



Development Planning Unit

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## The People

### Population and Demographics

The 1980 Population census of the BVI recorded the population of the country as 10,985 of which 51.1% were males. Data from the 1991 population census shows that the population grew by 5,123 to 16,108. Such growth represented a natural increase (birth minus deaths) of 1,969 and a net migration inflow of 3,154 persons. The large inflow of immigrants consisting of mainly workers accompanied in some cases by their dependents during the 1980-1991 period, was a consequence of an increase in the demand for labour which the local labour force could not supply due to inadequate numbers and the lack of the range of skills demanded. This accelerated increase in the demand of labour primarily stemmed from a sharp increase in economic activity in the tourism, construction and financial services sectors from 1986.

During the last decade, the population increased some 61% with more than 80% of this increase being classified as migration. In fact, population changes attributable to migration moved from net

and sex structure of the population is distinctly different from that of many countries in the Caribbean sub-region in that a rapid depletion of persons after the age of 20 because of the

transformation of the country from agricultural production to a service economy mainly oriented around tourism and financial services.

### POPULATION CENSUS 1991 and 1994 – 1995

	1991	1994	1995
British Virgin Islands	16.1	17.9	18.3
Tortola	13.2	14.7	15
Virgin Gorda	2.4	2.7	2.8
Anegada	0.2	0.2	0.2
Jost Van Dyke	0.1	0.2	0.2

<b>Other Islands</b>		<b>0.2</b>	
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### ETHNIC GROUPS, 1991

	<b>1991</b>
<b>Black</b>	<b>83.4</b>
<b>Indian</b>	<b>3.4</b>
<b>Chinese</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Portugese</b>	<b>0.1</b>
<b>Middle-East</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>White</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Mixed</b>	<b>5.4</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>0.5</b>

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### VITAL STATISTICS - BIRTHS, DEATHS & MARRIAGES, 1992-1995

	<b>1992</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1995</b>
<b>Births</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>322</b>
<b>Birth Rate</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16.5</b>
<b>Deaths</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>112</b>
<b>Death Rate</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5.7</b>
<b>Natural Rate</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>10.6</b>
<b>Marriages</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>360</b>
<b>Divorces</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>31</b>

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		1992		1994	
Primary	2,443	2,534	2,625	2,730	2,821
Secondary	1,134	1,162	1,195	1,337	1,429
College	481	765	788	850	893

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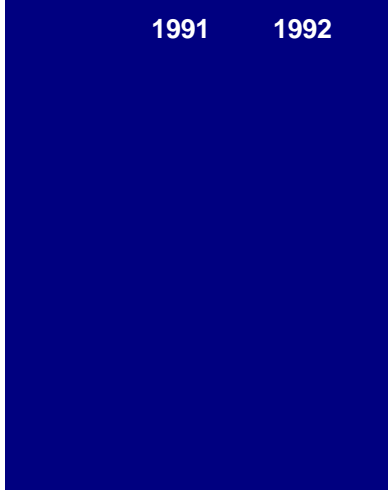
JUSTICE 1991 - 1992

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Against Person  
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Males  
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<b>Drug</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>97</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>205</b>