



The Future We Aim For - Conceptualizing a New Development Paradigm for the Caribbean: Policy Priorities

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Outline

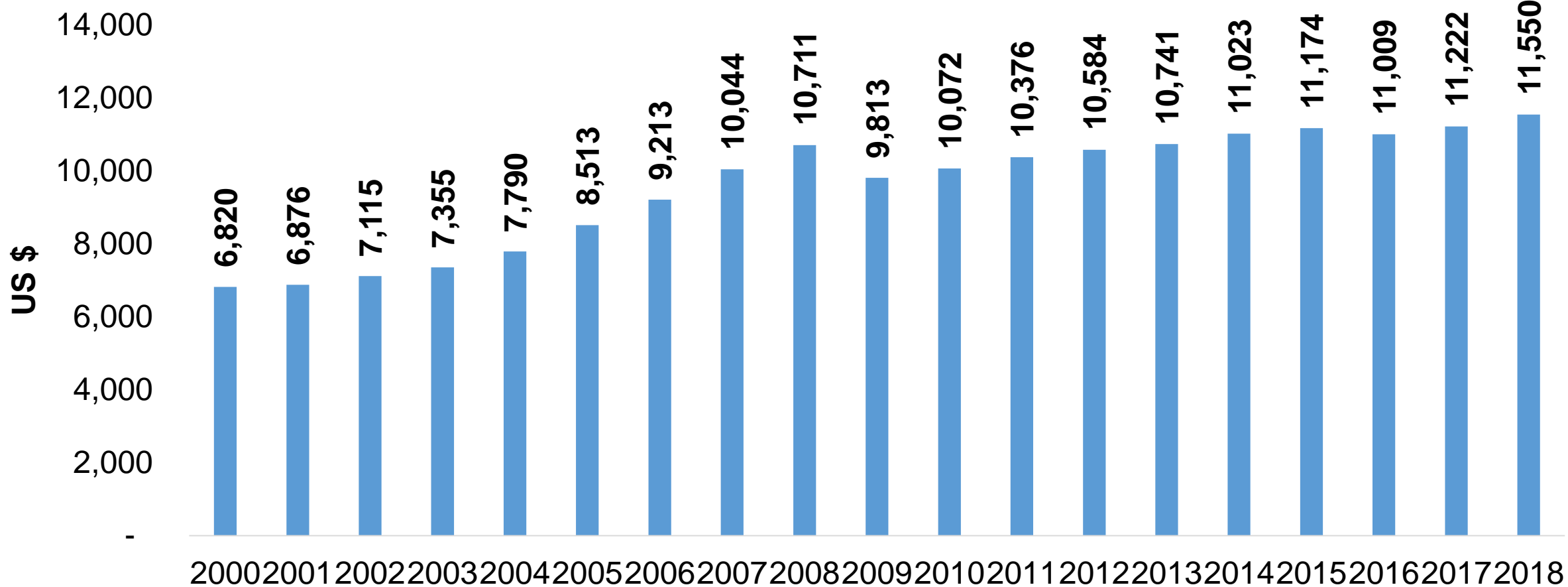
➤ **The Extant Development Context**

- ❖ Macroeconomic
- ❖ Social
- ❖ Governance
- ❖ Environmental

➤ **The Future We Aim For - Conceptualizing a New Development Paradigm: Policy Priorities**

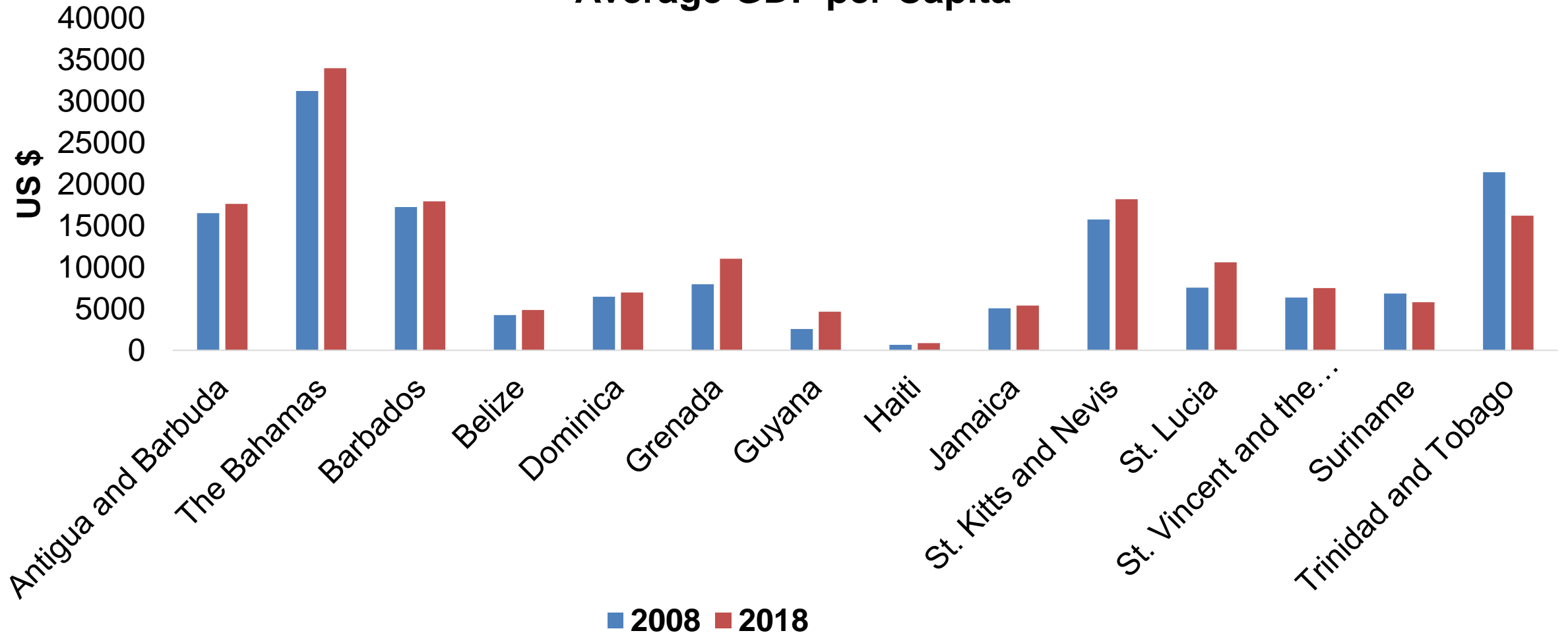
Average Incomes Levels have Increased in the Caribbean, but sluggishly

