

**Table 1 Population, average annual growth rate and life expectancy in Commonwealth countries**

| Country                     | Population<br>(1991)* | Pop<br>av. annual<br>growth rate<br>(1991-2000)*<br>% | Life<br>expectancy<br>at birth<br>(1990/MRE+)* |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---|--|
| Antigua & Barbuda           | 80,000                | 0.7   | 72.0   |
| Australia                   | 17,300,000            | 1.4   | 76.5   |
| Bahamas                     | 259,000               | 1.4   | 71.5   |
| Bangladesh                  | 110,600,000           | 2.4   | 51.8   |
| Barbados                    | 258,000               | 0.4   | 75.1   |
| Belize                      | 193,000               | 1.8   | 69.5   |
| Botswana                    | 1,289,000             | 2.9   | 59.8   |
| Britain                     | 57,600,000            | 0.2   | 75.7   |
| Brunei Darussalam           | 264,000               | 2.1   | 73.5   |
| Canada                      | 27,300,000            | 1.3   | 77.0   |
| Cyprus                      | 708,000               | 0.8   | 76.2   |
| Dominica                    | 72,000                | -0.2  | 76.0   |
| The Gambia                  | 901,000               | 2.5   | 44.0   |
| Ghana                       | 15,300,000            | 2.9   | 55.0   |
| Grenada                     | 91,000                | 0.4   | 71.5   |
| Guyana                      | 802,000               | 1.1   | 64.2   |
| India                       | 866,500,000           | 1.8   | 59.1   |
| Jamaica                     | 2,400,000             | 1.0   | 73.1   |
| Kenya                       | 25,000,000            | 3.3   | 59.7   |
| Kiribati                    | 71,000                | n.a   | 56.0+  |
| Lesotho                     | 1,816,000             | 2.5   | 57.3   |
| Malawi                      | 8,800,000             | 2.6   | 48.1   |
| Malaysia                    | 18,200,000            | 2.1   | 70.1   |
| Maldives                    | 221,000               | 2.9   | 62.5   |
| Malta                       | 356,000               | 0.7   | 73.4   |
| Mauritius                   | 1,083,000             | 1.0   | 69.6   |
| Namibia                     | 1,834,000             | 3.1   | 57.5   |
| Nauru                       | 10,000                | n.a   | 68.0+  |
| New Zealand                 | 3,400,000             | 0.9   | 75.2   |
| Nigeria                     | 99,000,000            | 3.1   | 51.5   |
| Pakistan                    | 115,800,000           | 2.7   | 57.7   |
| Papua New Guinea            | 4,013,000             | 2.3   | 54.9   |
| St Kitts & Nevis            | 39,000                | -0.3  | 67.5   |
| St Lucia                    | 152,000               | 1.3   | 70.5   |
| St Vincent & the Grenadines | 108,000               | 0.9   | 70.0   |
| Seychelles                  | 69,000                | 0.9   | 70.0   |
| Sierra Leone                | 4,200,000             | 2.6   | 42.0   |
| Singapore                   | 2,800,000             | 0.9   | 74.0   |
| Solomon Islands             | 326,000               | 3.3   | 69.5   |
| Sri Lanka                   | 17,200,000            | 1.2   | 70.9   |
| Swaziland                   | 825,000               | 2.7   | 56.8   |

| <i>Country</i>    | <i>Population<br/>(1991)*</i> | <i>Pop<br/>av.annual<br/>growth rate<br/>(1991-2000)*<br/>%</i> | <i>Life<br/>expectancy<br/>at birth<br/>(1990/MRE+)*</i> |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|---|--|
| Tanzania          | 25,200,000                    | 3.2   | 54.0   |
| Tonga             | 100,000                       | n.a.  | 67.0+  |
| Trinidad & Tobago | 1,249,000                     | 1.0   | 71.6   |
| Tuvalu            | 9,000                         | n.a.  | 68.0+  |
| Uganda            | 16,900,000                    | 2.8   | 52.0   |
| Vanuatu           | 156,000                       | 2.5   | 69.5   |
| Western Samoa     | 168,000                       | 0.3   | 66.0   |
| Zambia            | 8,300,000                     | 2.7   | 54.4   |
| Zimbabwe          | 10,100,000                    | 2.8   | 59.6 *   |

*Sources:*

**Population totals:** World Bank, World Development Report 1993 (p. 238, Table 1 Basic Indicators) and Commonwealth Secretariat, Basic Statistical Data on Selected Countries – with populations of less than five million (p.6, Table 1, Size Indicators and Other Characteristics) 1993

