 1991 census over that of 1981. This increase may account to some extent for the drop in the unemployment levels of both the males and the females, especially the 15-19 age group.

An increase in the unemployment levels in the 35 years and over male population from 12.4% in 1981 to 14.2% in 1991, however is cause for concern and further analysis.

TABLE 2E PER CENT UNEMPLOYED BY AGE GROUP AND SEX BASED ON MAIN ACTIVITY TWELVE MONTHS BEFORE CENSUSES 1981 AND 1991

AGE GROUP	1981 (%)			1991 (%)		
	MALE	FEMALE	BOTH SEXES	MALE	FEMALE	BOTH SEXES
TOTAL	15.9	23.6	18.6	9.6	10.5	9.9
15-19	49.8	66.7	55.7	29.5	34.0	30.9
20-24	19.9	30.4	23.8	13.5	19.1	15.6
25-34	8.8	15.0	10.8	7.9	8.1	8.0
35-44	4.6	7.2	5.6	4.6	3.0	4.0
45-54	2.7	7.2	4.3	3.2	2.8	3.1
55-64	2.9	2.7	2.8	3.4	3.2	3.3
65+	2.2	2.7	2.3	3.0	0.9	2.4
NOT STATED	8.5	11.4	9.5	6.6	4.3	6.1

Sources: Dominica Vol. 3, 1980-1981, Population Census of the Commonwealth Caribbean; Tabulations, 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

Comparisons in levels of employment over the past ten years, reflect a decline in the proportions of workers employed by Government for either sex, from 21.8% in 1981 to 15.3% in 1991 for males and from 26.2% in 1981 to 22.0% in 1991 for females. Compensating for this however is the increase in the proportions of workers employed in the private sector. In fact just under 50 percent of the female employees work in the private sector, an increase from 44.5% in 1981 to 48.5% in 1991.

Of concern however should be the decline reported in the proportion of employers of either sex, and of own account workers of the male sex.

TABLE 2F EMPLOYED PERSONS BY SEX AND TYPE OF WORKER, 1981 AND 1991 CENSUSES

TYPE OF WORKER	MALES (%)		FEMALES (%)	
	1981	1991	1981	1991
TOTAL	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Paid Employee (Gov't)	21.8	15.3	26.2	22.0
Paid Employee (Private)	34.1	41.4	44.5	48.5
Unpaid Worker	1.4	3.0	2.5	2.9
Employer	9.0	8.6	5.1	4.6
Own Account	32.1	29.3	20.0	20.3
NOT STATED	1.6	2.4	1.7	1.7

Sources: Dominica Vol. 3, 1980-1981, Population Census of the Commonwealth Caribbean; Tabulations, 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

TABLE 2G EMPLOYED PERSONS PAST WEEK BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND TYPE OF WORKER, 1991 CENSUS

AGE GROUP	TYPE OF WORKER						
	TOTAL	PAID EMPLOYEE (GOV-T)	PAID EMPLOYEE (PRIVATE)	UNPAID WORKER	EMPLOYER	OWN ACCOUNT	NOT STATED
BOTH SEXES							
TOTAL	23823	4207	10439	700	1715	6238	524
15-19 YEARS	2048	199	1394	137	31	245	42
20-24 YEARS	3959	627	2440	101	106	606	79
25-29 YEARS	3686	696	1907	77	181	747	78
30-34 YEARS	3164	665	1335	54	227	826	57
35-39 YEARS	2595	601	978	54	234	679	49
40-44 YEARS	2049	486	727	43	181	566	46
45-49 YEARS	1637	324	505	41	191	539	37
50-54 YEARS	1255	266	348	37	139	444	21
55-59 YEARS	1113	185	308	39	124	420	37
60-64 YEARS	834	70	195	40	96	414	19
65 YEARS & OVER	1279	59	241	71	185	694	29
NOT STATED	204	29	61	6	20	58	30
MALE							
TOTAL	15575	2389	6444	461	1337	4564	380
15-19 YEARS	1455	114	972	112	29	197	31
20-24 YEARS	2528	354	1461	80	93	488	52
25-29 YEARS	2385	393	1128	58	159	587	60
30-34 YEARS	2042	364	772	30	183	651	42
35-39 YEARS	1675	326	606	21	185	500	37
40-44 YEARS	1287	277	441	19	126	387	37
45-49 YEARS	1059	194	300	22	147	368	28
50-54 YEARS	816	149	228	21	99	305	14
55-59 YEARS	709	108	193	20	90	274	24
60-64 YEARS	566	48	132	23	69	280	14
65 YEARS & OVER	899	40	165	51	141	480	22
NOT STATED	154	22	46	4	16	47	19
FEMALE							
TOTAL	8248	1818	3995	239	378	1674	144
15-19 YEARS	593	85	422	25	2	48	11
20-24 YEARS	1431	273	979	21	13	118	27
25-29 YEARS	1301	303	779	19	22	160	18
30-34 YEARS	1122	301	563	24	44	175	15
35-39 YEARS	920	275	372	33	49	179	12
40-44 YEARS	762	209	286	24	55	179	9
45-49 YEARS	578	130	205	19	44	171	9
50-54 YEARS	439	117	120	16	40	139	7
55-59 YEARS	404	77	115	19	34	146	13
60-64 YEARS	268	22	63	17	27	134	5
65 YEARS & OVER	380	19	76	20	44	214	7
NOT STATED	50	7	15	2	4	11	11

Source: 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

In Table 2H, the differences in employment that exist between the sexes are clearly shown as occupation is taken into account. One noteworthy observation being that more women (1263) are employed in the "Technical and Associated Professions" than men (1033) and that they represent a larger proportion of employed persons within their own sex than do men - 15.3% as against 6.6%.

Further female workers are more evenly distributed over all occupational groupings than men, where over 50% are employed in just two groups - "Agricultural, Forestry and Fisheries Workers" category, and "Craft and Related Workers" category.

The fact that women workers in the "Clerks" and "Services and Shop Sales Workers" categories together account for more than 113% more workers than men, may be attributed to the fact that these categories of occupations normally offer low wages, and are therefore less attractive to men

**TABLE 2H PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF EMPLOYED PERSONS IN THE PAST WEEK BY SEX
AND OCCUPATIONAL GROUPS, 1991 CENSUS**

OCCUPATIONAL GROUPS	MALE		FEMALE		BOTH SEXES	
	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%
TOTAL	15574	100.0	8241	100.0	23815	100.0
Defence force	3	0.0			3	0.0
Legislators/Senior Officials & Managers	626	4.0	770	9.3	1396	5.9
Managers of Hospitality Industries	32	0.2	29	0.4	61	0.2
Professionals	351	2.3	189	2.3	540	2.3
Technical & Associated Professions	1033	6.6	1263	15.3	2296	9.6
Clerks	406	2.6	1506	18.3	1912	8.0
Service & Shop Sales Workers	824	5.3	1120	13.6	1944	8.2
Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries Workers	4960	31.9	704	8.5	5664	23.8
Craft & related Workers	3417	21.9	552	6.7	3969	16.7
Plant Machinery operators & Assemblers	976	6.3	42	0.5	1018	4.3
Elementary occupations	2627	16.9	1799	21.9	4426	18.5
Not stated	319	2.0	267	3.2	586	2.5

Source: Tabulations, 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

TABLE 21 EMPLOYED PERSONS PAST WEEK BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND OCCUPATIONAL GROUP, 1991 CENSUS

AGE GROUP		OCCUPATIONAL GROUP											
	TOTAL	OE- FENCE FORCE	LEGIS/ SENIOR OFFCLS & MGRS	M'GRS HOSPI- TALITY INOUS.	PROFESS -IONALS	TECH. & ASSOC PROF	CLERKS	SERVICE & SHOP SALES WRK'S	AGRI/ FORES/ & FISH WRK'S	CRAFT & RELATED WRK'S	PLANT/ MACH. OPERS & ASSM	ELE- MEN- TARY OCCUP.	NOT STATED
BOTH SEXES TOTAL	23,815	3	1,396	61	540	2,296	1,912	1,944	5,664	3,969	1,018	4,426	586
15 - 19 YEARS	2,048	-	21	-	3	126	199	221	226	551	66	575	60
20 - 24 YEARS	3,957	-	63	3	30	439	567	452	561	853	179	707	103
25 - 29 YEARS	3,683	1	116	4	81	437	398	353	682	702	187	648	74
30 - 34 YEARS	3,164	-	147	10	115	368	280	273	711	565	138	494	63
35 - 39 YEARS	2,594	1	217	10	87	359	172	202	554	426	134	378	54
40 - 44 YEARS	2,048	-	222	10	80	238	126	151	467	256	119	330	49
45 - 49 YEARS	1,637	1	151	5	41	141	57	112	509	206	75	309	30
50 - 54 YEARS	1,255	-	108	8	35	73	33	62	442	112	51	301	30
55 - 59 YEARS	1,112	-	107	3	26	53	32	45	427	90	33	269	27
60 - 64 YEARS	834	-	76	4	17	18	15	30	391	72	14	174	23
65 YEARS & OVER	1,279	-	153	4	19	34	24	32	640	110	12	209	42
NOT STATED	204	-	15	-	6	10	9	11	54	26	10	32	31
MALE TOTAL	15,574	3	626	32	351	1,033	406	824	4,960	3,417	976	2,627	319
15 - 19 YEARS	1,455	-	9	-	1	49	54	83	218	502	62	438	39
20 - 24 YEARS	2,528	-	22	1	20	201	120	174	537	751	166	490	46
25 - 29 YEARS	2,384	1	48	3	57	203	78	126	633	630	180	380	45
30 - 34 YEARS	2,042	-	66	6	78	160	45	115	651	503	136	252	30
35 - 39 YEARS	1,675	1	109	4	49	166	28	105	491	374	126	196	26
40 - 44 YEARS	1,287	-	106	4	51	100	23	72	400	206	117	183	25
45 - 49 YEARS	1,059	1	80	3	27	68	25	52	414	157	71	145	16
50 - 54 YEARS	816	-	44	6	17	31	13	38	367	87	50	147	16
55 - 59 YEARS	709	-	46	1	17	26	8	18	336	67	33	144	13
60 - 64 YEARS	566	-	26	1	14	7	4	19	327	47	14	93	14
65 YEARS & OVER	899	-	61	3	18	17	5	17	533	71	11	135	28
NOT STATED	154	-	9	-	2	5	3	5	53	22	10	24	21
FEMALE TOTAL	8,241	-	770	29	189	1,263	1,506	1,120	704	552	42	1,799	267
15 - 19 YEARS	593	-	12	-	2	77	145	138	8	49	4	137	21
20 - 24 YEARS	1,429	-	41	2	10	238	447	278	24	102	13	217	57
25 - 29 YEARS	1,299	-	68	1	24	234	320	227	49	72	7	268	29
30 - 34 YEARS	1,122	-	81	4	37	208	235	158	60	62	2	242	33
35 - 39 YEARS	919	-	108	6	38	193	144	97	63	52	8	182	28
40 - 44 YEARS	761	-	116	6	29	138	103	79	67	50	2	147	24
45 - 49 YEARS	578	-	71	2	14	73	32	60	95	49	4	164	14
50 - 54 YEARS	439	-	64	2	18	42	20	24	75	25	1	154	14
55 - 59 YEARS	403	-	61	2	9	27	24	27	91	23	-	125	14
60 - 64 YEARS	268	-	50	3	3	11	11	11	64	25	-	81	9
65 YEARS & OVER	380	-	92	1	1	17	19	15	107	39	1	74	14
NOT STATED	50	-	6	-	4	5	6	6	1	4	-	8	10