GDP per Capita- Caribbean



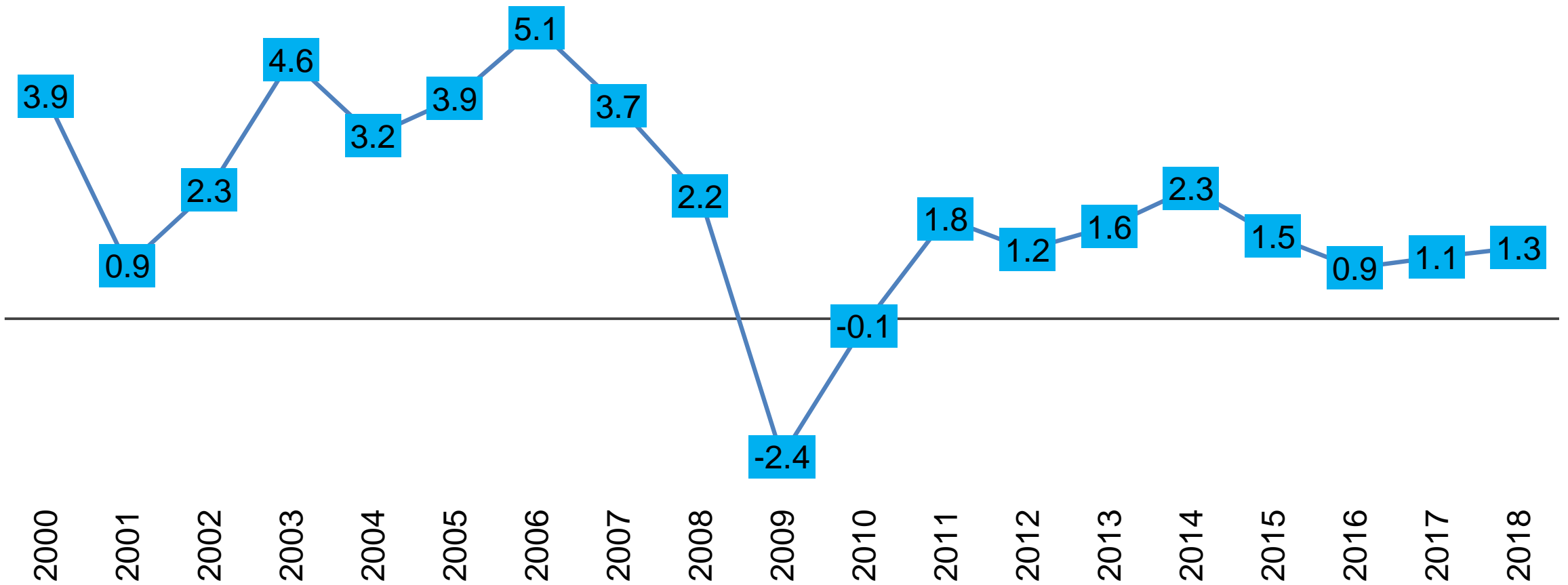
Average Income levels have Increased in Two-Thirds of the Countries