**Projected annual average population growth rates 1991-2000:** UNDP, Human Development Report 1993 (pp. 180 and 207, Tables 23 and 45 Demographic Profile) 1993

**Life expectancy at birth: (+ MRE Most Recent Estimate)** UNDP, Human Development Report 1993 (pp. 138 and 190, Tables 2 and 28 Profiles of Human Development), 1993 and Commonwealth Secretariat, Basic Statistical Data on Selected Countries – with populations of less than five million (p. 64, Table 29, Selected Demographic Indicators) 1993

**Table 2 Adult literacy and mean years of schooling in Commonwealth countries**

| Country                        | Adult literacy<br>(1990) % | Mean years of schooling<br>(1990: persons over 25) |      |      |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--|------|------|
|                                |                            | T  | M    | F    |
| Antigua & Barbuda              | 96.0                       | 4.6  | 5.1  | 4.1  |
| Australia                      | 99.0                       | 11.5   | 11.6 | 11.4 |
| Bahamas                        | 99.0                       | 6.2  | 6.4  | 6.0  |
| Bangladesh                     | 35.3                       | 2.0  | 3.1  | 0.9  |
| Barbados                       | 99.0                       | 8.9  | 9.2  | 8.6  |
| Belize                         | 95.0                       | 4.6  | 4.8  | 4.4  |
| Botswana                       | 73.6                       | 2.4  | 2.5  | 2.4  |
| Britain                        | 99.0                       | 11.5   | 11.4 | 11.6 |
| Brunei Darussalam              | 86.0                       | 5.0  | 5.5  | 4.5  |
| Canada                         | 99.0                       | 12.1   | 12.3 | 11.9 |
| Cyprus                         | 87.0                       | 7.0  | 7.6  | 6.5  |
| Dominica                       | 97.0                       | 4.7  | 4.9  | 4.5  |
| The Gambia                     | 27.2                       | 0.6  | 0.9  | 0.2  |
| Ghana                          | 60.3                       | 3.5  | 4.8  | 2.2  |
| Grenada                        | 96.0                       | 4.7  | 4.9  | 4.5  |
| Guyana                         | 96.4                       | 5.1  | 5.4  | 4.9  |
| India                          | 48.2                       | 2.4  | 3.5  | 1.2  |
| Jamaica                        | 98.4                       | 5.3  | 5.3  | 5.2  |
| Kenya                          | 69.0                       | 2.3  | 3.2  | 1.3  |
| Kiribati                       | 90.1+                      | n.a.   | n.a. | n.a. |
| Lesotho                        | 78.0                       | 3.4  | 2.7  | 4.0  |
| Malawi                         | 47.0                       | 1.7  | 2.4  | 1.1  |
| Malaysia                       | 78.4                       | 5.3  | 5.6  | 5.0  |
| Maldives                       | 95.0                       | 4.5  | 5.1  | 3.9  |
| Malta                          | 87.0                       | 6.1  | 6.4  | 5.9  |
| Mauritius                      | 86.0                       | 4.1  | 4.8  | 3.3  |
| Namibia                        | 40.0                       | 1.7  | 1.7  | 1.7  |
| Nauru                          | 99.0+                      | n.a.   | n.a. | n.a. |
| New Zealand                    | 99.0                       | 10.4   | 10.2 | 10.6 |
| Nigeria                        | 50.7                       | 1.2  | 1.8  | 0.5  |
| Pakistan                       | 34.8                       | 1.9  | 3.0  | 0.7  |
| Papua New Guinea               | 52.0                       | 0.9  | 1.2  | 0.6  |
| St Kitts & Nevis               | 92.0                       | 4.6  | 4.7  | 4.5  |
| St Lucia                       | 93.0                       | 3.9  | 4.0  | 3.8  |
| St Vincent &<br>the Grenadines | 84.0                       | 4.6  | 4.7  | 4.5  |
| Seychelles                     | 89.0                       | 4.6  | 4.8  | 4.4  |
| Sierra Leone                   | 20.7                       | 0.9  | 1.4  | 0.4  |
| Singapore                      | 88.0                       | 3.9  | 4.7  | 3.1  |
| Solomon Islands                | 24.0                       | 1.0  | 1.2  | 0.8  |
| Sri Lanka                      | 88.4                       | 6.9  | 7.7  | 6.1  |
| Swaziland                      | 72.0                       | 3.7  | 4.0  | 3.3  |