Source: 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

Table 2J presents data on the distribution of the population 15 years of age and over by sex and occupation for which trained. It is always the hope that persons would be able to obtain employment in the areas for which they have been specially trained so that maximum benefits would accrue. On the other hand a lack of sufficient number of specially trained personnel to satisfy the various occupational groups would most certainly be detrimental to a country's advancement. Comparing Tables 2J and 2K with Table 2H, would suggest the latter statement to be the case to some extent in Dominica.

**TABLE 2J PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION 15 YRS &
OVER BY SEX AND OCCUPATION FOR WHICH TRAINED
1991 CENSUS**

OCCUPATIONAL GROUPS FOR WHICH TRAINED	MALE	FEMALE	BOTH SEXES
TOTAL	100.0	100.0	100.0
Defence force	0.2	0.0	0.2
Legislators/Senior Officials & Managers	3.0	2.8	2.9
Managers of Hospitality Industries	0.2	0.8	0.5
Professionals	11.7	7.6	9.8
Technical & Associated Professions	25.8	40.7	32.6
Clerks	1.5	21.7	10.7
Service & Shop Sales Workers	10.8	6.4	8.8
Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries Workers	1.8	0.2	1.0
Craft & related Workers	33.9	9.5	22.8
Plant Machinery operators & Assemblers	2.2	0.2	1.3
Elementary occupations	0.7	0.5	0.6
Not stated	8.2	9.6	8.8

Source: Tabulations, 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

TABLE 2K POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OVER BY AGE GROUP SEX AND OCCUPATION FOR WHICH TRAINED, 1991 CENSUS

AGE GROUP	OCCUPATION FOR WHICH TRAINED												
	TOTAL	DE- FENCE FORCE	LEGIS/ SENIOR OFFCLS & MGRS	HOSPI- TALITY INDUS.	PROFESS -IONALS	TECH. & ASSOC PROF	CLERKS	SERVICE & SHOP SALES WRK'S	AGRI/ FORES/ & FISH WRK'S	CRAFT & RELATED WRK'S	PLANT/ MACH. OPERS & ASSM	ELE- MEN- TARY OCCUP.	NOT STATED
BOTH SEXES TOTAL	4,506	7	131	22	443	1,466	483	398	46	1,027	58	27	398
15 - 19 YEARS	499	-	10	-	16	97	80	30	-	193	-	3	70
20 - 24 YEARS	820	-	7	7	48	190	149	85	7	240	4	9	74
25 - 29 YEARS	710	-	15	6	67	231	83	61	10	161	6	3	67
30 - 34 YEARS	599	-	10	3	78	236	61	56	7	101	4	1	42
35 - 39 YEARS	591	1	28	2	69	235	45	58	3	90	11	2	47
40 - 44 YEARS	403	2	17	3	62	148	28	32	5	61	7	-	38
45 - 49 YEARS	247	2	20	-	28	97	7	23	4	43	6	4	13
50 - 54 YEARS	144	1	6	-	22	55	4	14	1	25	2	1	13
55 - 59 YEARS	146	-	9	1	21	45	11	11	2	28	8	-	10
60 - 64 YEARS	117	-	4	-	13	43	3	11	3	24	4	2	10
65 YEARS & OVER	207	1	4	-	16	80	11	15	4	57	5	2	12
NOT STATED	23	-	1	-	3	9	1	2	-	4	1	-	2
MALE TOTAL	2,451	6	73	5	287	632	37	266	43	832	53	16	201
15 - 19 YEARS	257	-	1	-	10	44	1	12	-	160	-	2	27
20 - 24 YEARS	408	-	3	1	30	71	8	53	6	195	3	1	37
25 - 29 YEARS	374	-	5	2	51	95	11	34	10	126	6	3	31
30 - 34 YEARS	296	-	8	-	48	90	1	40	6	82	3	-	18
35 - 39 YEARS	333	1	18	-	39	110	2	47	3	75	9	1	28
40 - 44 YEARS	231	2	8	2	41	68	3	24	4	51	7	-	21
45 - 49 YEARS	158	1	13	-	20	43	2	15	4	39	6	4	11
50 - 54 YEARS	83	1	3	-	14	21	2	12	1	20	2	1	6
55 - 59 YEARS	92	-	8	-	13	21	3	8	2	23	7	-	7
60 - 64 YEARS	74	-	3	-	9	22	1	10	3	18	4	2	2
65 YEARS & OVER	128	1	3	-	11	40	2	10	4	39	5	2	11
NOT STATED	17	-	-	-	1	7	1	1	-	4	1	-	2
FEMALE TOTAL	2,055	1	58	17	156	834	446	132	3	195	5	11	197
15 - 19 YEARS	242	-	9	-	6	53	79	18	-	33	-	1	43
20 - 24 YEARS	412	-	4	6	18	119	141	32	1	45	1	8	37
25 - 29 YEARS	336	-	10	4	16	136	72	27	-	35	-	-	36
30 - 34 YEARS	303	-	2	3	30	146	60	16	1	19	1	1	24
35 - 39 YEARS	258	-	10	2	30	125	43	11	-	15	2	1	19
40 - 44 YEARS	172	-	9	1	21	80	25	8	1	10	-	-	17
45 - 49 YEARS	89	1	7	-	8	54	5	8	-	4	-	-	2
50 - 54 YEARS	61	-	3	-	8	34	2	2	-	5	-	-	7
55 - 59 YEARS	54	-	1	1	8	24	8	3	-	5	1	-	3
60 - 64 YEARS	43	-	1	-	4	21	2	1	-	6	-	-	8
65 YEARS & OVER	79	-	1	-	5	40	9	5	-	18	-	-	1
NOT STATED	6	-	1	-	2	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-

Source: 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

Information on employment in Industrial groupings by sex, is presented in Table 2L, and provides some indication of those sectors which presently generate the most employment and also where the need for improvement exists. Dominica like most of the Caricom countries, and certainly of the OECS has an agricultural based economy. In fact, almost a third (30.8%) of the employed persons are engaged in some aspect of this industry. Construction (11.8%), Wholesale and Retail trade (11.9%) and Commerce and Services (10.1%) together account for approximately another third. All the other industries separately provide less than 10% employment. Manufacturing, the hope of the future, provides just 8.2% of employment and the need for improvement here is evident.

The two major industries providing employment for men are the "Agriculture, Hunting, Forestry and Fishing" industry, which provides 40.2% of the employment and the "Construction" industry which provides 17.7% of the employment.

For women the two major industries providing employment are the "Commerce and Services" industry which provides 19.5% of the employment and the "Wholesale and Retail Trade" industry which provides 18.7% of the employment. Like the occupational groupings, employment in the industrial sectors are more evenly distributed for women than for men.

