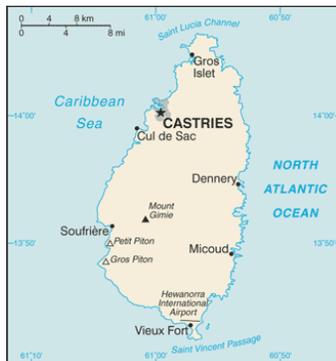




SAINT LUCIA



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

Queen ELIZABETH II
represented by Governor General Neville CENAC

Head of Government

Prime Minister Allen CHASTANET

Government Type

parliamentary democracy (Parliament) under a constitutional monarchy; a Commonwealth realm

Capital

Castries

Legislature

bicameral Parliament consists of the Senate (11 seats) and the House of Assembly (17 seats)

Judiciary

the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (ECSC), headquartered on St. Lucia, is the superior court of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Anton Edsel EDMUNDS

US Ambassador

the US does not have an embassy in Saint Lucia, US Ambassador to Barbados Linda S. TAGLIALATELA is accredited to Saint Lucia

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 616 sq km
Land: 606 sq km
Water: 10 sq km

Climate

tropical, moderated by northeast trade winds; dry season January to April, rainy season May to August

Natural Resources

forests, sandy beaches, minerals (pumice), mineral springs, geothermal potential

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

tourism is Saint Lucia's main source of jobs and income - accounting for 65% of GDP - and its main source of foreign exchange; the island is vulnerable to a variety of external shocks, including volatile tourism receipts, natural disasters, and dependence on foreign oil

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$2.536 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$14,400 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$204.2 million (2017 est.)
partners: US 67.6%, UK 5.9%, Trinidad and Tobago 5.5% (2017)

Imports

\$403.6 million (2017 est.)
partners: US 53.3%, Trinidad and Tobago 10.8% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

165,000 (July 2017 est.)

Population Growth

0.32% (2017 est.)

Ethnicity

black/African descent 85.3%, mixed 10.9%, East Indian 2.2%, other 1.6%, unspecified 0.1% (2010 est.)

Language

English (official); French patois

Religion

Roman Catholic 61.5%, Protestant 25.5%, other Christian 3.4%, Rastafarian 1.9%, other 0.4%, none 5.9%, unspecified 1.4% (2010 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 18.7% of total population (2018)
rate of urbanization: 0.8% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