Average GDP per Capita

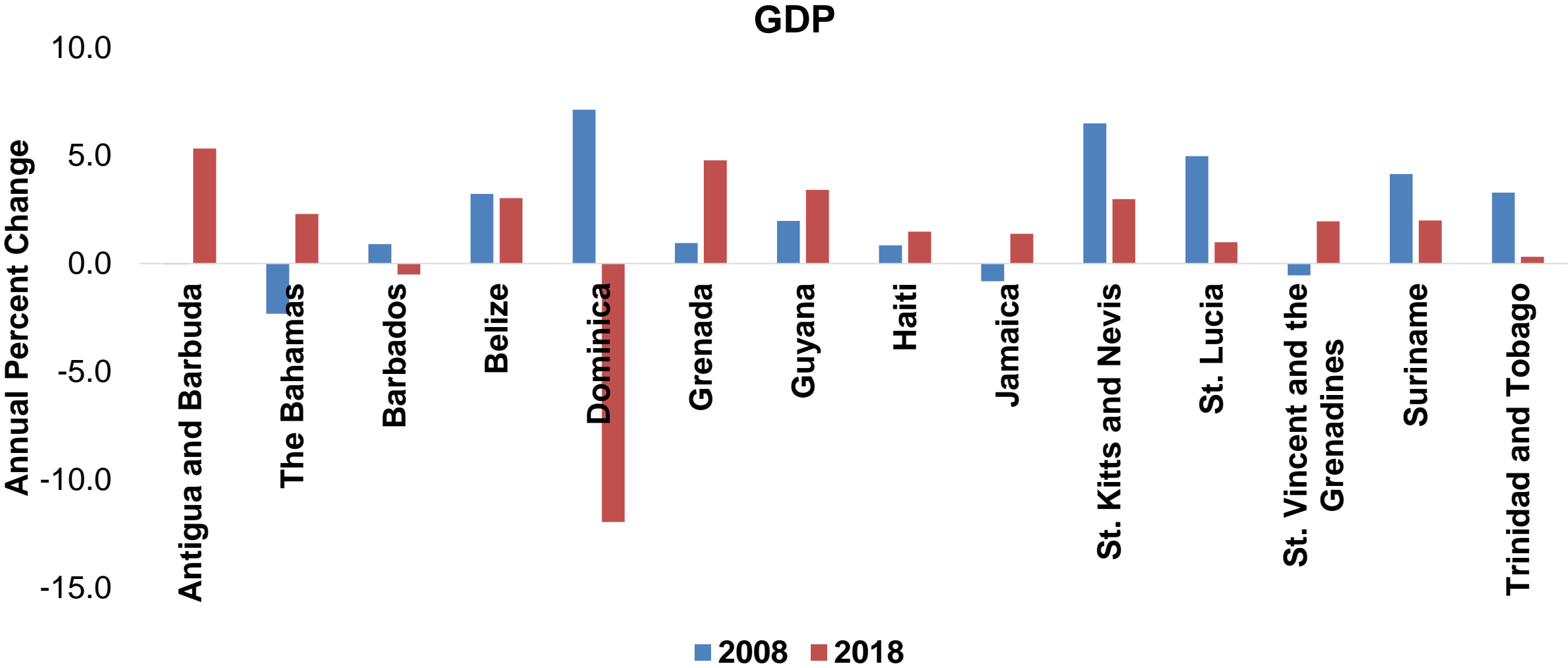


Average GDP Growth Has Been Tepid

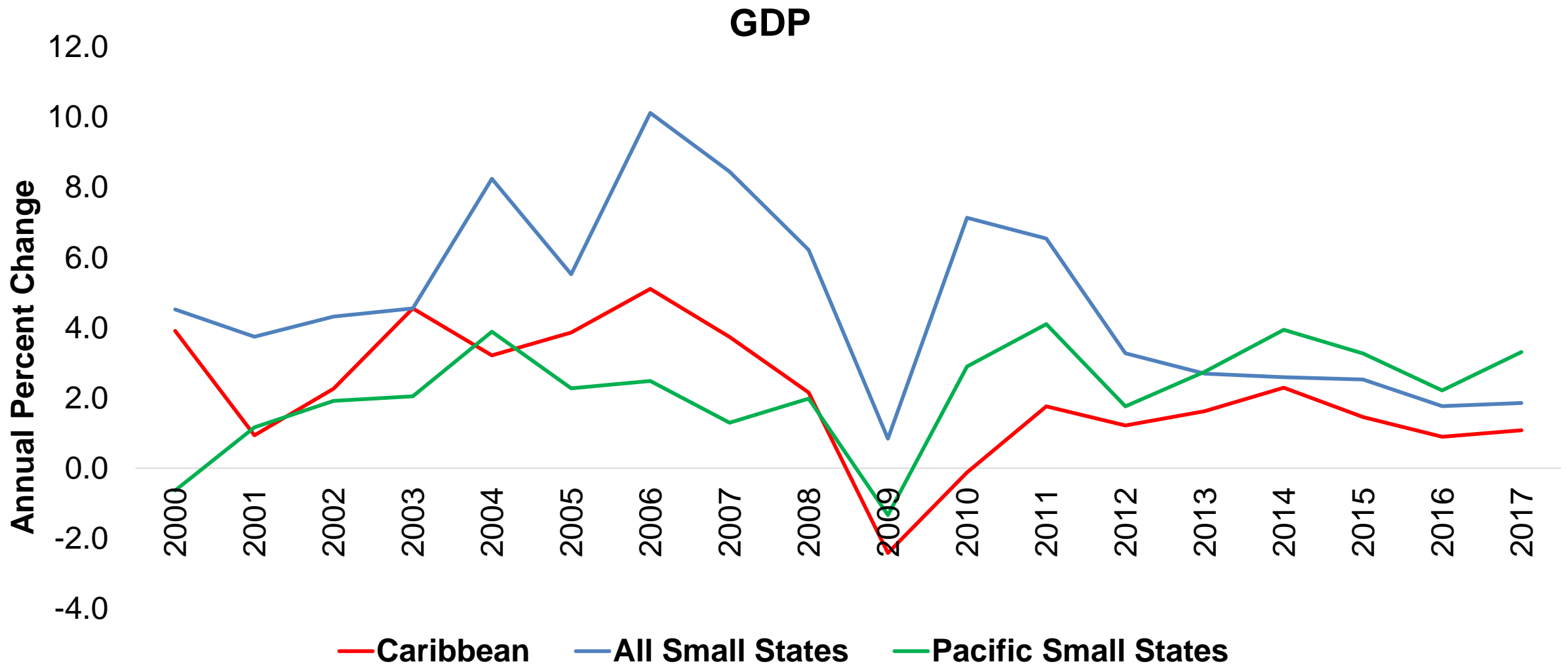
GDP (%) - Caribbean



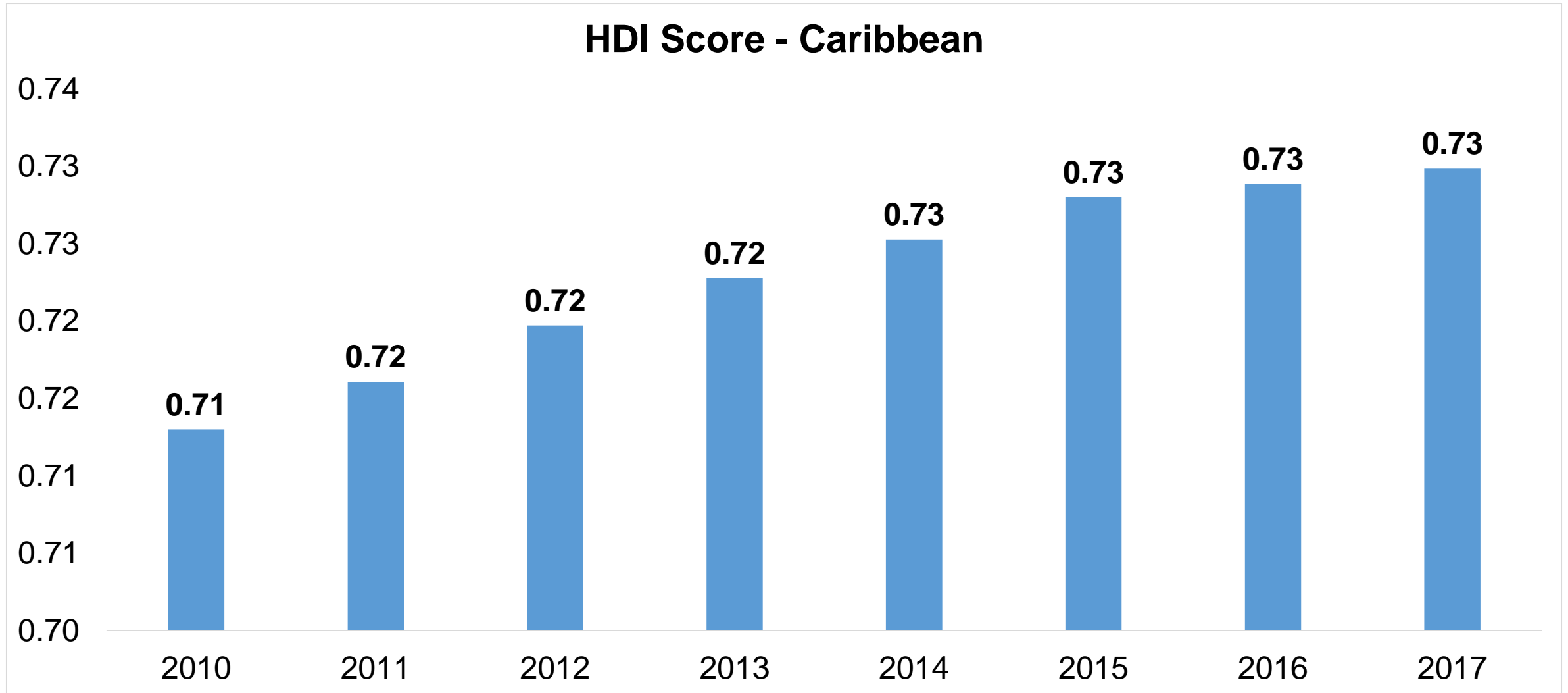
Varying Growth Performances Across Countries