TABLE 2L PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF EMPLOYED PERSONS IN THE PAST WEEK BY SEX AND INDUSTRIAL GROUP, 1991 CENSUS

INDUSTRIAL GROUP	MALE (%)	FEMALE (%)	BOTH SEXES (%)
TOTAL	100.0	100.0	100.0
Agriculture, Hunting, Forestry and Fishing	40.2	13.2	30.8
Mining and Quarrying	0.4	0.1	0.3
Manufacturing	6.8	10.8	8.2
Electricity, Gas and Water	1.6	0.6	1.3
Construction	17.7	0.8	11.8
Wholesale and Retail Trade	8.3	18.7	11.9
Hotels and Restaurants	1.4	7.3	3.5
Transport, Storage and Communications	6.4	2.5	5.0
Financial, Insurance and Real Estate	2.0	6.0	3.4
Public Administration, Defence, Social Security	6.4	6.4	6.4
Commerce, Services	5.1	19.5	10.1
Other Services	1.1	10.7	4.4
Not stated	2.6	3.4	2.9

Source : Tabulations, 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

TABLE 2M EMPLOYED PERSONS PAST WEEK BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND INDUSTRIAL GROUP, 1991 CENSUS

AGE GROUP	INDUSTRIAL GROUP													
	TOTAL	AGRI/ HUNT/ FOREST & FISH	MINING AND QUARRY	MANU- FAC- TURING	ELECTRI- CITY GAS & WATER	CON- STRUC- TION	W SALE AND RETAIL TRADE	HOTELS AND RESTAU- RANTS	TRANSP AND STOR'G AND COMM.	FINAN INSU & REAL ESTATE	PUBLIC ADMIN DEFEN SO SEC	COMM. SERVICE	OTHER SER- VICES	NOT STATED
BOTH SEXES TOTAL	23,814	7,344	65	1,947	304	2,819	2,830	828	1,202	810	1,520	2,400	1,046	699
15 - 19 YEARS	2,048	476	11	217	12	437	278	111	75	58	56	117	134	66
20 - 24 YEARS	3,957	860	10	404	55	549	540	181	200	219	257	372	198	112
25 - 29 YEARS	3,683	921	10	315	68	498	413	143	245	140	245	390	197	98
30 - 34 YEARS	3,163	864	6	242	41	364	384	118	163	115	267	376	138	85
35 - 39 YEARS	2,594	692	7	215	41	304	292	77	148	88	236	338	82	74
40 - 44 YEARS	2,048	592	7	147	28	212	253	65	121	72	179	254	75	43
45 - 49 YEARS	1,637	606	6	112	25	172	172	47	77	41	106	183	55	35
50 - 54 YEARS	1,255	549	2	68	12	89	117	21	64	28	83	149	37	36
55 - 59 YEARS	1,112	519	2	69	14	80	120	24	43	19	45	105	38	34
60 - 64 YEARS	834	468	2	56	4	44	72	13	22	10	18	57	39	29
65 YEARS & OVER	1,279	726	2	89	3	59	173	21	27	16	17	48	44	54
NOT STATED	204	71	-	13	1	11	16	7	17	4	11	11	9	33
MALE TOTAL	15,574	6,255	56	1,059	257	2,753	1,289	224	998	318	995	790	166	414
15 - 19 YEARS	1,455	459	9	136	7	431	168	43	62	17	27	34	15	47
20 - 24 YEARS	2,528	789	8	225	42	537	286	46	159	67	156	123	29	61
25 - 29 YEARS	2,384	829	10	174	53	488	203	20	205	48	156	115	25	58
30 - 34 YEARS	2,042	766	4	145	37	353	162	37	137	36	178	127	18	42
35 - 39 YEARS	1,675	587	5	119	36	298	136	19	118	44	154	105	11	43
40 - 44 YEARS	1,287	484	7	68	24	203	97	15	106	42	124	81	11	25
45 - 49 YEARS	1,059	466	6	41	24	165	71	14	70	20	81	65	15	21
50 - 54 YEARS	816	429	1	42	12	89	32	9	56	18	52	46	8	22
55 - 59 YEARS	709	401	2	35	14	79	37	7	37	8	33	32	7	17
60 - 64 YEARS	566	378	2	21	4	41	20	4	19	4	11	28	15	19
65 YEARS & OVER	899	602	2	43	3	58	68	8	15	11	14	28	10	37
NOT STATED	154	65	-	10	1	11	9	2	14	3	9	6	2	22
FEMALE TOTAL	8,240	1,089	9	888	47	66	1,541	604	204	492	525	1,610	880	285
15 - 19 YEARS	593	17	2	81	5	6	110	68	13	41	29	83	119	19
20 - 24 YEARS	1,429	71	2	179	13	12	254	135	41	152	101	249	169	51
25 - 29 YEARS	1,299	92	-	141	15	10	210	123	40	92	89	275	172	40
30 - 34 YEARS	1,121	98	2	97	4	11	222	81	26	79	89	249	120	43
35 - 39 YEARS	919	105	2	96	5	6	156	58	30	44	82	233	71	31
40 - 44 YEARS	761	108	-	79	4	9	156	50	15	30	55	173	64	18
45 - 49 YEARS	578	140	-	71	1	7	101	33	7	21	25	118	40	14
50 - 54 YEARS	439	120	1	26	-	-	85	12	8	10	31	103	29	14
55 - 59 YEARS	403	118	-	34	-	1	83	17	6	11	12	73	31	17
60 - 64 YEARS	268	90	-	35	-	3	52	9	3	6	7	29	24	10
65 YEARS & OVER	380	124	-	46	-	1	105	13	12	5	3	20	34	17
NOT STATED	50	6	-	3	-	-	7	5	3	1	2	5	7	11

Source: 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

CHAPTER 3

EDUCATION

Education, often described as the cornerstone of progress, is examined here only from the standpoint of "the highest level attained" by the whole population and by "the highest examination passed" This cursory analysis nevertheless attempts to provide an insight into the level of education that exists at present in Dominica.

As expected the older persons are those mainly recording "no education". In fact 11 per cent of the population 65 years of age and over are reported to be in this category. However, while 96 per cent of the population 5 years of age and over are in possession of at least primary level education, just 24 per cent of the population 10 years of age and over have been able to acquire at least secondary level education, and of the population 20 years and over, university level education is limited to 2.4 per cent.

When the data by sex are considered, some differences appear. A greater percentage of women than men 10 years of age and over attain secondary level education (27 per cent for the women as against 20 per cent for the men). However, of those 20 years of age and over, a greater proportion of the male population acquire university level education than do females (3.1 per cent for males as against 1.8 per cent for females). These differentials would suggest that the females having attained secondary level education do not pursue higher levels as much as their male counterparts.

Although in Table 3A it was observed that 24 per cent of the population 10 years of age and over received at least secondary level schooling, Table 3B indicates that of the population 15 years of age and over only 13% actually were able to obtain a certificate either Cambridge School Certificate, G.C.E. 'O' or 'A' Levels, Higher School Certificate, Diploma or Degree.

When we look at the sexes separately we observe that a higher proportion of the females (14.4%) than males (11.7%) obtained either of these certificates.

Further, in both numbers and proportions the females have obtained more G.C.E. 'A' level certificates and Higher School Certificates than the males.

On the other hand, they have obtained less diplomas or degrees than the males. This supports the data in the previous table which suggest that although more females than males acquire the necessary qualifications to pursue a University education they do not do so.

TABLE 3A POPULATION BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION 1991 CENSUS

AGE GROUP	HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION								
	TOTAL	NONE	NURSERY/ KINDER- GARTEN	PRIMARY	SECON- DARY	PRE-UNIV. POST- SECON.	UNIVERSITY	OTHER	NOT STATED
BOTH SEXES									
TOTAL	69466	7268	2352	46617	10463	1244	960	225	337
0-4 YEARS	7711	5571	2104	29	-	-	-	5	2
5-9 YEARS	8317	124	237	7944	-	-	-	9	3
10-14 YEARS	7111	68	4	5160	1863	-	-	9	7
15-19 YEARS	7261	67	1	3765	3171	209	4	28	16
20-24 YEARS	6771	72	-	4395	1886	302	59	42	15
25-29 YEARS	5645	59	-	4044	1164	204	137	18	19
30-34 YEARS	4700	59	-	3531	745	164	166	27	8
35-39 YEARS	3693	30	-	2778	559	134	148	24	20
40-44 YEARS	2949	44	-	2324	333	83	132	14	19
45-49 YEARS	2490	65	-	2056	220	46	85	8	10
50-54 YEARS	2116	116	-	1793	91	31	57	8	20
55-59 YEARS	2117	129	1	1766	99	29	62	5	26
60-64 YEARS	2097	154	-	1760	99	13	44	1	26
65 YEARS & OVER	6080	662	5	4999	207	22	58	17	110
NOT STATED	408	48	-	273	26	7	8	10	36
MALE									
TOTAL	34581	3640	1137	24173	4142	612	608	106	163
0-4 YEARS	3820	2791	1009	14	-	-	-	4	2
5-9 YEARS	4085	56	123	3901	-	-	-	4	1
10-14 YEARS	3695	48	3	2848	789	-	-	3	4
15-19 YEARS	3743	34	-	2331	1247	107	3	14	7
20-24 YEARS	3433	51	-	2556	620	142	38	49	7
25-29 YEARS	2943	36	-	2299	399	101	90	9	9
30-34 YEARS	2461	38	-	1931	296	76	103	12	5
35-39 YEARS	1934	18	-	1496	261	62	80	8	9
40-44 YEARS	1508	28	-	1188	152	41	82	7	10
45-49 YEARS	1241	36	-	990	125	24	56	4	6
50-54 YEARS	980	56	-	818	41	15	35	5	10
55-59 YEARS	925	64	-	738	54	19	40	3	7
60-64 YEARS	967	80	-	789	47	6	30	1	14
65 YEARS & OVER	2604	280	2	2108	94	15	46	7	52
NOT STATED	242	24	-	166	17	4	5	6	20
FEMALE									
TOTAL	34885	3628	1215	22444	6321	632	352	119	
0-4 YEARS	3891	2780	1095	15	-	-	-	1	
5-9 YEARS	4232	68	114	4043	-	-	-	5	174
10-14 YEARS	3416	20	1	2312	1074	1074	-	6	-
15-19 YEARS	3518	33	1	1434	1924	1924	1	14	2
20-24 YEARS	3338	21	-	1839	1266	1266	21	23	3
25-29 YEARS	2702	23	-	1745	765	765	47	9	9
30-34 YEARS	2239	21	-	1600	449	449	63	15	8
35-39 YEARS	1759	12	-	1282	298	298	68	16	10
40-44 YEARS	1441	16	-	1136	181	181	50	7	3
45-49 YEARS	1249	29	-	1066	95	95	29	4	11
50-54 YEARS	1136	60	-	975	50	50	22	3	9
55-59 YEARS	1192	65	1	1028	45	45	22	2	4
60-64 YEARS	1130	74	-	971	52	52	14	-	10
65 YEARS & OVER	3476	382	3	2891	113	113	12	10	19
NOT STATED	166	24	-	107	9	9	3	4	58