| Country           | Adult literacy<br>(1990) % | Mean years of schooling<br>(1990: persons over 25) |      |      |
|-------------------|----------------------------|--|------|------|
|                   |                            | T  | M    | F    |
| Tanzania          | 65.0                       | 2.0  | 2.8  | 1.3  |
| Tonga             | 99.0+                      | n.a.   | n.a. | n.a. |
| Trinidad & Tobago | 96.0                       | 8.0  | 8.0  | 8.1  |
| Tuvalu            | 95.0+                      | n.a.   | n.a. | n.a. |
| Uganda            | 48.3                       | 1.1  | 1.6  | 0.6  |
| Vanuatu           | 67.0                       | 3.7  | 4.3  | 3.1  |
| Western Samoa     | 92.0                       | 5.7  | 6.4  | 5.0  |
| Zambia            | 72.8                       | 2.7  | 3.7  | 1.7  |
| Zimbabwe          | 66.9                       | 2.9  | 4.2  | 1.7  |

\*Sources:

**Adult Literacy:** UNDP, Human Development Report 1993 (pp. 135-137, Table 1, Human Development Index) 1993

**Means Years of Schooling for Persons Over 25 (1990):** UNDP, Human Development Report 1993 (pp. 144-145 and 194, Tables 5 and 32, Human Capital Formation) 1993

**Table 3 GNP per capita, UNDP Human Development Index and Rank in Commonwealth countries**

| <i>Country</i>              | <i>GNP per capita<br/>(1990) US\$*</i> | <i>UNDP Human<br/>Development<br/>Index*</i> | <i>UNDP<br/>Development<br/>Index<br/>Rank</i> |
|-----------------------------|--|--|--|
| Antigua & Barbuda           | 4,290                                  | 0.785  | 60   |
| Australia                   | 16,560                                 | 0.972  | 7  |
| Bahamas                     | 11,550                                 | 0.875  | 32   |
| Bangladesh                  | 210                                    | 0.189  | 147  |
| Barbados                    | 6,460                                  | 0.928  | 20   |
| Belize                      | 1,960                                  | 0.689  | 82   |
| Botswana                    | 2,230                                  | 0.552  | 104  |
| Britain                     | 16,080                                 | 0.964  | 10   |
| Brunei Darussalam           | 14,120++                               | 0.847  | 44   |
| Canada                      | 20,380                                 | 0.982  | 2  |
| Cyprus                      | 8,230                                  | 0.890  | 27   |
| Dominica                    | 2,220                                  | 0.819  | 51   |
| The Gambia                  | 340                                    | 0.086  | 167  |
| Ghana                       | 390                                    | 0.311  | 131  |
| Grenada                     | 2,130                                  | 0.787  | 59   |
| Guyana                      | 380                                    | 0.541  | 105  |
| India                       | 360                                    | 0.309  | 134  |
| Jamaica                     | 1,500                                  | 0.736  | 69   |
| Kenya                       | 370                                    | 0.369  | 127  |
| Kiribati                    | 750                                    | n.a.   | n.a.   |
| Lesotho                     | 540                                    | 0.431  | 120  |
| Malawi                      | 200                                    | 0.168  | 153  |
| Malaysia                    | 2,330                                  | 0.790  | 57   |
| Maldives                    | 450                                    | 0.497  | 112  |
| Malta                       | 6,690                                  | 0.855  | 39   |
| Mauritius                   | 2,310                                  | 0.794  | 56   |
| Namibia                     | 1,080                                  | 0.289  | 135  |
| Nauru                       | n.a.                                   | n.a.   | n.a.   |
| New Zealand                 | 12,570                                 | 0.947  | 17   |
| Nigeria                     | 290                                    | 0.246  | 142  |
| Pakistan                    | 400                                    | 0.311  | 132  |
| Papua New Guinea            | 850                                    | 0.318  | 129  |
| St Kitts & Nevis            | 3,540                                  | 0.697  | 79   |
| St Lucia                    | 2,350                                  | 0.720  | 72   |
| St Vincent & the Grenadines | 1,170                                  | 0.709  | 76   |
| Seychelles                  | 4,820                                  | 0.761  | 63   |
| Sierra Leone                | 250                                    | 0.065  | 172  |
| Singapore                   | 11,200                                 | 0.849  | 43   |
| Solomon Islands             | 590                                    | 0.439  | 118  |
| Sri Lanka                   | 470                                    | 0.663  | 86   |
| Swaziland                   | 1,030                                  | 0.458  | 117  |
| Tanzania                    | 110                                    | 0.270  | 138  |