Average GDP Growth in the Caribbean has been Lower than Other Small States

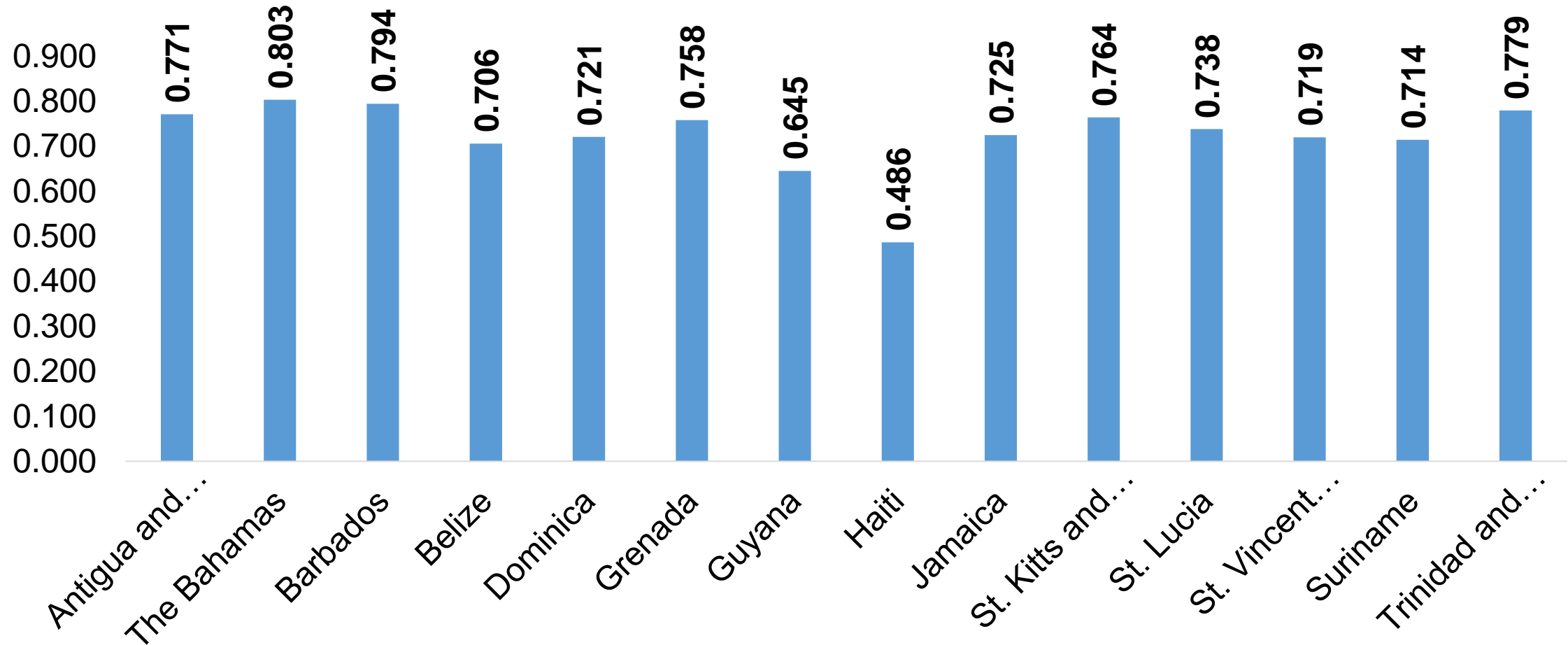


HDI Scores have Slowly Improved

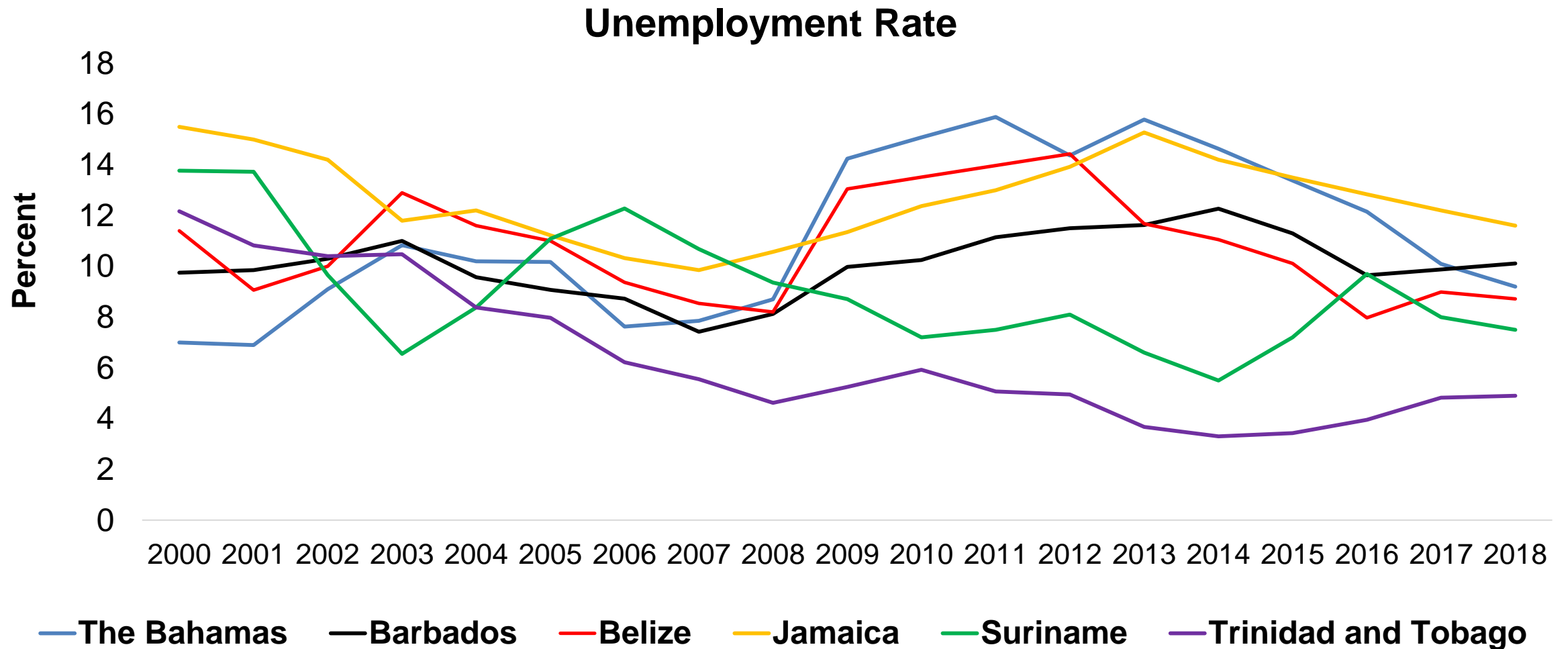


High HDI Scores Generally