Source: 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

TABLE 3B POPULATION BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND HIGHEST EXAMINATION PASSED, 1991 CENSUS

AGE GROUP	HIGHEST EXAMINATION PASSED											
	TOTAL	SCHOOL NONE	SCHOOL LEAVING	CAMBR. SCHOOL CERT.	GCE 'O' /CXC.	G.C.E. 'A' LEVELS	HIGHER SCHOOL CERT.	DIPLOMA	DEGREE	OTHER	NOT STATED	NOT APPLI /CABLE
BOTH SEXES												
TOTAL	69,466	48,695	3,415	199	3,862	315	262	633	630	230	1,044	10,181
0 - 4 YEARS	7,711	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,681
5 - 9 YEARS	8,317	7,941	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	373
10 - 14 YEARS	7,111	6,964	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	17	88
15 - 19 YEARS	7,261	5,665	533	10	726	45	14	4	-	26	126	112
20 - 24 YEARS	6,771	4,337	591	6	1,282	143	42	48	39	18	136	129
25 - 29 YEARS	5,645	3,962	348	12	808	60	37	82	100	15	125	96
30 - 34 YEARS	4,700	3,273	411	18	471	29	32	102	127	32	111	94
35 - 39 YEARS	3,693	2,502	390	14	316	19	36	112	101	29	100	74
40 - 44 YEARS	2,949	2,177	251	13	124	7	21	85	88	28	78	77
45 - 49 YEARS	2,490	1,957	156	29	59	3	24	58	45	23	53	83
50 - 54 YEARS	2,116	1,674	130	12	23	2	8	36	39	7	41	144
55 - 59 YEARS	2,117	1,649	117	23	16	3	11	43	36	3	55	161
60 - 64 YEARS	2,097	1,640	133	18	12	-	13	24	20	9	47	181
65 YEARS & OVER	6,080	4,673	324	44	14	1	23	35	29	18	125	794
NOT STATED	408	251	10	-	11	3	1	4	6	1	27	94
MALE												
TOTAL	34,581	24,879	1,437	102	1,448	158	120	387	407	87	510	5,046
0 - 4 YEARS	3,820	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,806
5 - 9 YEARS	4,085	3,901	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	184
10 - 14 YEARS	3,695	3,616	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	4	58
15 - 19 YEARS	3,743	3,070	247	5	272	16	6	1	-	10	61	55
20 - 24 YEARS	3,433	2,410	275	3	439	72	21	32	26	10	68	77
25 - 29 YEARS	2,943	2,216	138	6	299	35	20	43	67	5	60	54
30 - 34 YEARS	2,461	1,823	160	9	183	13	11	65	78	8	56	55
35 - 39 YEARS	1,934	1,383	161	5	140	12	17	69	56	7	49	35
40 - 44 YEARS	1,508	1,157	77	5	50	5	11	53	55	11	39	45
45 - 49 YEARS	1,241	960	67	19	27	3	10	38	30	8	33	46
50 - 54 YEARS	980	771	51	7	7	1	4	16	27	4	21	71
55 - 59 YEARS	925	694	47	11	10	1	6	26	26	2	28	74
60 - 64 YEARS	967	735	61	9	5	-	6	14	15	3	24	95
65 YEARS & OVER	2,604	1,975	135	23	6	-	7	28	24	11	54	341
NOT STATED	242	154	8	-	10	-	1	2	3	1	13	50
FEMALE												
TOTAL	34,885	23,816	1,978	97	2,414	157	142	246	223	143	534	5,135
0 - 4 YEARS	3,891	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,875
5 - 9 YEARS	4,232	4,040	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	189
10 - 14 YEARS	3,416	3,348	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	13	30
15 - 19 YEARS	3,518	2,595	286	5	454	29	8	3	-	16	65	57
20 - 24 YEARS	3,338	1,927	316	3	843	71	21	16	13	8	68	52
25 - 29 YEARS	2,702	1,746	210	6	509	25	17	39	33	10	65	42
30 - 34 YEARS	2,239	1,450	251	9	288	16	21	37	49	24	55	39
35 - 39 YEARS	1,759	1,119	229	9	176	7	19	43	45	22	51	39
40 - 44 YEARS	1,441	1,020	174	8	74	2	10	32	33	17	39	32
45 - 49 YEARS	1,249	997	89	10	32	-	14	20	15	15	20	37
50 - 54 YEARS	1,136	903	79	5	16	1	4	20	12	3	20	73
55 - 59 YEARS	1,192	955	70	12	6	2	5	17	10	1	27	87
60 - 64 YEARS	1,130	905	72	9	7	-	7	10	5	6	23	86
65 YEARS & OVER	3,476	2,698	189	21	8	1	16	7	5	7	71	453
NOT STATED	166	97	2	-	1	3	-	2	3	-	14	44

Source: 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

CHAPTER 4

FERTILITY

Marital Status

In the absence of either detailed vital statistics data or fertility surveys, census data may be the only source available for providing information which would indicate past and present levels of fertility in Dominica. A brief analysis is given in this chapter and readers should be aware of its limitations.

Table 4A provides data on the adult population 15 years of age and over by marital status, while a comparison with 1981 Census data is given in Table 4B. In this table, one factor immediately stands out. The great proportion of men and women reported as "never married" in both periods.

From the data of Table 4A more women are shown to be getting married at an earlier age than men. While almost equal proportions of men and women eventually get married, by the age of 24 however, less than one per cent (1%) of the men who eventually marry are reported as married as against 2.6 per cent for the women. By the time they reach 29 years of age the proportions are 5.3 per cent for the men and 10.6 percent for the women.

TABLE 4A POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OVER BY AGE GROUP SEX AND MARITAL STATUS, 1991 CENSUS

AGE GROUP	MARITAL STATUS						
	TOTAL	MARRIED	WIDOWED	DIVORCED	LEGALLY SEPARATED	NEVER MARRIED	NOT STATED
BOTH SEXES							
TOTAL	46,327	13,096	2,364	387	333	29,740	407
15 - 19 YEARS	7,261	9	-	-	3	7,157	92
20 - 24 YEARS	6,771	216	2	2	1	6,465	85
25 - 29 YEARS	5,645	769	5	3	9	4,810	49
30 - 34 YEARS	4,700	1,371	5	11	16	3,268	29
35 - 39 YEARS	3,693	1,565	22	33	28	2,029	16
40 - 44 YEARS	2,949	1,495	36	42	30	1,332	14
45 - 49 YEARS	2,490	1,377	43	70	36	953	11
50 - 54 YEARS	2,116	1,193	98	53	32	729	11
55 - 59 YEARS	2,117	1,150	163	48	48	692	16
60 - 64 YEARS	2,097	1,154	252	42	32	605	12
65 YEARS & OVER	6,080	2,665	1,709	79	94	1,491	42
NOT STATED	408	132	29	4	4	209	30
MALE							
TOTAL	22,981	6,484	609	214	160	15,303	211
15 - 19 YEARS	3,743	1	-	-	2	3,691	49
20 - 24 YEARS	3,433	42	1	1	-	3,345	44
25 - 29 YEARS	2,943	243	-	1	2	2,675	22
30 - 34 YEARS	2,461	563	-	4	7	1,870	17
35 - 39 YEARS	1,934	753	3	16	10	1,141	11
40 - 44 YEARS	1,508	783	7	23	15	673	7
45 - 49 YEARS	1,241	715	6	40	22	452	6
50 - 54 YEARS	980	599	30	25	12	311	3
55 - 59 YEARS	925	558	32	28	23	276	8
60 - 64 YEARS	967	616	67	24	13	242	5
65 YEARS & OVER	2,604	1,532	458	49	54	490	21
NOT STATED	242	79	5	3	-	137	18
FEMALE							
TOTAL	23,346	6,612	1,755	173	173	14,437	196
15 - 19 YEARS	3,518	8	-	-	1	3,466	43
20 - 24 YEARS	3,338	174	1	1	1	3,120	41
25 - 29 YEARS	2,702	526	5	2	7	2,135	27
30 - 34 YEARS	2,239	808	5	7	9	1,398	12
35 - 39 YEARS	1,759	812	19	17	18	888	5
40 - 44 YEARS	1,441	712	29	19	15	659	7
45 - 49 YEARS	1,249	662	37	30	14	501	5
50 - 54 YEARS	1,136	594	68	28	20	418	8
55 - 59 YEARS	1,192	592	131	20	25	416	8
60 - 64 YEARS	1,130	538	185	18	19	363	7
65 YEARS & OVER	3,476	1,133	1,251	30	40	1,001	21
NOT STATED	166	53	24	1	4	72	12

Source: 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

TABLE 4B PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF ADULT POPULATION* BY SEX AND MARITAL STATUS, 1981 AND 1991 CENSUSES

MARITAL STATUS	1981 (%)		1991 (%)	
	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE
TOTAL	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Never Married	69.2	64.3	66.6	61.8
Married	27.0	27.4	28.2	28.3
Widowed	2.1	6.4	2.7	7.5
Divorced	0.5	0.6	0.9	0.8
Legally Separated	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.8
Not Stated	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.8

Sources: Dominica Vol. 3, 1980 - 1981, Population Census of the Commonwealth Caribbean.
 Tabulations: 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

1981 Population is 14 plus
 1991 Population is 15 plus

Union Status

Tables 4C and 4D present the distribution of women 15 years of age and over by age groups and union status. Interesting is the fact that over a quarter of women in Dominica by the time they reached the end of their reproductive years would never have been married nor had a common-law partner. This is so as the proportion reporting "never married or had a partner" declines from 93.8 per cent for the women 15-19 to 28.0 per cent for the women 40-44 years of age.

