



**TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO**

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**NDPBA MUNICIPALITIES PROFILE**

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## CAPITAL: SCARBOROUGH

Area: 300 km<sup>2</sup>

The Island of Tobago is the seventh largest of the municipalities/ regional corporations in the country and home to nearly 76,000 people (according to the 2011 Census). Tobago is located 30km northeast of the island of Trinidad. Geographic features include mountainous to flat terrain, forest reserves, beaches and coral reefs. Land use is predominantly rural in the north eastern part of the island, with more commercial and industrial uses in southwest Tobago. Primary economic drivers are tourism and fishing.



## RISK AND VULNERABILITY COMPONENT SCORE



**MULTI-HAZARD RISK (MHR) - Very Low**  
Score: 0.299 • Rank: 15/15



**RESILIENCE (R) - Very High**  
Score: 0.589 • Rank: 1/15



**MULTI-HAZARD EXPOSURE (MHE) - Very Low**  
Score: 0.073 • Rank: 15/15



**VULNERABILITY (V) - Low**  
Score: 0.375 • Rank: 12/15



**COPING CAPACITY (CC) - Very High**  
Score: 0.553 • Rank: 3/15



Population (2011 Census)  
**60,874**



Population in Poverty  
**19.0%**



Population with less than a secondary education  
**31.9%**



Access to improved water  
**97.7% households**



Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)  
**54**

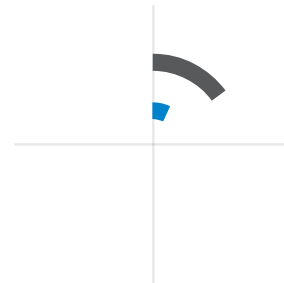
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## MULTI-HAZARD EXPOSURE (MHE)

RANK: 15 / 15 MUNICIPALITIES

SCORE: 0.073



MHE  
0.073

Raw MHE  
0.147

Relative MHE  
0

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



Earthquake

**100.0%**

64,116

\$2.5 Billion



Flood

**5.4%**

3,479

\$85.1 Million



Landslide

**36.6%**

23,469

\$1.4 Billion



Coastal Flood

**17.5%**

11,235

\$210.6 Million



Tropical Cyclone Winds

**100.0%**

64,116

\$2.5 Billion



Wildfire

**5.6%**

3,580

\$51.3 Million



## VULNERABILITY (V)

**RANK: 12 / 15 MUNICIPALITIES ASSESSED**  
**SCORE: 0.375**

Vulnerability in Tobago is primarily driven by Economic Constraints and Information Access Vulnerability. The bar charts indicate the socioeconomic themes contributing to the overall Vulnerability score.



### Environmental Stress

0 1 **SCORE: 0.371** **RANK: 11/15 MUNICIPALITIES ASSESSED**

<b>0.5%</b> Households affected by deforestation	<b>15%</b> Households affected by drainage issues	<b>7.1%</b> Households affected by flooding	<b>1.58%</b> Households affected by sewage issues	<b>6.3%</b> Households affected by soil erosion	<b>1.8%</b> Households affected by solid waste issues	<b>2.4%</b> Households affected by wastewater issues	<b>1.7%</b> Households affected by water contamination
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### Vulnerable Health Status

0 1 **SCORE: 0.202** **RANK: 15/15 MUNICIPALITIES ASSESSED**

<b>18.2%</b> Persons with chronic illness	<b>54.3</b> Infant mortality rate (per 1k live births)	<b>3.1%</b> Persons with long-standing disability	<b>0.1%</b> Population in collective living quarters	<b>-</b> Chikungunya cases per 10k	<b>-</b> Dengue cases per 10k	<b>-</b> Zika cases per 10k	<b>-</b> Leptospirosis cases per 10k
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### Clean Water Vulnerability

0 1 **SCORE: 0.307** **RANK: 10/15 MUNICIPALITIES ASSESSED**

<b>97.7%</b> Households with access to improved water	<b>11.4%</b> Households with inadequate toilet facilities
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### Information Access Vulnerability

0 1 **SCORE: 0.530** **RANK: 6/15 MUNICIPALITIES ASSESSED**

<b>31.9%</b> Population with less than secondary education	<b>61.4%</b> Households with no Internet	<b>11.8%</b> Households with no TV	<b>18.4%</b> Households with radio
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### Economic Constraints