Average HDI Score: 2010-2017

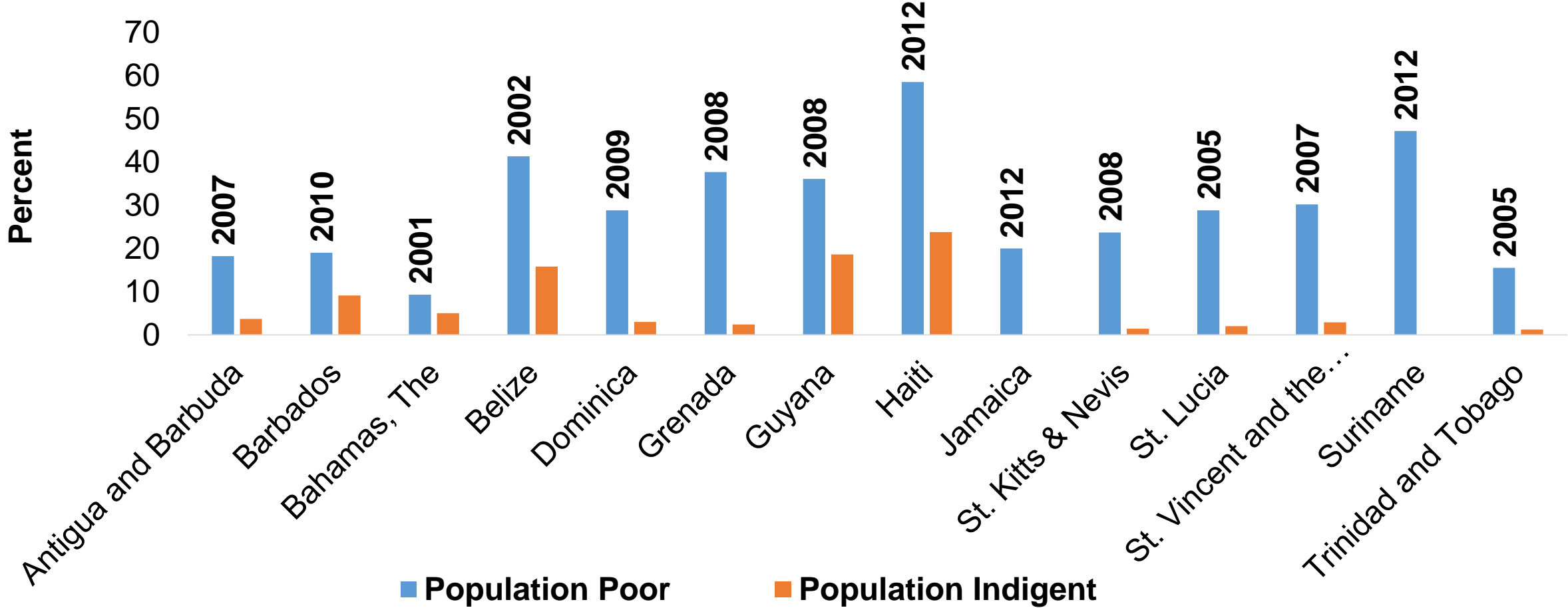


Unemployment has been Trending Down, but Remains in High Double Digits for most Countries



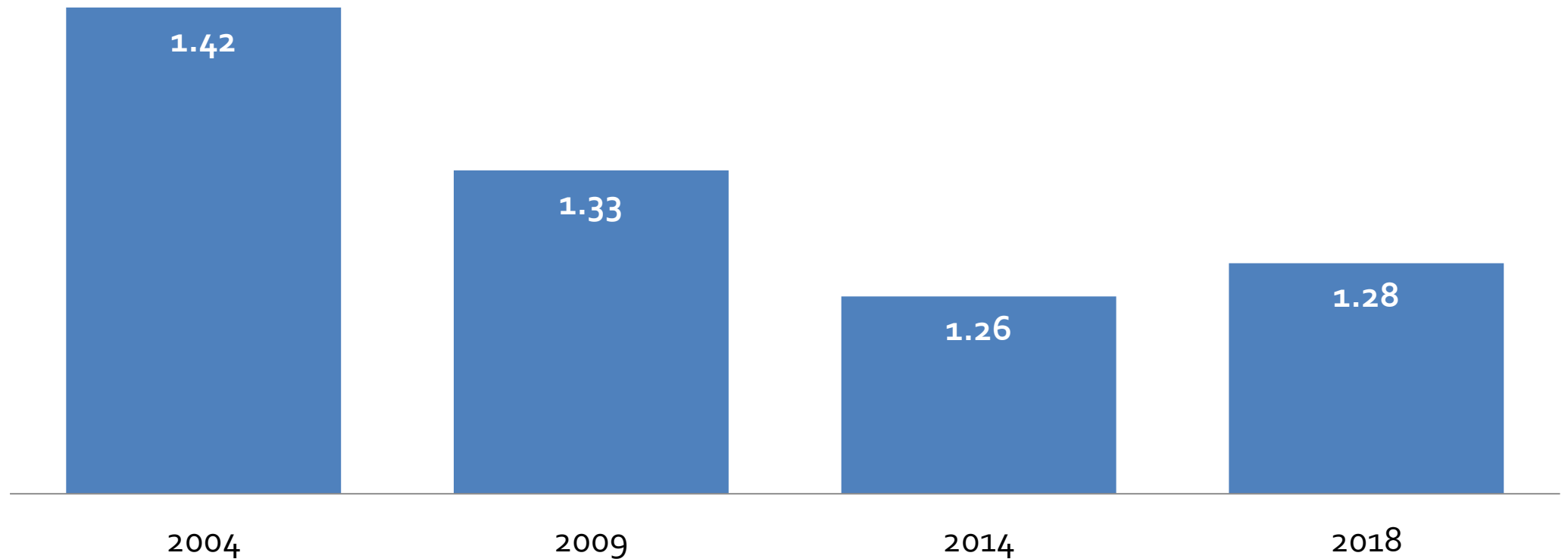
What is the State of Poverty?