On the other hand more women tend to get married as they get older. In fact the highest proportion of married women are in the 45-49 year age group. With the common-law union however, the proportion first rises with age to a peak in the 30-34 year age group and then declines thereafter.

TABLE 4C FEMALES 15 YEARS OLD AND OVER BY AGE GROUP AND UNION STATUS, 1991 CENSUS

AGE GROUP	UNION STATUS					
	TOTAL	MARRIED	COMMON -LAW	NO LONGER WITH SPOUSE	NO LONGER WITH C-L PARTNER	NEVER MARRIED OR HAD A PARTNER
ALL AGES	23,334	5,947	2,852	2,606	1,254	10,675
15 - 19 YEARS	3,518	7	184	2	24	3,301
20 - 24 YEARS	3,338	168	588	9	150	2,423
25 - 29 YEARS	2,701	494	596	42	202	1,367
30 - 34 YEARS	2,238	764	512	53	148	761
35 - 39 YEARS	1,758	751	310	93	117	487
40 - 44 YEARS	1,441	645	163	118	111	404
45 - 49 YEARS	1,249	606	156	119	89	279
50 - 54 YEARS	1,133	532	93	161	92	255
55 - 59 YEARS	1,191	516	106	230	79	260
60 - 64 YEARS	1,128	472	60	267	74	255
65 YEARS & OVER	3,473	953	69	1,470	158	823
NOT STATED	166	39	15	42	10	60

Source: 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

**TABLE 4D PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF WOMEN 15 YEARS OLD AND OVER
BY AGE GROUP AND UNION STATUS, 1991 CENSUS**

AGE GROUP	UNION STATUS					TOTAL (%)
	MARRIED (%)	COMMON -LAW (%)	NO LONGER WITH SPOUSE (%)	NO LONGER WITH COMMON-LAW PARTNER (%)	NEVER MARRIED NOR HAD A PARTNER (%)	
15-19	0.2	5.2	0.1	0.7	93.8	100.0
20-24	5.0	17.6	0.3	4.5	72.6	100.0
25-29	18.2	22.1	1.6	7.5	50.6	100.0
30-34	34.1	22.9	2.4	6.6	34.0	100.0
35-39	42.7	17.6	5.3	6.7	27.7	100.0
40-44	44.8	11.3	8.2	7.7	28.0	100.0
45-49	48.6	12.5	9.5	7.1	22.3	100.0
50-54	47.0	8.2	14.2	8.1	22.5	100.0
55-59	43.4	8.9	19.3	6.6	21.8	100.0
60-64	41.9	5.3	23.6	6.6	22.6	100.0
65 +	27.4	2.0	42.4	4.5	23.7	100.0
Not Stated	23.5	9.0	25.4	6.0	36.1	100.0

Source: Tabulations, 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

Fertility Levels

As mentioned earlier some indication of fertility levels can be obtained from census data as long as the limitations of the information are recognised. The data in Table 4E refer to births to women 15-44 years of age and not attending school. The first striking observation is the high level of teenage fertility that still exists in Dominica, which is one of the highest in the region. Although declining from 155.5 live births per 1000 women in 1981 to 114.6 live births per 1000 women in 1991, and decrease of approximately 36%, the rate is almost equal to that of the women in the 30-34 age group and only 12 per cent less than the age specific rate for women in the peak 25-29 age group.

One positive aspect however, is the decline in fertility among women in all the age groups except the 40-44 age group during the ten year period from 1981 to 1991. The other is the overall fertility decline as reflected in the decrease in the total fertility rate from 4.2 in 1981 to 3.0 in 1991.

TABLE 4E AGE SPECIFIC FERTILITY RATES OF FEMALE POPULATION 15-44 YEARS, NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL, 1981 AND 1991 CENSUSES

AGE GROUP TOTAL	1981			1991		
	TOTAL WOMEN	BIRTHS IN LAST YEAR	ASFR'S (PER '000)	TOTAL WOMEN	BIRTHS IN LAST YEAR	ASFR'S (PER '000)
15-19	2951	459	155.5	2033	233	114.6
20-24	3244	744	229.3	3284	426	129.7
25-29	2185	437	200.0	2695	381	141.4
30-34	1751	252	143.9	2235	258	115.4
35-39	1414	115	81.3	1758	121	68.8
40-44	1327	31	23.4	1441	36	25.0
TOTAL FERTILITY RATE 4.2				TOTAL FERTILITY RATE 3.0		

Source: Dominica Vol 3, 1980-1981 Population Census of the Commonwealth Caribbean
Tabulations, 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

Another aspect of fertility is given in Tables 4F and 4G. Table 4F presents age specific fertility rates by union status for women 15-44 yrs who were not attending school. The high levels of fertility as shown in some age groups, notably the 15-19 age group, is due to the small numbers of women in the unions in this age group, so that care should be taken here. What is important however is that married women have a higher fertility level than women in common-law unions, 5.4 children per woman for married women as against 4.5 children per woman in common-law unions.

Another interesting fertility observation is given in Table 4G, where the percentage distribution of live births in the past 12 months are shown by union status. Common law unions account for a slightly higher proportion of births than married, but persons who were reported as "never married or never having lived in a common-law relationship" accounted for 41.9% of the births. This suggests that fleeting and unstable relationships accounted for over 40 per cent of the births in the past year and together with the data presented in the previous Table 4D, where it was shown that at the end of the reproductive years 28.0 per cent of the women were reported as "never been married nor had a common-law partner" suggest that information as to the number of women in the 28 per cent category who would have been in an unstable union/unions is necessary to fully analyse fertility levels in Dominica.

TABLE 4F AGE SPECIFIC FERTILITY RATES OF FEMALE POPULATION 15-44 YEARS, NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL BY UNION STATUS, 1991 CENSUS

AGE GROUP	AGE SPECIFIC RATES (PER '000)		
	MARRIED	COMMON-LAW	NEVER HAD A SPOUSE OR LIVED WITH A COMMON-LAW PARTNER
15-19	375.0	265.0	97.0
20-24	221.6	220.1	94.8
25-29	235.5	169.6	88.0
30-34	151.8	121.4	71.1
35-39	71.1	89.0	47.2
40-44	19.7	36.5	27.2
TFR	5.4	4.5	2.1

Source: Tabulations, 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

TABLE 4G LIVE BIRTHS IN PAST 12 MONTHS BY UNION STATUS, 1991 CENSUS

UNION STATUS	LIVE BIRTHS	
	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	1455	100.0
Married	350	24.0
Common-Law	385	26.5
No longer living with spouse	17	1.2
No longer living with common-law partner	93	6.4
Was never married nor lived in a common-law relationship	610	41.9

Source: Tabulations, 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

Table 4E which gave an indication of current fertility levels may be compared with Table 4H which indicates completed fertility. This table gives data on the relationship between age of mother and mean parity, and it can be observed that the mean parity increases as the age of mother increases. For those women in the 40-44 age group who would have completed or nearly completed family size, the figure is 3.8 children per woman.

TABLE 4H MEAN CHILDREN EVER BORN BY AGE GROUP OF MOTHER, 1991 CENSUS

AGE GROUP OF WOMEN	WOMEN	CHILDREN EVER BORN	MEAN PARITY
15-19	2033	691	0.3399
20-24	3284	2867	0.8730
25-29	2695	4655	1.7273
30-34	2235	5811	2.6000
35-39	1758	5842	3.3231
40-44	1441	5488	3.8085
45-49	1248	5709	4.5745
50-54	1136	5973	5.2579
55-59	1192	6380	5.3523
60-64	1130	5621	4.9743

