

ST. LUCIA

Capital: Castries

GEODATA

Area

616 km²

Population

156,300 (2000 est.)

Major language

English (official)

Population growth rate

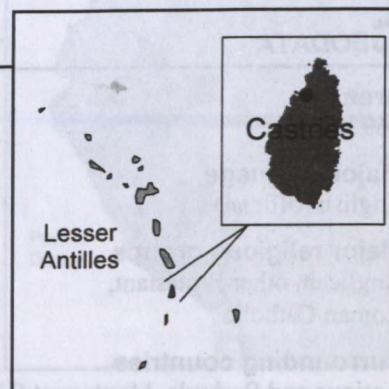
1.2% (2000 est.)

Major religious groups

Roman Catholic (90%),
Protestant (7%), Anglican (3%)

Surrounding countries

Barbados, Martinique (France), St. Vincent and the Grenadines



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Constitutional monarchy

Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade

George Odlum

National legislature

Upper chamber: Senate

UN Human Development Index (2000)

St. Lucia ranks 88th among 174 countries

Lower chamber: House of Assembly; multiparty

Canadian official development assistance

\$1.03 million (1998-1999)

Leaders

Governor General Calliopa Pearlette Louisy

Prime Minister Kenneth Anthony

ECONOMIC DATA

Real GDP

\$707 million US (1999 est.)

Inflation rate

2.5% (2000 est.)

GDP growth rate

0.5% (2000 est.)

Unemployment rate

16.7% (1996)

GDP per capita

\$4,302 US (1998)

Main exports

Bananas, clothing, cocoa, fruit and vegetables, coconut oil

Main imports

Food, manufactured goods, machinery and transportation equipment, chemicals, fuels

Main exports to Canada

\$1.4 million (2000), including electrical machinery; precious stones and metals; vegetables; textile articles; preserved food; toys; sports equipment; lace and tapestries; fruit and nuts; rubber; machinery

Main imports from Canada

\$9.7 million (2000), including dairy products; eggs; honey; machinery; electrical machinery; meat; milled products; malt and starches; furniture and bedding; paper and paperboard; preserved food

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