Poverty & Indigence

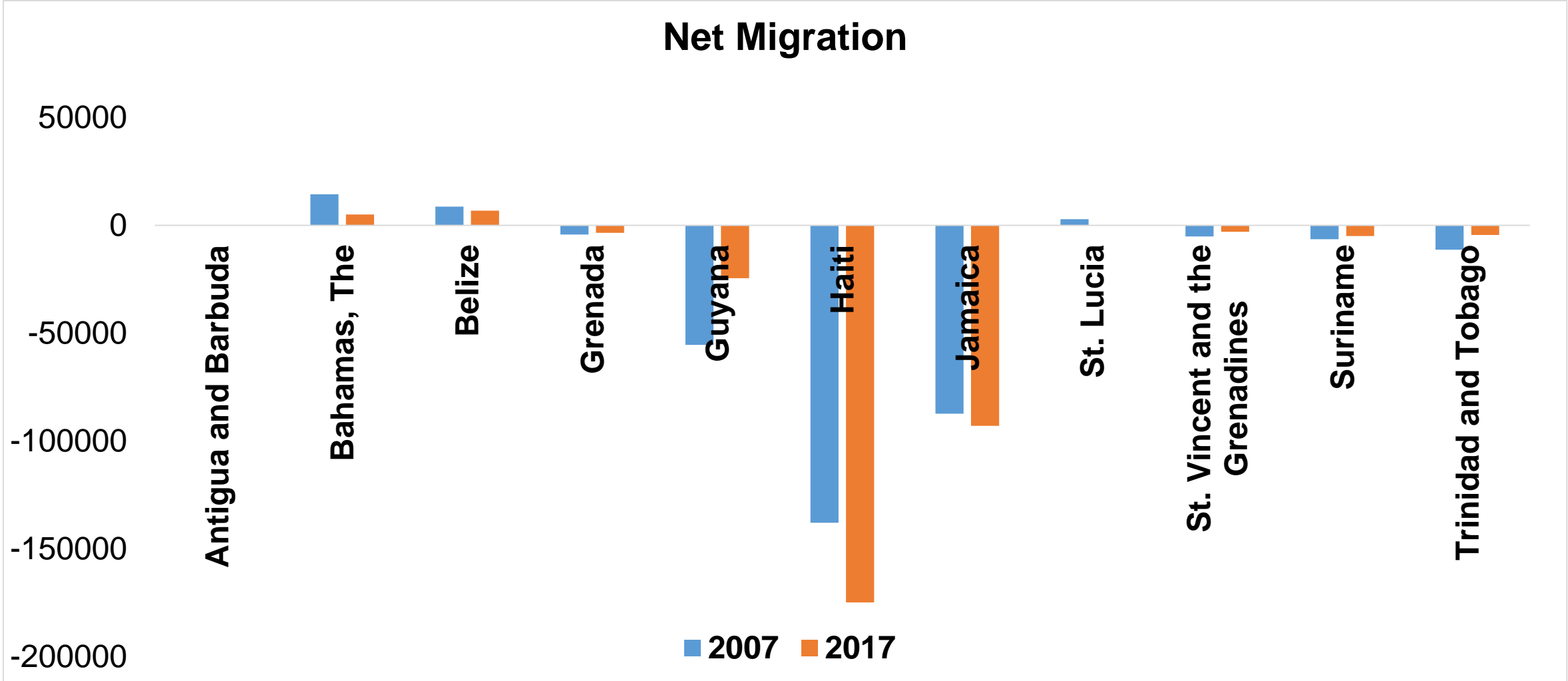


Inequality is a Concern

Inequality Ratio - Caribbean

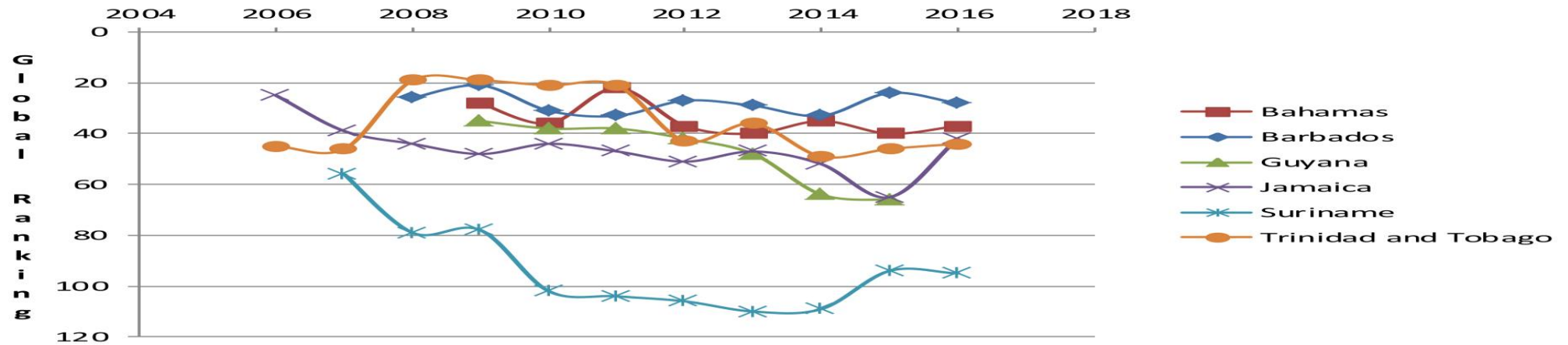


Caribbean Nationals Migrating have Slowed, Except for Haitians

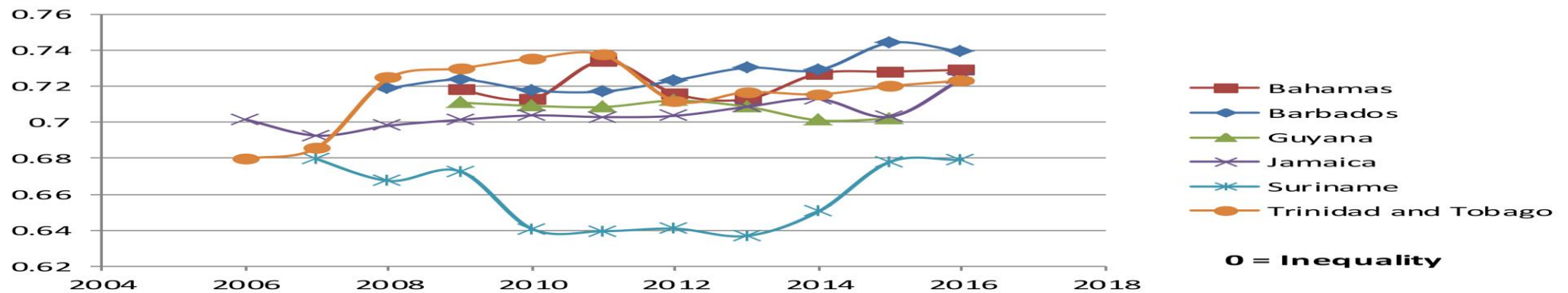


Gender Disparities Exist

Graph Showing WEF Global Gender Gap Rankings for Caribbean Countries from 2006-2016