Source: Tabulations, 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

TABLE 41 FEMALES 15 YEARS OLD AND OVER BY UNION STATUS, AGE GROUP AND NUMBER OF LIVEBIRTHS EVER HAD, 1991 CENSUS

AGE GROUP WITHIN UNION STATUS	NUMBER OF LIVEBIRTHS EVER HAD														
	TOTAL	NONE	ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX	SEVEN	EIGHT	NINE	TEN	ELEVEN	TWELVE & OVER	NOT STATED
ALL UNION TOTAL	18,152	4,608	3,026	2,517	2,110	1,571	1,213	853	654	470	308	219	130	179	294
15 - 19 YEARS	2,033	1,463	461	88	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
20 - 24 YEARS	3,284	1,513	967	509	222	38	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	29
25 - 29 YEARS	2,695	614	669	634	437	223	63	16	11	-	-	-	-	1	27
30 - 34 YEARS	2,235	251	364	472	479	350	179	69	31	8	3	1	-	1	27
35 - 39 YEARS	1,758	138	182	272	369	300	237	121	62	31	9	4	4	2	27
40 - 44 YEARS	1,441	129	117	182	219	221	212	147	89	51	22	13	6	6	27
45 - 49 YEARS	1,248	99	75	110	132	154	184	184	131	73	46	18	12	11	19
50 - 54 YEARS	1,136	97	60	87	86	94	127	122	121	126	73	50	27	33	33
55 - 59 YEARS	1,192	137	62	75	81	95	128	110	107	95	86	73	44	59	40
60 - 64 YEARS	1,130	167	69	88	80	95	80	83	100	86	69	60	37	66	50
NOT STATED	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MARRIED TOTAL	4,952	372	450	644	798	653	516	380	329	249	158	115	76	97	115
15 - 19 YEARS	7	2	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 - 24 YEARS	167	41	54	40	30	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 29 YEARS	493	65	119	134	100	56	9	1	2	-	-	-	-	1	6
30 - 34 YEARS	764	44	99	157	208	152	62	21	7	3	-	-	-	-	11
35 - 39 YEARS	751	36	48	112	195	136	112	52	23	11	5	2	4	1	14
40 - 44 YEARS	645	34	35	60	103	126	107	67	44	32	15	7	3	2	10
45 - 49 YEARS	605	28	29	51	69	68	92	101	75	40	23	8	7	3	11
50 - 54 YEARS	532	31	18	31	35	42	58	58	69	78	36	25	15	17	19
55 - 59 YEARS	516	32	24	24	29	36	46	47	56	48	48	44	27	34	21
60 - 64 YEARS	472	59	21	33	29	35	30	33	53	37	31	29	20	39	23
NOT STATED	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COMMON-LAW TOTAL	2,757	283	535	519	456	306	250	151	88	54	31	20	12	19	33
15 - 19 YEARS	177	56	95	19	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
20 - 24 YEARS	586	101	214	156	85	26	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
25 - 29 YEARS	594	41	116	161	159	71	25	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	5
30 - 34 YEARS	512	28	56	108	111	75	70	37	12	3	1	-	-	-	8
35 - 39 YEARS	310	14	20	35	47	64	62	32	21	8	2	1	-	-	4
40 - 44 YEARS	163	8	13	18	18	25	35	21	9	8	1	1	1	1	4
45 - 49 YEARS	156	11	3	6	14	26	25	23	16	12	14	3	-	1	2
50 - 54 YEARS	93	3	5	9	8	8	14	12	12	8	2	8	-	3	1
55 - 59 YEARS	106	14	10	5	5	7	14	10	6	7	9	3	6	7	3
60 - 64 YEARS	60	7	3	2	4	3	4	8	3	8	-	3	5	7	3
NOT STATED	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

TABLE 4I(CONT'D)

FEMALES 15 YEARS OLD AND OVER BY UNION STATUS, AGE GROUP AND
NUMBER OF LIVEBIRTHS EVER HAD, 1991 CENSUS

AGE GROUP WITHIN UNION STATUS	NUMBER OF LIVEBIRTHS EVER HAD														
	TOTAL	NONE	ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX	SEVEN	EIGHT	NINE	TEN	ELEVEN	TWELVE & OVER	NOT STATED
WAS MARRIED															
TOTAL	1,093	107	79	112	146	116	112	93	75	66	55	38	30	42	22
15 - 19 YEARS	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 - 24 YEARS	9	6	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 29 YEARS	42	4	11	10	10	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30 - 34 YEARS	53	4	8	14	11	12	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 39 YEARS	93	5	9	16	27	15	5	6	4	4	-	1	-	1	-
40 - 44 YEARS	118	4	5	17	31	13	16	12	8	3	4	-	1	2	2
45 - 49 YEARS	119	7	7	13	16	7	20	19	11	8	4	1	3	-	3
50 - 54 YEARS	161	15	10	11	14	15	16	14	15	11	13	7	7	7	6
55 - 59 YEARS	230	27	13	13	17	20	25	22	22	19	10	13	7	16	6
60 - 64 YEARS	267	34	14	17	20	30	26	19	13	21	24	16	12	16	5
NOT STATED	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WAS COMMON LAW															
TOTAL	1,084	64	146	207	165	142	103	70	62	42	32	20	6	10	15
15 - 19 YEARS	23	6	10	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 - 24 YEARS	150	23	55	42	27	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
25 - 29 YEARS	202	12	38	66	45	29	6	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
30 - 34 YEARS	147	4	14	29	35	39	16	2	5	1	-	-	-	-	2
35 - 39 YEARS	117	3	10	17	20	21	17	12	6	6	2	-	-	-	3
40 - 44 YEARS	111	2	3	21	15	16	18	14	13	4	2	3	-	-	-
45 - 49 YEARS	89	3	5	6	5	18	13	12	13	4	2	3	1	4	-
50 - 54 YEARS	92	2	6	9	7	2	13	15	9	7	10	4	4	1	3
55 - 59 YEARS	79	3	1	4	8	8	13	4	6	10	10	6	1	1	4
60 - 64 YEARS	74	6	4	6	3	7	7	6	9	10	6	4	-	4	2
NOT STATED	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NEVER IN A UNION															
TOTAL	8,266	3,782	1,816	1,035	545	354	232	159	100	59	32	26	6	11	109
15 - 19 YEARS	1,825	1,398	353	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
20 - 24 YEARS	2,372	1,342	642	270	80	8	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	26
25 - 29 YEARS	1,364	492	385	263	123	63	20	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
30 - 34 YEARS	759	171	187	164	114	72	30	8	5	1	-	-	-	1	6
35 - 39 YEARS	487	80	95	92	80	64	41	19	8	2	-	-	-	-	6
40 - 44 YEARS	404	81	61	66	52	41	36	33	15	4	-	2	1	1	11
45 - 49 YEARS	279	50	31	34	28	35	34	29	16	9	3	3	1	3	3
50 - 54 YEARS	258	46	21	27	22	27	26	23	16	22	12	6	1	5	4
55 - 59 YEARS	261	61	14	29	22	24	30	27	17	11	9	7	3	1	6
60 - 64 YEARS	257	61	27	30	24	20	13	17	22	10	8	8	-	-	17
NOT STATED	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

CHAPTER 5

LIVING ARRANGEMENTS AND HOUSING

Household Size and Composition

Any decrease in average size of household, coupled with an increase in the number of smaller households and a decrease in the larger households would normally signify an improvement in the living arrangements of persons residing together. When this is linked with an increase in the number and proportion of households with a greater number of rooms per household then one may conclude that living arrangements have indeed improved.

Tables 5A - 5D together reflect the above. Over the ten year period 1981 to 1991, the average household size declined from 4.3 persons per household to 3.6 persons per household. Further, in 1981 there were 47.5 per cent of the households of household size three and less; these households accommodating 20.6 per cent of the population. Again in 1981 there were 59.4 per cent of the households of household size four and less accommodating 31.8 per cent of the population.

However, 1991 saw 55.2% of the households of household size three and less accommodating 27.8 per cent of the population, and 68.4 per cent of the households of household size 4 and less accommodating 42.6 per cent of the population.

At the other extreme in 1981, 30.0 per cent of the households of household size six and over accommodated 55.7 per cent of the population, while in 1991, 20.3 per cent of the households of the same household size accommodated 41.5 per cent of the population. Additionally in 1981, 33.8 per cent of the households had at least four rooms, while in 1991, the figure increased to 40.9 per cent.

TABLE 5A DISTRIBUTION OF HOUSEHOLDS AND POPULATION BY HOUSEHOLD SIZE, 1981 AND 1991 CENSUSES

HOUSE- HOLD SIZE	HOUSEHOLDS (%)		POPULATION (%)	
	1981	1991	1981	1991
TOTAL	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1	20.1	24.6	4.7	6.9
2	14.6	16.6	6.9	9.2
3	12.8	14.0	9.0	11.7
4	11.9	13.2	11.2	14.8
5	10.6	11.3	12.5	15.8
6	8.9	8.3	12.6	13.9
7	7.0	5.1	11.5	10.0
8	5.2	3.1	9.8	6.9
9	3.4	1.7	7.2	4.3
10	2.3	1.0	5.4	2.7
11	1.2	0.6	3.1	1.7
12	2.0	0.5	6.1	2.0

Average household size 1981 - 4.3

Average household size 1991 - 3.6

Source: Dominica Vol 3, 1980-1981 Population Census of the Commonwealth Caribbean
Tabulations, 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

TABLE 5B HOUSEHOLDS BY NUMBER OR ROOMS, 1981 AND 1991 CENSUSES

NUMBER OF ROOMS	NUMBER		PERCENT	
	1981	1991	1981	1991
1	1808	980	10.4	5.0
2	6146	6074	35.5	31.5
3	2461	4340	14.2	22.4
4	3412	4543	19.7	23.4
5	1268	2031	7.3	10.5
6	724	854	4.2	4.4
7 & OVER	452	506	2.6	2.6
NOT STATED	1039	46	6.1	0.2

Source: Dominica Vol 3, 1980-1981 Population Census of the Commonwealth Caribbean
Tabulations, 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

