



GRENADA

SUMMARY

Grenada is a constitutional monarchy and parliamentary democracy with no local government. The constitution does not make any general provision for local government; however, it states there should be a local government council on Carriacou and Petite Martinique. Whilst the Carriacou and Petite Martinique County Council Act 1995 has yet to be implemented, plans to establish a county council there are at an advanced stage.

1. CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

Grenada is a constitutional monarchy and parliamentary democracy.^{15.1a} The head of state is HM Queen Elizabeth II represented by a governor-general. The governor-general appoints the prime minister, usually the leader of the majority party, and a cabinet on the advice of the prime minister. The parliament is bicameral, comprising a house of representatives and a senate. The house of representatives has 15 members directly elected by universal suffrage, each serving a five-year term. The senate has 13 members appointed by the governor-general, ten in consultation with the prime minister and three in consultation with the leader of the opposition. Following the 2018 national election, 46.7% (7/15) of representatives were women, up from 33.3% (5/15) in 2013. 15.4% (2/13) of senators were women.^{15.1b}

2. LEGAL BASIS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

2.1 Constitutional provisions

There is no general constitutional provision^{15.2a} for local government; however Section 107 of the constitution does state 'that there shall be a council for Carriacou and Petite Martinique which shall be the principal organ of local government'.

2.2 Main legislative texts

Carriacou and Petite Martinique County Council Act 1995^{15.2b}

2.3 Proposed legislative changes

Whilst a constitutional referendum in 2015 failed to get the popular endorsement, there continues to be an active proposal to allow for local government in Carriacou and Petite Martinique.

2.4 National urban policy

No information is available.

3. STRUCTURE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

3.1 Local government within the state

There is no local government in Grenada. However, the government is looking at how it can fulfil the constitutional rights of the people of Carriacou and Petite Martinique by setting up a council.

3.2 Ministerial oversight

There is no ministry with oversight responsibility for local government; however, there is a Ministry of Carriacou and Petite Martinique Affairs.^{15.3b}

REFERENCES AND USEFUL WEBSITES

- 15.1a Government portal www.gov.gd
- 15.1b Inter-Parliamentary Union www.ipu.org/wmn-e/classif.htm
- 15.2a Constitution www.gov.gd/egov/docs/legislations/constitution/grenada_constitution_order_1973.pdf
- 15.2b Carriacou and Petite Martinique County Council Act 1995 www.gov.gd/egov/docs/legislations/carriacou_petite_martinique_county_council.pdf
- 15.3a 2011 Census, page 8 www.gov.gd/egov/pdf/ncodc/docs/grenden_annual_report-2012.pdf
- 15.3b Ministry of Carriacou and Petite Martinique Affairs www.gov.gd/projects/local_govt_carriacou_pm.html
- 15.4 Parliamentary Elections Office www.gov.gd/departments/parliamentary_election_office.html
- 15.5-10 No reference for these sections
- 15.11a World Population Prospects 2019 https://population.un.org/wpp/Publications/Files/WPP2019_DataBooklet.pdf#5.11b
- 15.11b UN statistics surface area <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic/products/dyb/dyb2006/Table03.pdf>
- 15.11c CLGF knowledge hub www.clgf.org.uk/resource-centre/knowledge-hub
- 15.11d UNDP profile <http://hdr.undp.org/en/countries/profiles/GRD>



KEY FACTS

POPULATION (2020 est.):
111,454

AREA (UN 2006):
344 sq km

CAPITAL:
St George's

CURRENCY:
East Caribbean dollar (XCD)

HEAD OF STATE:
HM Queen Elizabeth II

GOVERNOR-GENERAL:
Dr Cecile La Grenade

HEAD OF GOVERNMENT:
Prime Minister Keith Mitchell

FORM OF GOVERNMENT:
constitutional monarchy

PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM:
bicameral parliamentary democracy

STATE STRUCTURE:
unitary

LANGUAGES:
English (official)

NATIONAL ELECTIONS:
last: February 2018, turnout: 73.7%; next: 2023

WOMEN IN PARLIAMENT (2018):
representatives: 46.7%, senators 30.8%

LOCAL ELECTIONS:
no elected local government

WOMEN COUNCILLORS:
no elected local government

LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE as a percentage of total government expenditure 2019:
na

Table 15.1a Distribution of constituencies

Parish	No. of constituencies	Population (2011 Census)	Population (2020 est.)	% rural (2010)
Carriacou and Petite Martinique	1	5,354	na	na
St Andrew	4	25,722	na	na
St David	1	12,561	na	na
St George	5	36,823	na	na
St John	1	7,802	na	na
St Mark	1	4,086	na	na
St Patrick	2	10,980	na	na
TOTAL	15	103,328	111,454	60.7



Annex 15a Summary of service provision in different spheres of government in Grenada

Services	Delivering authority		Remarks
	Central government	Local government	
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION			
Police	■		There is currently no local government in Grenada
Fire protection	■		
Civil protection	■		
Criminal justice	■		
Civil status register	■		
Statistical office	■		
Electoral register	■		
EDUCATION			
Pre-school (kindergarten and nursery)			
Primary	■		
Secondary	■		
Vocational and technical	■		
Higher education	■		
Adult education	■		
SOCIAL WELFARE			
Family welfare services	■		
Welfare homes	■		
Social security	■		
PUBLIC HEALTH			
Primary care	■		
Hospitals	■		
Health protection	■		
HOUSING AND TOWN PLANNING			
Housing	■		
Town planning	■		
Regional planning	■		
TRANSPORT			
Roads	■		
Transport	■		
Urban roads	■		
Urban rail			
Ports	■		
Airports	■		
ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SANITATION			
Water and sanitation	■		
Refuse collection and disposal	■		
Cemeteries and crematoria	■		
Slaughterhouses	■		
Environmental protection	■		
Consumer protection	■		
CULTURE, LEISURE AND SPORTS			
Theatres and concerts	■		
Museums and libraries	■		
Parks and open spaces	■		
Sports and leisure facilities	■		
Religious facilities			
UTILITIES			
Gas services	■		
District heating			
Water supply	■		
Electricity	■		
ECONOMIC			
Agriculture, forests and fisheries	■		
Local economic development/promotion	■		
Trade and industry	■		
Tourism	■		

■ sole responsibility service ■ joint responsibility service ■ discretionary service