| <i>Country</i>    | <i>GNP per capita<br/>(1990) US\$*</i> | <i>UNDP Human<br/>Development<br/>Index*</i> | <i>UNDP<br/>Development<br/>Index<br/>Rank</i> |
|-------------------|--|--|--|
| Tonga             | 1,100                                  | n.a.   | n.a.   |
| Trinidad & Tobago | 3,670                                  | 0.877  | 31   |
| Tuvalu            | n.a.                                   |  |  |
| Uganda            | 180                                    | 0.194  | 146  |
| Vanuatu           | 1,100                                  | 0.533  | 106  |
| Western Samoa     | 920                                    | 0.586  | 98   |
| Zambia            | 420                                    | 0.314  | 130  |
| Zimbabwe          | 650                                    | 0.398  | 121  |

*\*Sources:*

**GNP per capita 1990 US\$:** UNDP, Human Development Report 1993 (pp. 138-139 and p.190, Tables 2 and 28 Profile of Human Development) and Commonwealth Secretariat, Basic Statistical Data on Selected Countries – with populations of less than five million (pp. 8-9, Table 2, Economic Development Indicators) 1993

**UNDP Human Development Index and UNDP Human Development Index Rank:** UNDP, Human Development Report 1993 (pp. 135-137 Table 1 Human Development Index) 1993

**Technical note:** The Human Development Index includes life expectancy at birth; adult literacy and mean years of schooling, adjusted to provide a measure of educational achievement; and income expressed in the form of an adjusted GDP per capita.

**Table 4 Females as percentage of males in secondary school enrolment and percentage of parliamentary seats occupied by women in Commonwealth countries**

| <i>Country</i>              | <i>Females as % males in secondary enrolment (1988-90)*</i> | <i>% of parliamentary seats occupied by women (1991)*</i> |
|-----------------------------|---|---|
| Antigua & Barbuda           | n.a.  | n.a.  |
| Australia                   | 71+   | 7   |
| Bahamas                     | n.a.  | 4   |
| Bangladesh                  | 50  | 10  |
| Barbados                    | 92  | 4   |
| Belize                      | n.a.  | n.a.  |
| Botswana                    | n.a.  | 5   |
| Britain                     | 106+  | 6   |
| Brunei Darussalam           | n.a.  | n.a.  |
| Canada                      | 102+  | 13  |
| Cyprus                      | 102   | 5   |
| Dominica                    | n.a.  | 17  |
| The Gambia                  | 45  | 8   |
| Ghana                       | 65  | n.a.  |
| Grenada                     | n.a.  | n.a.  |
| Guyana                      | 105   | 37  |
| India                       | 61  | 7   |
| Jamaica                     | 111   | 5   |
| Kenya                       | 70  | 1   |
| Kiribati                    | n.a.  | n.a.  |
| Lesotho                     | n.a.  | n.a.  |
| Malawi                      | 50  | 10  |
| Malaysia                    | 105   | 5   |
| Maldives                    | n.a.  | 4   |
| Malta                       | n.a.  | 3   |
| Mauritius                   | 100   | 7   |
| Namibia                     | n.a.  | 7   |
| Nauru                       | n.a.  | n.a.  |
| New Zealand                 | 106+  | 17  |
| Nigeria                     | 77  | n.a.  |
| Pakistan                    | 45  | 1   |
| Papua New Guinea            | 63  | n.a.  |
| St Kitts & Nevis            | n.a.  | 7   |
| St Lucia                    | n.a.  | n.a.  |
| St Vincent & the Grenadines | n.a.  | n.a.  |
| Seychelles                  | 100   | 16  |
| Sierra Leone                | 57  | n.a.  |
| Singapore                   | 104   | 5   |
| Solomon Islands             | n.a.  | n.a.  |
| Sri Lanka                   | 107   | 5   |
| Swaziland                   | 96  | n.a.  |

| Country           | Females as %<br>males in secondary<br>enrolment (1988-90)* | % of parliamentary<br>seats occupied by<br>women (1991)* |
|-------------------|--|--|
| Tanzania          | 80   | 11   |
| Tonga             | n.a.   | n.a.   |
| Trinidad & Tobago | 104  | 17   |
| Tuvalu            | n.a.   | n.a.   |
| Uganda            | 44   | 12   |
| Vanuatu           | n.a.   | 4  |
| Western Samoa     | n.a.   | n.a.   |
| Zambia            | 56   | 5  |
| Zimbabwe          | 85   | 12   |

*\* Sources*

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