TABLE 5C HEADS OF HOUSEHOLD BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND SIZE OF HOUSEHOLD, 1991 CENSUS

AGE GROUP	SIZE OF HOUSEHOLD												
	TOTAL	ONE PERSON	TWO PERSONS	THREE PERSONS	FOUR PERSONS	FIVE PERSONS	SIX PERSONS	SEVEN PERSONS	EIGHT PERSONS	NINE PERSONS	TEN PERSONS	ELEVEN PERSONS	TWELVE & OVER PERSONS
BOTH SEXES													
TOTAL	19,374	4,770	3,208	2,704	2,565	2,189	1,604	994	597	330	189	110	114
10 - 14 YEARS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 19 YEARS	227	115	49	42	12	3	2	1	2	1	-	-	-
20 - 24 YEARS	1,023	395	219	186	112	62	24	8	11	5	1	-	-
25 - 29 YEARS	1,853	566	306	331	297	187	91	38	20	8	3	3	3
30 - 34 YEARS	2,196	508	277	333	398	330	182	99	38	17	7	4	3
35 - 39 YEARS	2,001	341	184	243	348	349	278	135	65	27	17	9	5
40 - 44 YEARS	1,794	253	205	228	267	289	254	149	81	38	17	5	8
45 - 49 YEARS	1,526	269	175	181	204	234	162	134	76	45	27	8	11
50 - 54 YEARS	1,349	248	161	166	188	162	138	105	73	34	24	23	27
55 - 59 YEARS	1,415	302	268	184	144	138	127	85	62	52	23	11	19
60 - 64 YEARS	1,458	339	272	181	174	138	113	84	58	41	21	18	19
65 - 69 YEARS	1,325	355	296	187	141	103	75	54	42	32	21	11	8
70 - 74 YEARS	1,161	352	272	179	108	71	67	44	27	15	11	13	2
75 YEARS & OVER	1,788	623	483	238	145	107	74	42	34	13	16	5	8
NOT STATED	258	104	41	25	27	16	17	16	8	2	1	-	1
MALE													
TOTAL	12,231	3,472	1,813	1,510	1,501	1,410	1,031	665	373	215	102	71	68
10 - 14 YEARS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 19 YEARS	149	99	26	18	3	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
20 - 24 YEARS	631	320	118	90	58	31	7	3	4	-	-	-	-
25 - 29 YEARS	1,274	511	194	216	167	108	46	18	8	5	1	-	-
30 - 34 YEARS	1,579	469	188	206	254	226	131	56	28	13	4	2	2
35 - 39 YEARS	1,415	302	113	149	224	260	197	100	40	18	7	3	2
40 - 44 YEARS	1,205	211	109	113	173	206	193	116	43	24	8	5	4
45 - 49 YEARS	1,024	223	103	98	124	149	112	98	58	34	13	5	7
50 - 54 YEARS	849	197	89	96	97	101	86	72	43	20	16	14	18
55 - 59 YEARS	821	216	143	91	80	74	71	48	32	36	14	7	9
60 - 64 YEARS	865	221	151	97	90	82	66	50	43	25	14	13	13
65 - 69 YEARS	761	205	160	110	72	66	38	35	31	20	10	7	7
70 - 74 YEARS	614	175	145	85	57	41	38	29	15	10	6	11	2
75 YEARS & OVER	871	254	247	128	84	55	33	26	20	8	8	4	4
NOT STATED	173	69	27	13	18	10	13	14	6	2	1	-	-
FEMALE													
TOTAL	7,143	1,298	1,395	1,194	1,064	779	573	329	224	115	87	39	46
10 - 14 YEARS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 19 YEARS	78	16	23	24	9	2	2	1	-	1	-	-	-
20 - 24 YEARS	392	75	101	96	54	31	17	5	7	5	1	-	-
25 - 29 YEARS	579	55	112	115	130	79	45	20	12	3	2	3	3
30 - 34 YEARS	617	39	89	127	144	104	51	43	10	4	3	2	1
35 - 39 YEARS	586	39	71	94	124	89	81	35	25	9	10	6	3
40 - 44 YEARS	589	42	96	115	94	83	61	33	38	14	9	-	4
45 - 49 YEARS	502	46	72	83	80	85	50	36	18	11	14	3	4
50 - 54 YEARS	500	51	72	70	91	61	52	33	30	14	8	9	9
55 - 59 YEARS	594	86	125	93	64	64	56	37	30	16	9	4	10
60 - 64 YEARS	593	118	121	84	84	56	47	34	15	16	7	5	6
65 - 69 YEARS	564	150	136	77	69	37	37	19	11	12	11	4	1
70 - 74 YEARS	547	177	127	94	51	30	29	15	12	5	5	2	-
75 YEARS & OVER	917	369	236	110	61	52	41	16	14	5	8	1	4
NOT STATED	85	35	14	12	9	6	4	2	2	-	-	-	1

Source: 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

TABLE 5D HOUSEHOLDS BY SIZE AND NUMBER OF ROOMS, 1991 CENSUS

SIZE OF HOUSEHOLD		NUMBER OF ROOMS										
SIZE OF HOUSEHOLD	TOTAL	1 ROOM	2 ROOMS	3 ROOMS	4 ROOMS	5 ROOMS	6 ROOMS	7 ROOMS	8 ROOMS	9 ROOMS	10 + ROOMS	NOT STATED
TOTAL	19,374	980	6,074	4,340	4,543	2,031	854	275	137	52	42	46
1 PERSON	4,770	623	2,328	834	654	215	69	20	10	2	6	9
2 PERSONS	3,208	163	1,038	727	780	310	121	29	16	4	6	14
3 PERSONS	2,704	76	845	657	684	266	116	21	21	6	7	5
4 PERSONS	2,565	52	729	653	641	295	113	41	17	12	8	4
5 PERSONS	2,189	32	503	540	601	331	109	43	14	7	5	4
6 PERSONS	1,604	17	309	412	479	218	111	29	18	4	3	4
7 PERSONS	994	9	152	241	306	153	75	35	14	5	1	3
8 PERSONS	597	6	89	136	166	117	45	17	9	5	4	3
9 PERSONS	330	1	45	72	104	47	37	12	9	3	-	-
10 PERSONS	189	1	19	42	54	39	19	10	4	-	1	-
11 PERSONS	110	-	8	14	39	18	20	6	2	3	-	-
12+ PERSONS	114	-	9	12	35	22	19	12	3	1	1	-

Source: 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

Housing Conditions and Living Standards

An indication of housing conditions and living standards can be derived from the remaining tables of this chapter.

Table 5E provides data on the "Percentage distribution of households by type of tenure" where it is seen that the category "owned" represents 72 per cent. The low figure for squatting, 0.4 per cent, is indicative of the availability of housing accommodation to the population.

Table 5I provides data on the year the dwelling was built and it is important to note the upsurge in "construction" which took place among private houses within the past decade, when compared with the previous decades since 1960. This table further supports previous information on employment by industry where it was observed that the construction industry was the second largest industrial group providing employment for men and the third largest employing both men and women.

The next two tables deal with two basic facilities - water and toilet facilities. Both of which are essential for determining living standards. In Table 5J, the data reveal that 50.3 per cent of households received pipe borne water either "into dwelling or into yard", while 37.3 per cent received this basic commodity by means of a public standpipe. With regard to toilet facilities the most important observations are that a quarter (25.5%) of households are reported as having no toilet facilities, while 35.4 per cent have "pit-latrines". On the other hand only 12.9 per cent are reported as having "W.C. linked to sewer".

**TABLE 5E PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE OF TENURE,
1991 CENSUS**

TYPE OF TENURE	DISTRIBUTION OF HOUSEHOLDS	
	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	19374	100.0
Owned	13923	72.0
Squatted	75	0.4
Rented - private	3723	19.2
Rented - Government	88	0.4
Leased	76	0.4
Rent free	1367	7.0
Other	83	0.4
Not Stated	39	0.2

Source: Tabulations, 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

TABLE 5F HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE OF DWELLING AND TYPE OF TENURE
1991 CENSUS

TYPE OF DWELLING	TYPE OF TENURE								
	TOTAL	OWNED	SQUATTED	RENTED- PRIVATE	RENTED- GOV'T	LEASED	RENT- FREE	OTHER	NOT STATED
TOTAL	19,374	13,923	75	3,723	88	76	1,367	83	39
UNDIVIDED PRIVATE HOUSE	15,961	12,612	49	2,165	45	61	955	55	19
PART OF A PRIVATE HOUSE	1,760	417	8	1,014	8	10	292	10	1
FLAT/APARTMENT/ CONDOMINIUM	642	256	8	315	-	2	51	2	8
TOWNHOUSE	11	3	-	3	2	-	3	-	-
DOUBLE HOUSE/DUPLEX	481	335	-	126	1	-	12	6	1
COMBINED BUSINESS & DWELLING	375	274	3	67	-	3	25	1	2
BARRACKS	69	9	1	16	32	-	8	2	1
OTHER	75	17	6	17	-	-	21	7	7

Source: 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

TABLE 5G HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE OF DWELLING AND MATERIAL OF OUTER WALL, 1991
CENSUS

TYPE OF DWELLING	MATERIAL OF OUTER WALL								
	TOTAL	WOOD	CONCRETE	WOOD & CONCRETE	STONE	BRICK	ADOBE	MAKE- SHIFT	OTHER/ DON'T KNOW
TOTAL	19,374	9,786	6,509	2,835	25	38	-	70	111
UNDIVIDED PRIVATE HOUSE	15,961	8,551	4,864	2,343	17	33	-	55	98
PART OF A PRIVATE HOUSE	1,760	779	759	210	4	3	-	-	5
FLAT/APARTMENT/ CONDOMINIUM	642	186	391	63	1	-	-	-	1
TOWNHOUSE	11	2	6	3	-	-	-	-	-
DOUBLE HOUSE/DUPLEX	481	128	267	84	-	1	-	-	1
COMBINED BUSINESS & DWELLING	375	53	202	116	2	1	-	-	1
BARRACKS	69	52	9	6	1	-	-	1	-
OTHER	75	35	11	10	-	-	-	14	5

Source: 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

5H HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE OF DWELLING AND MATERIAL USED FOR ROOFING, 1991 CENSUS

TYPE OF DWELLING	MATERIAL USED FOR ROOFING								
	TOTAL	SHEET METAL	S H I ASPHALT	N G L E WOOD OTHER	TILE	CONCRETE	MAKE SHIFT	OTHER/ DON'T KNOW	
TOTAL	19,374	18,442	344	41	14	7	454	20	52
DIVIDED PRIVATE HOUSE	15,961	15,345	305	19	9	7	238	5	33
T OF A PRIVATE HOUSE	1,760	1,600	13	20	3	-	107	7	10
T/APARTMENT/ DOMINIUM	642	547	8	2	-	-	82	1	2
NHOUSE	11	8	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
BLE HOUSE/DUPLEX	481	462	5	-	1	-	11	-	2
BINED BUSINESS & WELLING	375	350	9	-	1	-	14	-	1
RACKS	69	69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ER	75	61	1	-	-	-	2	7	4