0 1 **SCORE: 0.571** **RANK: 6/15 MUNICIPALITIES ASSESSED**

<b>45.9</b> Age dependency ratio	<b>54.3%</b> Households with no vehicle	<b>11.4%</b> Population with unmet housing need	<b>19.0%</b> Poverty rate
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### Gender Inequality

0  1 **SCORE: 0.187** **RANK: 13/15 MUNICIPALITIES ASSESSED**

**0.87**


Female to male labor participants

**1.05**

Female to male secondary education attainment



### Population Pressures

0  1 **SCORE: 0.460** **RANK: 6/15 MUNICIPALITIES ASSESSED**

**1.1%**

Average annual population change

**20.4**

Net migration rate



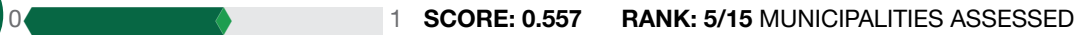
# COPING CAPACITY (CC)

**RANK: 3 / 15 MUNICIPALITIES ASSESSED**  
**SCORE: 0.553**

Tobago exhibits weaker Coping Capacity in the areas of Governance and Transportation Capacity. The bar charts indicate the socioeconomic themes contributing to the overall Coping Capacity score.



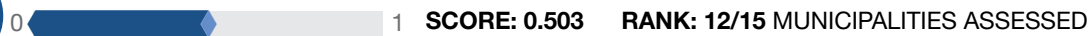
## Economic Capacity



<b>51.5%</b> Labor force participation rate	<b>\$4,468</b> Annual household income per capita (USD)	<b>2.7</b> Financial institutions per 10k persons
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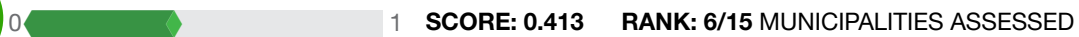
## Governance



<b>131.8</b> Serious crimes reported per 10k persons	<b>50.0%</b> Voter participation	<b>6.2%</b> Households with unmet need for refuse collection
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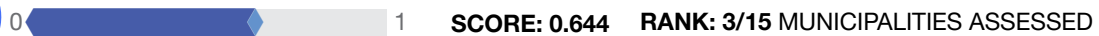
## Environmental Capacity



**20.0%**  
Protected areas (sq km)



## Infrastructure Capacity



## Health Care Capacity

**SCORE: 0.642**    **RANK: 2/15 MUNICIPALITIES ASSESSED**

<b>3.1</b> Health care facilities (per 10k persons)	<b>6.4</b> Average distance to hospital (km)	<b>13.3%</b> Population with private health insurance
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## Transportation Capacity

**SCORE: 0.510**    **RANK: 9/15 MUNICIPALITIES ASSESSED**

<b>2.7</b> Road density (km per sq. km)	<b>6.0</b> Average distance to nearest port (km)
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## Communications Capacity

**SCORE: 0.670**    **RANK: 3/15 MUNICIPALITIES ASSESSED**

<b>86.6%</b> Population using mobile phones	<b>19.3</b> Mobile and wireless infrastructure (per 10k persons)
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## Emergency Services Capacity

**SCORE: 0.754**    **RANK: 3/15 MUNICIPALITIES ASSESSED**

<b>4.1</b> Average distance to fire station (km)	<b>2.7</b> Average distance to police station (km)	<b>12.3</b> Emergency shelters (per 10k persons)
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## RESILIENCE (R)

**RANK: 1 / 15 MUNICIPALITIES ASSESSED**  
**SCORE: 0.589**

Tobago's score and ranking are due to Low Vulnerability combined with Very High Coping Capacity scores.

