

Table II

POPULATION PROJECTIONS FOR DEPENDENT CARIBBEAN TERRITORIES\* 1955 - 1970

(in thousands)

	<u>British Territories</u>			<u>Puerto Rico</u>	<u>French Islands</u>		<u>Dutch Territories</u>	
	<u>Projections</u> <u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>		<u>Martinique &amp; Guadeloupe</u>	<u>Neth.Antilles</u>	<u>Surinam</u>	
1955	3,513	3,513	3,513	2,264	480	182	254	
1960	4,023	3,943	4,013	2,293	539	198	300	
1965	4,594	4,409	4,541	2,290	611	217	366	
1970	5,269	4,960	5,134	2,254	694	238	447	
Projected population increase or decrease, 1955-70	1,756	1,447	1,621	-10	214	56	193	
Percent increase, 1955-70	50.0	41.2	46.1	negligible	44.6	30.8	76.0	
Projected average annual rate of increase	3.3	2.7	3.1	negligible	3.0	2.1	5.1	

Source: Technical Conference on the Demographic Problems of the Area Served by the Caribbean Commission, Second Subject: Projections. Port of Spain, Trinidad: Caribbean Commission, July 1957.

\*Projections are not available for the Virgin Islands (U.S.) and French Guiana, but their combined 1955 population is less than 1 percent of the region's total.

## PROJECTION ASSUMPTIONS

British Territories: Projection I (high) - Assumes continued uniform decline in mortality, fertility constant at 1955 level, and no migration.

Projection II (low) - Assumes some mortality and fertility movements, supplemented by a steady emigration from the more densely settled islands to countries outside of the Caribbean on a scale derived from the Jamaican emigration experience of 1954.

Projection III (medium) - Assumes a transfer of population from the crowded islands to the settled mainland territories of the British Caribbean instead of abroad, as well as a smaller movement from Barbados to Trinidad; also assumes a modest decline in fertility (by 5 percent within each quinquennium) predicated on the gradual spread of fertility control among the population.

Puerto Rico: Mortality - Puerto Rican age-specific mortality in 1975 approximately same as United States in 1953.

Fertility - Puerto Rican age-specific fertility in 1975 approximately same as United States in 1953.

Migration - 50,000 annual migration to mainland distributed by age and sex according to total migration in 1953-55. The projection assumes that U. S. will continue to maintain a condition of near full employment under which Puerto Rican "marginal" labor will remain in demand.

French Islands: Mortality and fertility constant at 1952-53 level; no migration.

Dutch Territories: Netherlands Antilles - Mortality and fertility constant at "present level" (1956?); emigration of retired non-native oil industry workers at an accelerating rate. The projection assumes that the oil refineries will continue to be supplied with sufficient raw material to maintain current level of output until 1970.

Surinam - Continued decline in mortality at a rate of about 1 percent per annum for ages 5 to 59, and a higher rate for ages below 5; continued rise in fertility at a decreasing rate; no migration.