

BASIC COUNTRY DATA

ST. KITTS/NEVIS

Area: St. Kitts/Nevis, 269 Km²

Population: 48,700 (end 1980)

Rate of growth (1972-1980): .2%

Capital: Basseterre

Head of Gov't: Prime Minister - Dr. Kennedy A. Simmonds

Exchange Rate: Since July, 1976, the Eastern Caribbean dollar has been aligned with the U.S. dollar: US \$1 - EC\$2.70

Gross Domestic Product (at current market prices): US \$35.9 million (1980)
US \$38.9 million (1981e)

GDP per capita: US \$737 (1980)

International Political and Economic Affiliations: CARICOM, CDB, UN, OAS, IMF, IBRD, GATT

External Public Debt: US \$9.1 million (1980)

Debt Service/Exports Ratio: 8.8% (1980)

(US \$'s (millions))	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981e</u>
<u>Merchandise exports</u>	21.4	17.8	15.2	15.8	15.7	20.3	17.6
<u>Merchandise imports</u>	23.5	22.3	21.9	24.3	31.9	44.6	50.0

Main Exports (1980-81): sugar (68% in 1981), molasses, beer and ale, cotton, lobsters

Main Imports (1981): food and related (20%), manufactured goods (24%), machinery and transport (21%), chemicals (9%), fuels and lubricants (9%)

Canada-St. Kitts/Nevis Trade Relations: Trade relations are governed by the Canada-CARICOM Trade and Economic Cooperation Agreement signed on January 20, 1979. Canadian exports to St. Kitts/Nevis are subject to the CARICOM Common External Tariff. Exports to Canada are subject to the Commonwealth Preferential, General Preferential, or Most Favoured Nation rate, depending on the tariff item.