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



**Economic Constraints**



**Information Access Vulnerability**



**Governance**



**Transportation Capacity**



## HAZARD-SPECIFIC RISK (HSR)



**Earthquake**

**RANK: 13 / 15 MUNICIPALITIES ASSESSED**  
**SCORE: 0.243**



**Coastal Flood**

**RANK: 11 / 15 MUNICIPALITIES ASSESSED**  
**SCORE: 0.149**



**Flood**

**RANK: 15 / 15 MUNICIPALITIES ASSESSED**  
**SCORE: 0.000**



**Landslide**

**RANK: 9 / 15 MUNICIPALITIES ASSESSED**  
**SCORE: 0.146**



**Wildfire**

**RANK: 11 / 15 MUNICIPALITIES ASSESSED**  
**SCORE: 0.039**



**Tropical Cyclone Winds**

**RANK: 13 / 15 MUNICIPALITIES ASSESSED**  
**SCORE: 0.243**



## MULTI-HAZARD RISK (MHR)

**15 / 15**

RANK WITHIN MUNICIPALITIES  
Score: 0.299



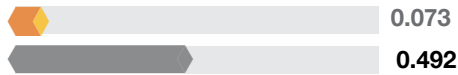
Tobago's score and ranking are due to Very Low Multi-hazard Exposure combined with Low Vulnerability and Very High Coping Capacity scores.



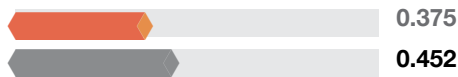
**Multi-hazard risk component scores compared to overall average country scores:**



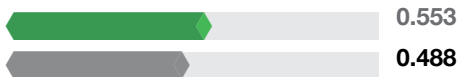
### Multi-Hazard Exposure



### Vulnerability



### Coping Capacity





# TOBAGO RECOMMENDATIONS

## 1

### Economic Constraints

Tobago has the 6th highest overall ranking for Economic Constraints, driven by the 3rd highest Age Dependency Ratio (46 per 100 working-age people). Tobago's high dependency ratio may limit household incomes to one wage-earner, preventing increases in economic mobility, and could present challenges for evacuation, particularly for those who are very young, have mobility challenges, or do not own a vehicle.

Expand programs that provide workforce opportunities for women that include quality, affordable childcare to boost participation in the labor force and reduce economic dependency.

Promote school to work programs that provide vocational and technical training and prepare students to enter the workforce.

## 2

### Information Access Vulnerability

Tobago ranks 6th for overall Information Access Vulnerability. Nearly a third of the population (32%) has less than a Secondary Education, and two-thirds (61%) of households do not have Internet Access. These factors can influence the abilities of the population to prepare for disasters, as well as receive, understand, and act upon hazard warning information. Design and implement intervention strategies to reduce dropout rates and promote and sustain engagement of students in secondary-level education.

Online access to hazard information for Tobago is extremely limited which reduces residents' ability to learn about the hazards that could affect them and the immediate response actions necessary to protect their health and safety. Improve online access to hazard and preparedness information, including up-to-date maps of hazard zones through the Tobago Emergency Management Agency website.

Implement community-based hazard awareness and preparedness campaigns using locally relevant, historical hazard information that is understandable to a wide range of audiences including the very young, elderly, and differently-abled. Boost public-private collaboration and coordination to ensure that hazard warning information is disseminated as broadly as possible through multiple communications channels.

## TOBAGO RECOMMENDATIONS

### 3

#### Governance

Tobago ranks 12th out of all municipalities/regional corporations for overall Governance. Despite having one of the highest Voter Participation Rates in the country, Tobago has the 4th highest Crime Rate and the 4th highest percentage of households with an Unmet Need for Refuse Collection. Improve the levels of municipal service that collect and responsibly dispose of solid waste. Expand and communicate options for disposal and/or recycling of old vehicles, non-working appliances and hazardous materials to minimize impacts on the environment and reduce random dumping.

Continue to implement the Ministry of National Security's (MNS) Citizen Security Programme (CSP) in high needs communities to strengthen institutional capacities of the MNS and local police, build public confidence and citizen support of measures to improve safety and security, and coordinate implementation of community-based crime prevention strategies. Boost policing resources and capacity to respond effectively to street gangs and organized crime groups.

Increase availability of financial assistance and social services to poor and marginalized populations to reduce dependence upon informal social control mechanisms offered by criminal groups.

### 4

#### Transportation Capacity

Tobago has the 4th lowest Road Density in relation to other municipalities/regional corporations in the country. Many of these are located along the coast and exposed to high surf, coastal erosion and flooding. As sea-levels rise, impacts on transportation networks in low-lying coastal areas will become greater.

Assess the feasibility of applying mitigation strategies to existing roadways to increase their capacity to withstand hazard impacts. Hardening and expansion of transportation networks will support timely disaster response and recovery operations, access to health care, and the transport of goods and services.

Implement risk reduction initiatives as part of all new transportation infrastructure installations to bolster long-term Transportation Capacity.

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