

**TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO** 

# **CHAGUANAS**

**NDPBA MUNICIPALITIES PROFILE** 



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#### **CAPITAL: CHAGUANAS**

Area: 59 km<sup>2</sup>

The Borough of Chaguanas is the one of the smaller municipalities/regional corporations in the country. Chaguanas is bordered by the San Juan-Laventille and Tunapuna-Piarco Regional Corporations to the north, the Municipality of Couva-Tabaquite-Talparo to the south and east, and a small portion of coastline to the west. Geographic features include proximity to the Caroni Swamp, river systems, low-lying arable land, and coastline. Conversion of large expanses of agricultural land for urban residential and commercial development purposes are predominant land uses. Primary economic drivers are retail activity and some light industrial manufacturing.



#### RISK AND VULNERABILITY

#### **COMPONENT SCORE**



#### **MULTI-HAZARD RISK (MHR) - High**

Score: 0.516 • Rank: 5/15



**RESILIENCE (R) - Moderate** 

Score: 0.512 • Rank: 10/15



**MULTI-HAZARD EXPOSURE (MHE) - High** 

Score: 0.571 • Rank: 5/15



**VULNERABILITY (V) - Moderate** 

Score: 0.425 • Rank: 9/15



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**COPING CAPACITY (CC) - Low** 

Score: 0.449 • Rank: 11/15

\*For more information on data and components please visit: https://bit.ly/2LqVoUO



Population (2011 Census)

83.516



**Population in Poverty** 

8.9%



Population with less than a secondary education

24.5%



Access to improved water

98.8% households



Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)

99





# **MULTI-HAZARD EXPOSURE (MHE)**

**RANK: 5 / 15 MUNICIPALITIES** 

**SCORE: 0.571** 



MHE 0.571

Raw MHE 0.405

Relative MHE 0.738

#### **ESTIMATED POPULATION AND CAPITAL EXPOSED TO EACH HAZARD:**



**Earthquake** 

100.0%

**4** 91,010

\$3.7 Billion



Flood

99.0%

**4** 90,115

\$3.7 Billion



Landslide

3.9%

**3,544** 

\$294.9 Million



**Coastal Flood** 

15.0%

**13,614** 

\$353.4 Million



**Tropical Cyclone Winds** 

100.0%

**4** 91,010

\$3.7 Billion



Wildfire

72.6%

**å** 66,070

\$3.1 Billion



## **VULNERABILITY (V)**

**RANK: 9 / 15 MUNICIPALITIES ASSESSED** 

**SCORE: 0.425** 

Vulnerability in Chaguanas is primarily driven by Population Pressures and Gender Inequality. The bar charts indicate the socioeconomic themes contributing to the overall Vulnerability score.



#### **Environmental Stress**

0.3% 28% 17.0%

**0.3%**Households affected by deforestation

Households affected by drainage issues 17.0% Households affected by flooding 2.89%
Households
affected by
sewage issues

**SCORE: 0.478** 

**0.8%**Households affected by soil erosion

1.8%
Households
affected by solid
waste issues

**RANK: 9/15 MUNICIPALITIES ASSESSED** 

2.0%
Households
affected by
wastewater issues

**2.4%**Households affected by water contamination



#### **Vulnerable Health Status**

1 SCORE: 0.472 RANK: 4/15 MUNICIPALITIES ASSESSED

20.6%
Persons with chronic illness

99.4 Infant mortality rate (per 1k live births) **3.9%**Persons with long-standing disability

0.0%

Population in collective living quarters

SCORE: 0.058

**0.84**Chikungunya cases per 10k

**0.60**Dengue cases per 10k

**RANK: 13/15 MUNICIPALITIES ASSESSED** 

**5.51**Zika cases per

0.48 Leptospirosis cases per 10k



#### **Clean Water Vulnerability**

0

98.8% 3.6%

Households with access to improved water

Households with inadequate toilet facilities



#### **Information Access Vulnerability**

0

24.5%
Population with less than secondary education

**53.2%**Households with no Internet

9.4% Households with

19.0% Households with radio

**Economic Constraints** 



**36.9** Age

ratio

dependency

40.1% Households with no vehicle **8.7%**Population with unmet housing need

**8.9%**Poverty rate

1 SCORE: 0.074

RANK: 14/15 MUNICIPALITIES ASSESSED

SCORE: 0.315 RANK: 12/15 MUNICIPALITIES ASSESSED

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#### **Gender Inequality**

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SCORE: 0.689 RANK: 2/15 MUNICIPALITIES ASSESSED

0.66

Female to male labor participants

**0.93**Female to male secondary education attainment

#### **Population Pressures**

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SCORE: 0.890 RANK: 2/15 MUNICIPALITIES ASSESSED

**2.0%**Average annual population change

Net migration rate

54.2



## **COPING CAPACITY (CC)**

**RANK: 11 / 15 MUNICIPALITIES ASSESSED** 

**SCORE: 0.449** 

**RANK: 6/15 MUNICIPALITIES ASSESSED** 

Chaguanas exhibits weaker Coping Capacity in the areas of Communications Capacity and Economic Capacity. The bar charts indicate the socioeconomic themes contributing to the overall Coping Capacity score.



