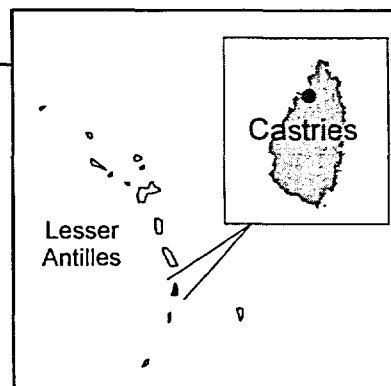


# ST. LUCIA

Capital: Castries

## GEODATA

<b>Area</b> 616 km <sup>2</sup>	<b>Population</b> 156,260 (July 2000 est.)
<b>Official language</b> English	<b>Population growth rate</b> 1.2% (2000 est.)
<b>Major religious groups</b> Roman Catholic (90%), Protestant (7%), Anglican (3%)	
<b>Surrounding countries</b> Barbados, Martinique (France), St. Vincent and the Grenadines	



## POLITICAL DATA

<b>Type of government</b> Constitutional monarchy	<b>Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade</b> George Odlum
<b>National legislature</b> Upper chamber: Senate Lower chamber: House of Assembly; multiparty	<b>UN Human Development Index (2000)</b> St. Lucia ranks 88th among 174 countries
<b>Leaders</b> Governor General Calliopa Pearlette Louisy Prime Minister Kenneth Anthony	<b>Canadian official development assistance</b> \$1.03 million (1998-1999)

## ECONOMIC DATA

<b>GDP</b> \$680.3 million US (1999 est.)	<b>Inflation rate</b> 6.2% (1999 est.)
<b>GDP growth rate</b> 3% (1999 est.)	<b>Unemployment rate</b> 16.7% (1996)
<b>GDP per capita</b> \$4,302 US (1998)	
<b>Main exports</b> Bananas, clothing, cocoa, fruit and vegetables, coconut oil	
<b>Main imports</b> Food, manufactured goods, machinery and transportation equipment, chemicals, fuels	
<b>Main exports to Canada</b> \$500,000 (1999), including electrical machinery, clothing, fresh fruit and vegetables (guavas, mangoes), ceramic products, toys, sports equipment	
<b>Main imports from Canada</b> \$12.5 million (1999), including machinery, dairy, eggs, honey, paper, meat, malt and starch	

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