

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

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

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.)