#### **Economic Capacity**

46.2% \$5.453

SCORE: 0.405 RANK: 9/15 MUNICIPALITIES ASSESSED

**46.2%**Labor force participation rate

Annual household income per capita

participation

1.3

Financial institutions per 10k persons

**SCORE: 0.666** 



#### Governance

reported per 10k

persons

117.1 42.8%
Serious crimes Voter

2.0%

Households with unment need for refuse collection



#### **Environmental Capacity**

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SCORE: 0.017 RANK: 11/15 MUNICIPALITIES ASSESSED

**0.8%**Protected areas (sq km)



#### Infrastructure Capacity

SCORE: 0.419 RANK: 9/15 MUNICIPALITIES ASSESSED



Health Care Capacity SCORE: 0.239 RANK: 11/15 MUNICIPALITIES ASSESSED

0.2

**13.3** Average distance

Health care facilities Average distant (per 10k persons) to hospital (km)

Population with private health

18.3%



Transportation Capacity SCORE: 0.629 RANK: 5/15 MUNICIPALITIES ASSESSED

10.9

9.7

Road density (km per sq. km)

Average distance to nearest port (km)



Communications Capacity SCORE: 0.300 RANK: 13/15 MUNICIPALITIES ASSESSED

87.0%

5.4

Population using mobile phones

Mobile and wireless infrastructure (per 10k persons)



Emergency Services Capacity SCORE: 0.510 RANK: 8/15 MUNICIPALITIES ASSESSED

3.0

2.0

1.2

Average distance to fire station (km)

Average distance to police station (km)

Emergency shelters (per 10k persons)



# **RESILIENCE (R)**

**RANK: 10 / 15 MUNICIPALITIES ASSESSED** 

**SCORE: 0.512** 

Chaguanas's score and ranking are due to Moderate Vulnerability combined with Low Coping Capacity scores.

#### Below are the four thematic areas with the weakest relative scores:









Population Pressures

**Gender Inequality** 

Communications Capacity

**Economic Capacity** 



# **HAZARD-SPECIFIC RISK (HSR)**

Earthquake	RANK: 8 / 15 MUNICIPALITIES ASSESSED SCORE: 0.319
Coastal Flood	RANK: 10 / 15 MUNICIPALITIES ASSESSED SCORE: 0.197
Flood	RANK: 4 / 15 MUNICIPALITIES ASSESSED SCORE: 0.334
Landslide	RANK: 14 / 15 MUNICIPALITIES ASSESSED SCORE: 0.008
Wildfire	RANK: 1 / 15 MUNICIPALITIES ASSESSED SCORE: 0.430
Tropical Cyclone Winds	RANK: 8 / 15 MUNICIPALITIES ASSESSED SCORE: 0.319



# **MULTI-HAZARD RISK (MHR)**

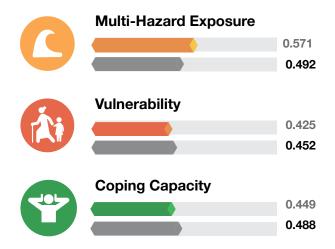


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RANK WITHIN MUNICIPALITIES
Score: 0.516

Chaguanas's score and ranking are due to High Multi-hazard Exposure combined with Moderate Vulnerability and Low Coping Capacity scores.



Multi-hazard risk component scores compared to overall average country scores:



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### CHAGUANAS RECOMMENDATIONS

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#### **Population Pressures**

Chaguanas ranks 2nd overall for Population Pressures, with the 2nd highest Average Annual Population Growth (2%) and 3rd highest Net Migration Rate (54.2 per 1,000). Rapid population growth and urbanization in Chaguanas has led to a number of issues related to rapid and unplanned development. Pollution, traffic congestion, illegal land and building development practices, inadequate social facilities, poor drainage infrastructure and waste management practices, and damage to fragile ecosystems are among the issues cited in the Chaguanas Regional Corporation Local Area Economic Profile.

Strengthen short- and long-term development planning through multi-stakeholder engagement. Increase oversight in planning processes to anticipate the needs of the growing population and encourage equitable distribution of services and infrastructure – including housing, transportation, health care, and communications.

Strengthen enforcement of engineering standards and building codes and provide incentives for the implementation of risk reduction initiatives as new infrastructure and housing developments ensue to minimize future damages and losses resulting from the impacts of natural hazards.

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#### **Gender Inequality**

Findings show that Chaguanas ranks 2nd for overall Gender Inequality, driven by the 3rd highest gender disparity related to Secondary School Enrollment, and the 7th highest disparity with regards to Labor Ratio.

Partner with government ministries and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to expand implementation of programs and support centers such as the Unemployment Relief Programme (URP) and the Women's Entrepreneurship Resource Centre (WERC) to increase opportunities for employment and self-employment for women and girls.

Chaguanas has a high adolescent birth rate (52 per 1,000 women age 15-19) according to the Chaguanas Local Area Economic Profile. Promote workforce opportunities for women that include quality, affordable childcare to increase participation in the labor force and reduce economic dependency.

## **CHAGUANAS RECOMMENDATIONS**



#### **Communications Capacity**

Chaguanas has the 3rd lowest Communications Capacity score, driven by the 3rd lowest density of Mobile and Wireless Infrastructure in the country.

Invest in and plan for expansion of communications infrastructure to of the growing population.

Strengthen local government initiatives to increase the use of information accommodate the information needs communication technologies that allow residents to access online services and information.



#### **Economic Capacity**

Chaguanas has the 7th lowest overall Economic Capacity in the country, driven by the 4th lowest Household Income per Capita (\$5,453). Once largely agriculture-based, the local economy is now based primarily on retail activity and light industrial manufacturing. Areas of economic expansion and diversification include non-sugar related agriculture, agroprocessing, the food and beverage market, construction, transport, cultural and creative industries, and tourism.

Implement programs geared toward building vocational, entrepreneurial, and technical skills of residents and small business owners to support transition into higher wage jobs as employment opportunities in Chaguanas grow.

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