SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
Queen ELIZABETH II represented by Governor General Samuel W.T. SEATON
Head of Government
Prime Minister Timothy HARRIS
Government Type
federal parliamentary democracy (Parliament) under a constitutional monarchy; a Commonwealth realm
Capital
Basseterre
Legislature
unicameral National Assembly (14 or 15 seats, depending on inclusion of attorney general)
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 Dr. Thelma Patricia PHILLIP-BROWNE
US Ambassador
the US does not have an embassy in Saint Kitts and Nevis, US Ambassador to Barbados Linda S. TAGLIALATELA is accredited to Antigua and Barbuda

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
the economy depends on tourism; since the 1970s, tourism has supplanted sugar as the economy’s mainstay; the government has made notable progress in reducing its public debt – due largely to public enterprise losses – from 154% of GDP in 2011 to 62% in 2017
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$1.55 billion (2017 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$28,200 (2017 est.)
Exports
$57.4 million (2017 est.) partners: US 49.6%, Poland 15.2%, Turkey 11.6% (2016)
Imports
$335.3 million (2017 est.) partners: US 56.8%, Trinidad and Tobago 6.8%, Cyprus 6.2%, Japan 4% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
53,800 (July 2020 est.)
Population Growth
0.67% (2020 est.)
Ethnicity
African origin 92.5%, mixed 3%, white 2.1%, East Indian 1.5%, other .6%, unspecified .3% (2001 est.)
Language
English (official)
Religion
Protestant 74.4%, Roman Catholic 6.7%, Rastafarian 1.7%, Jehovah’s Witness 1.3%, other 7.6%, none 5.2%, unspecified 3.2% (2001 est.)
Urbanization
urban population: 30.8% of total population (2020) rate of urbanization: 0.92% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

GEOGRAPHY
Area
Total: 261 sq km Land: 261 sq km Water: 0 sq km
Climate
tropical, tempered by constant sea breezes; little seasonal temperature variation; rainy season (May to November)
Natural Resources
arable land

as of April 2020