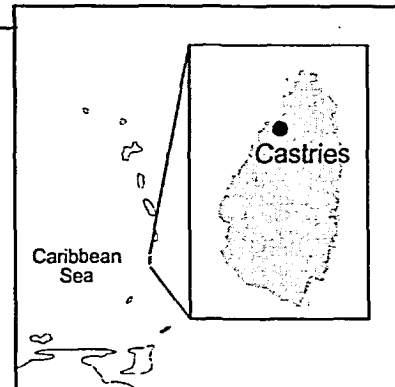


# ST. LUCIA

Capital: Castries

## GEODATA

<b>Area</b> 616 km <sup>2</sup>	<b>Population</b> 156,300 (2000 est.)
<b>Major languages</b> English (official), Creole	<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 External Affairs and International Trade</b> Julian Hunte
<b>National legislature</b> Upper chamber: Senate Lower chamber: House of Assembly; multiparty	<b>UN Human Development Index (2001)</b> Not listed
<b>Leaders</b> Governor General Calliopa Pearlette Louisy Prime Minister Kenneth Anthony	<b>Canadian official development assistance</b> \$580,000 (2000-01)

## ECONOMIC DATA

<b>GDP</b> \$707 million US (2000 est.)	<b>Inflation rate</b> 2% (2000 est.)
<b>GDP growth rate</b> 2% (2000 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> \$1.4 million (2000), including electrical machinery, precious stones and metals, vegetables, textile articles, preserved food, toys and sports equipment	
<b>Main imports from Canada</b> \$9.7 million (2000), including dairy products, machinery, electrical machinery, meat, malt and starches	

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