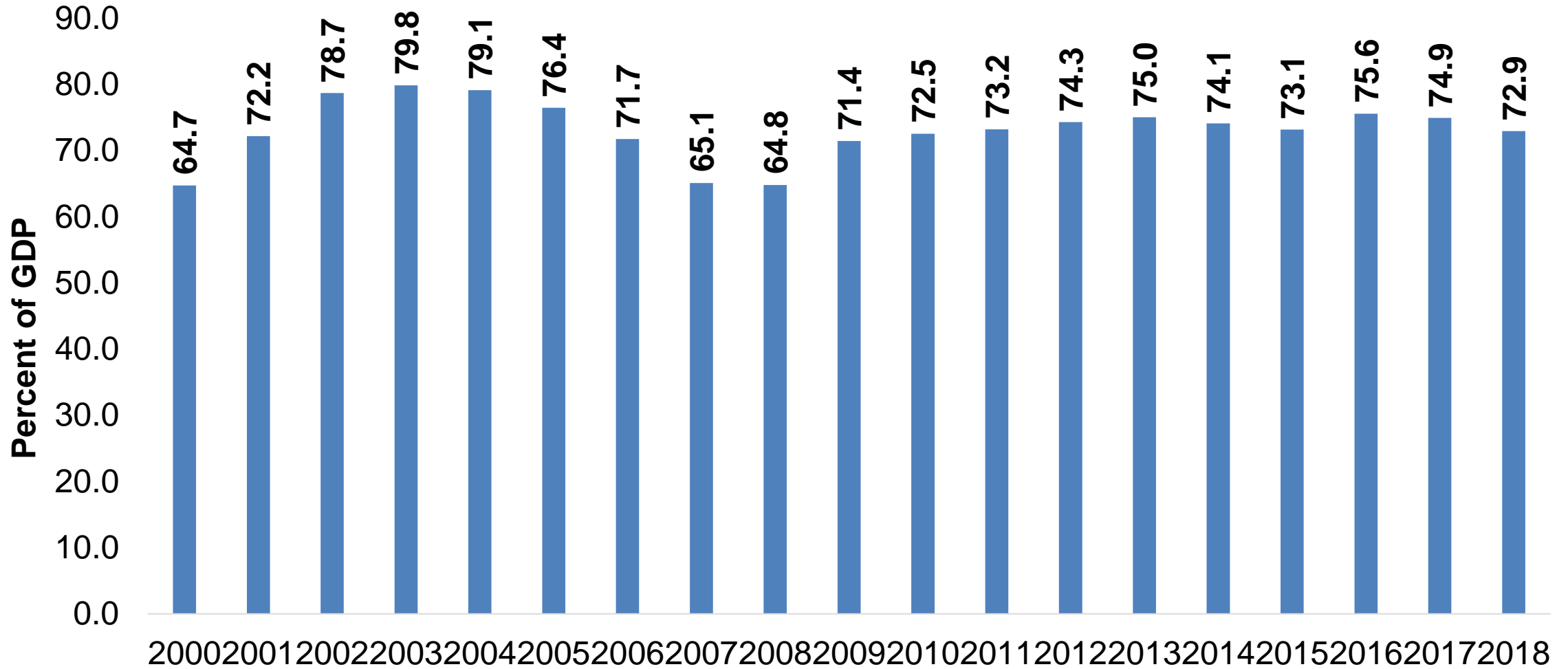


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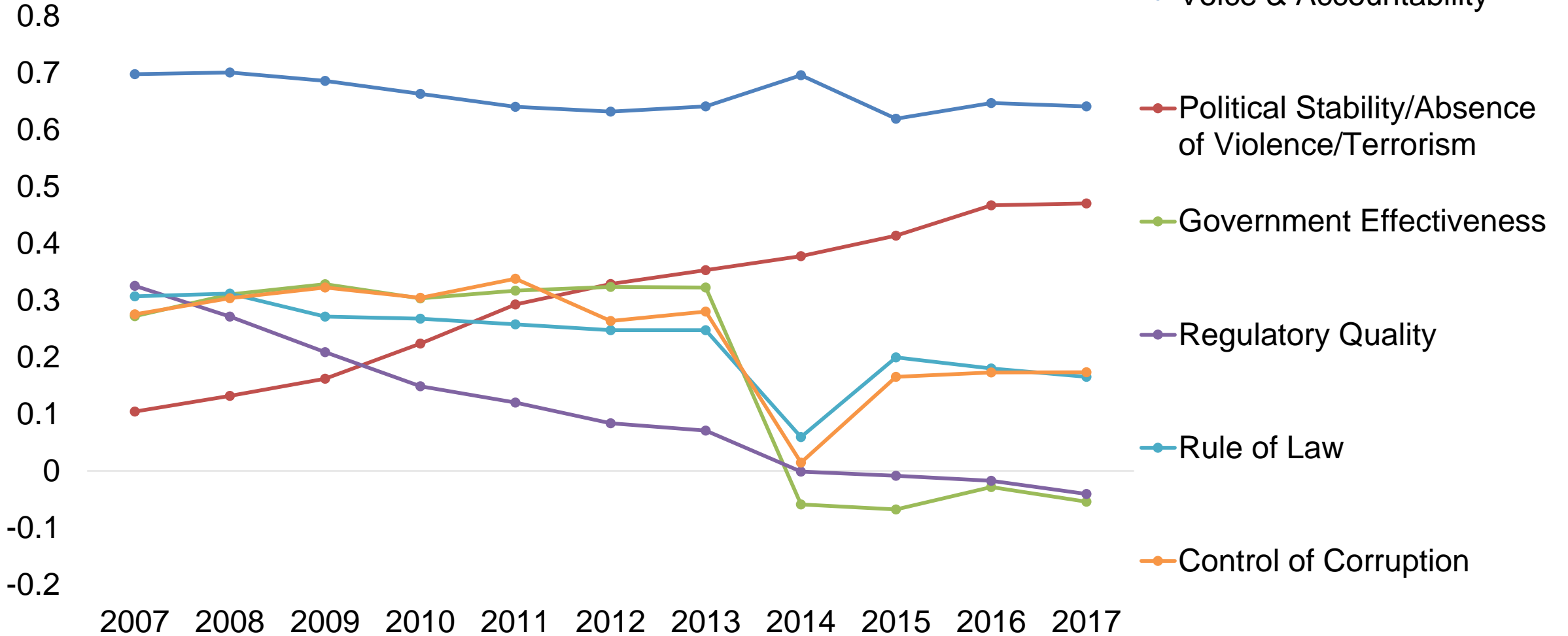
Fiscal Challenges

General Government Gross Debt



Some Governance Indicators are Worrisome

Governance Indicators: Caribbean Average

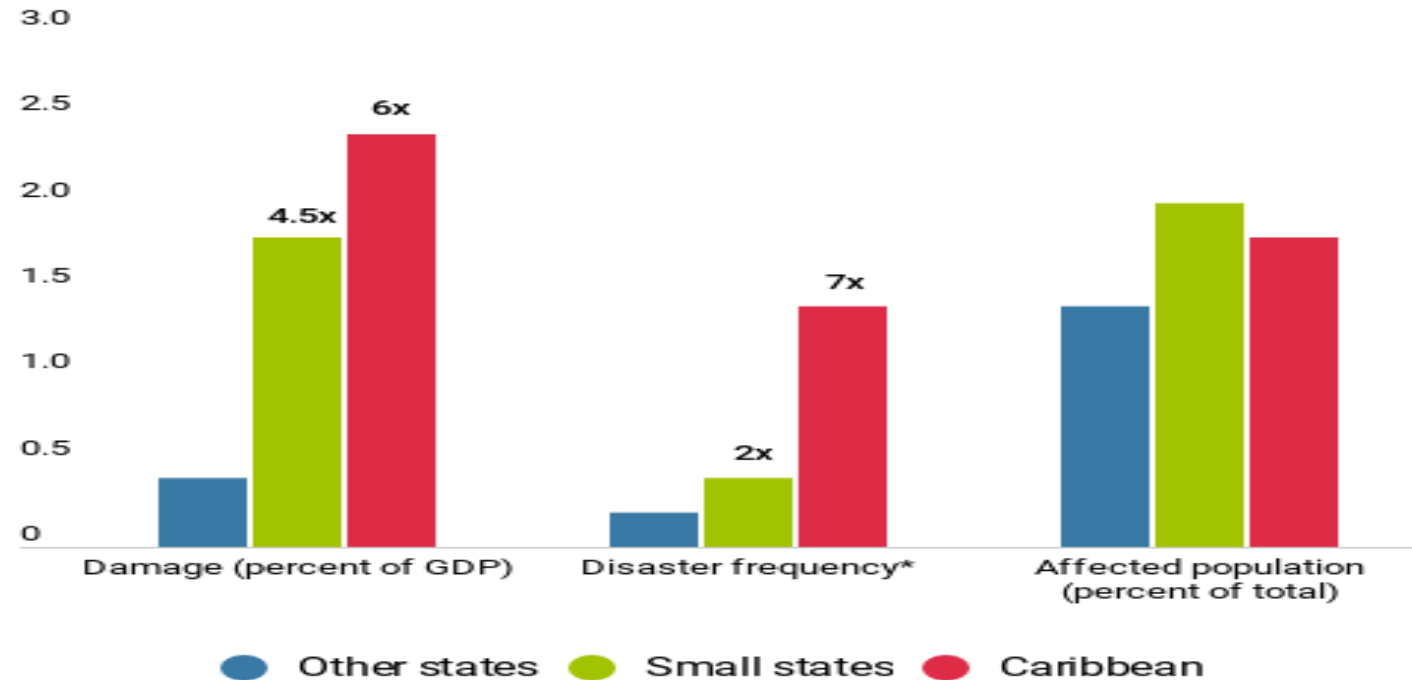


High Costs Associated with Natural Hazards

Highly vulnerable

Caribbean countries experience frequent natural disasters with high human and economic costs.

(frequency and effects of natural disasters, 1990-2014)



Source: IMF staff calculations.



The New Paradigm: Policy Priorities

➤ **Policies for Economic Diversification and Transformation**

- Blue Economy
- Green Economy
- Orange Economy
- Modern Agriculture

➤ **Digitization**

- Up-scaling in the use of digital technologies in public and private sectors

➤ **Fiscal Resilience**

- Fiscal Responsibility Frameworks & Fiscal Rules
- Climate-smart fiscal policies

➤ **Social Resilience and Inclusion**

- Social protection
- Gender equality
- Education revolution (skills for the future)

➤ **Governance and Institutions**

➤ **Comprehensive Climate Resilience & Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy**

Main Takeaways

Climate change and technological revolution necessitate a new development paradigm for the Caribbean

New development paradigm must be premised on resilience, inclusion, sustainability

Collective responsible for the Caribbean's development