Source: 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

TABLE 5I HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE OF DWELLING AND YEAR BUILT, 1991 CENSUS

TYPE OF DWELLING	YEAR DWELLING WAS BUILT					
	TOTAL	BEFORE 1960	1960 TO 1969	1970 TO 1979	1980 OR LATER	DON'T KNOW
TOTAL	19,374	5,123	2,245	3,247	6,871	1,888
DIVIDED PRIVATE HOUSE	15,961	4,140	1,888	2,487	6,158	1,288
T OF A PRIVATE HOUSE	1,760	332	211	258	297	362
T/APARTMENT/ DOMINIUM	642	128	54	135	194	131
NHOUSE	11	2	2	1	5	1
BLE HOUSE/DUPLEX	481	67	28	302	56	28
BINED BUSINESS & WELLING	375	127	55	54	102	37
RACKS	69	12	4	4	37	12
ER	75	15	3	6	22	29

Source: 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

TABLE 5J PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE OF WATER FACILITIES, 1991 CENSUS

TYPE OF WATER FACILITY	DISTRIBUTION OF HOUSEHOLDS	
	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	19374	100.0
Private Piped into Dwelling	1936	10.0
Private Catchment not piped	396	2.0
Public Piped into Dwelling	5733	29.6
Public Piped into Yard	2057	10.6
Public Standpipe	7208	37.3
Public Well or Tank	510	2.6
Other	1533	7.9

Source: Tabulations, 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

TABLE 5K PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE OF TOILET FACILITIES, 1991 CENSUS

TYPE OF TOILET FACILITIES	DISTRIBUTION OF HOUSEHOLDS	
	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	19374	100.0
W.C. Linked to Sewer	2499	12.9
W.C./Cesspit/Septic Tank	4637	23.9
Pit-Latrine	685	35.4
Other	449	2.3
None	4938	25.5

Source: Tabulations, 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

TABLE 5L HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE OF DWELLING AND TYPE OF WATER FACILITIES, 1991 CENSUS

TYPE OF DWELLING		TYPE OF WATER FACILITIES						
TYPE OF DWELLING	TOTAL	PRIVATE PIPED INTO DWELLING	PRIVATE CATCHMENT NOT PIPED	PUBLIC PIPED INTO DWELLING	PUBLIC PIPED INTO YARD	PUBLIC STAND-PIPE	PUBLIC WELL OR TANK	OTHER
TOTAL	19,374	1,936	396	5,733	2,057	7,209	510	1,533
UNDIVIDED PRIVATE HOUSE	15,961	1,445	367	4,348	1,744	6,252	460	1,345
PART OF A PRIVATE HOUSE	1,760	195	18	543	187	677	22	118
FLAT/APARTMENT/								
CONDOMINIUM	642	139	7	255	56	136	21	28
TOWNHOUSE	11	3	-	6	-	1	-	1
DOUBLE HOUSE/DUPLEX	481	67	-	362	22	24	1	5
COMBINED BUSINESS & DWELLING	375	78	3	199	29	43	4	19
BARRACKS	69	2	-	4	13	49	-	1
OTHER	75	7	1	16	6	27	2	16

Source: 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

TABLE 5M HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE OF DWELLING AND TYPE OF TOILET FACILITIES ,1991 CENSUS

TYPE OF DWELLING		TYPE OF TOILET FACILITIES				
TYPE OF DWELLING	TOTAL	W.C. LINKED TO SEWER	W.C. CESSPIT /SEPTIC TANK	PIT-LATRINE	OTHER	NONE
TOTAL	19,374	2,499	4,637	6,851	449	4,938
UNDIVIDED PRIVATE HOUSE	15,961	1,519	3,809	6,310	378	3,945
PART OF A PRIVATE HOUSE	1,760	385	293	309	37	736
FLAT/APARTMENT/						
CONDOMINIUM	642	185	205	110	14	128
TOWNHOUSE	11	8	1	-	-	2
DOUBLE HOUSE/DUPLEX	481	269	158	24	3	27
COMBINED BUSINESS & DWELLING	375	118	155	51	8	43
BARRACKS	69	9	3	37	2	18
OTHER	75	6	13	10	7	39

Source: 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

Further indications of living standards are presented in the next four tables on lighting and cooking facilities. In Table 5N, 79.2 per cent of households are reported as using electricity as source of lighting in 1991, up from 30.0 per cent in 1981, ten years ago. On the other hand, kerosene as a source of lighting, has decreased from 65.2 per cent in 1981 to 18.1 per cent in 1991, a shift therefore from kerosene to electricity as the main source of lighting. With regards cooking facilities, gas was reported as the main means of cooking in 1991, whereas in 1981 was wood and coal. Fifty-nine per cent of households are now using gas as against 19.9 per cent ten years ago. On the other hand, only 34 per cent are at present using wood and coal as against 70.4 per cent ten years ago.

There is at least one radio in approximately 70 per cent of the households, and at least one television set in approximately 45 per cent of the households.

TABLE 5N PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE OF LIGHTING, 1981 AND 1991 CENSUSES

TYPE OF LIGHTING	DISTRIBUTION OF HOUSEHOLDS (%)	
	1981	1991
TOTAL	100.0	100.0
Electric	30.0	79.2
Kerosene	65.2	18.1
Gas	-	0.3
Other	2.4	2.4
Not Stated	2.4	-

Source: Dominica Vol 3, 1980-1981 Population Census of the Commonwealth Caribbean
Tabulations, 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

TABLE 50 PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE OF COOKING FACILITIES, 1981 AND 1991 CENSUSES

TYPE OF COOKING FACILITIES	DISTRIBUTION OF HOUSEHOLDS (%)	
	1981	1991
TOTAL	100.0	100.0
Wood and Coal	70.4	34.0
Gas	19.9	59.0
Kerosene	4.8	5.1
Electricity	0.4	0.6
Other	1.2	1.3
Not Stated	3.3	-

Source: Dominica Vol 3, 1980-1981 Population Census of the Commonwealth Caribbean Tabulations, 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

TABLE 5P HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE OF DWELLING AND TYPE OF LIGHTING, 1991 CENSUS

TYPE OF DWELLING	TYPE OF LIGHTING				
	TOTAL	GAS	KEROSENE	ELEC- TRICITY	OTHER
TOTAL	19,374	54	3,500	15,337	483
UNDIVIDED PRIVATE HOUSE	15,961	44	3,029	12,511	377
PART OF A PRIVATE HOUSE	1,760	5	323	1,371	61
FLAT/APARTMENT/ CONDOMINIUM	642	1	73	556	12
TOWNHOUSE	11	-	1	10	-
DOUBLE HOUSE/DUPLEX	481	1	12	466	2
COMBINED BUSINESS & DWELLING	375	3	12	357	3
BARRACKS	69	-	36	29	4
OTHER	75	-	14	37	24

Source: 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

TABLE 5Q HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE OF DWELLING AND TYPE OF COOKING FACILITIES, 1991 CENSUS

TYPE OF DWELLING	TYPE OF COOKING FACILITIES						
	TOTAL	COAL	WOOD	GAS	KEROSENE	ELEC- TRICITY	OTHER
TOTAL	19,374	2,382	4,207	11,435	990	115	245
UNDIVIDED PRIVATE HOUSE	15,961	1,934	3,936	9,062	753	86	190
PART OF A PRIVATE HOUSE	1,760	266	142	1,149	159	12	32
FLAT/APARTMENT/ CONDOMINIUM	642	59	73	473	22	7	8
TOWNHOUSE	11	1	-	9	1	-	-
DOUBLE HOUSE/DUPLEX	481	56	7	384	29	4	1
COMBINED BUSINESS & DWELLING	375	26	18	312	9	4	6
BARRACKS	69	28	8	22	10	1	-
OTHER	75	12	23	24	7	1	8

Source: 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

TABLE 5R HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE OF DWELLING AND NUMBER OF RADIOS, 1991 CENSUS

TYPE OF DWELLING	NUMBER OF RADIOS										
	TOTAL	NONE	ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX	SEVEN	EIGHT	NINE & MORE
TOTAL	19,374	3,701	13,530	1,595	374	125	26	17	4	1	1
UNDIVIDED PRIVATE HOUSE	15,961	2,990	11,228	1,294	308	105	21	10	3	1	1
PART OF A PRIVATE HOUSE	1,760	430	1,197	105	21	6	1	-	-	-	-
FLAT/APARTMENT/ CONDOMINIUM	642	115	426	67	20	6	2	5	1	-	-
TOWNHOUSE	11	1	6	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
DOUBLE HOUSE/DUPLEX	481	43	358	63	12	2	1	2	-	-	-
COMBINED BUSINESS & DWELLING	375	48	247	61	12	6	1	-	-	-	-
BARRACKS	69	35	33	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	75	39	35	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

TABLE 5S HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE OF DWELLING AND NUMBER OF TELEVISIONS, 1991 CENSUS

TYPE OF DWELLING	NUMBER OF TELEVISIONS										
	TOTAL	NONE	ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX	SEVEN	EIGHT	NINE & MORE
TOTAL	19,374	9,690	8,815	754	96	14	3	2	-	-	-
UNDIVIDED PRIVATE HOUSE	15,961	8,231	7,062	581	72	12	2	1	-	-	-
PART OF A PRIVATE HOUSE	1,760	920	781	50	9	-	-	-	-	-	-
FLAT/APARTMENT/ CONDOMINIUM	642	236	362	36	6	1	1	-	-	-	-
TOWNHOUSE	11	3	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DOUBLE HOUSE/DUPLEX	481	90	344	47	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COMBINED BUSINESS & DWELLING	375	95	232	38	8	1	-	1	-	-	-
BARRACKS	69	54	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	75	61	13	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: 1991 Population and Housing Census of Dominica

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