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Chapter 1

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1.1 203.guide

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Saint Kitts and Nevis

1.2 203.guide/Saint Kitts and Nevis

Saint Kitts and Nevis

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1.3 203.guide/Geography (Saint Kitts and Nevis)

Geography (Saint Kitts and Nevis)

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Location: in the eastern Caribbean Sea, about one-third of the way between ↔
 Puerto Rico
 and Trinidad and Tobago
 Map references:
 Central America and the Caribbean, Standard Time Zones of the World
 Area:
 total area:
 269 km2
 land area:
 269 km2
 comparative area:
 slightly more than 1.5 times the size of Washington, DC
 Land boundaries:
 0 km
 Coastline:
 135 km
 Maritime claims:
 contiguous zone:
 24 nm
 exclusive economic zone:
 200 nm
 territorial sea:
 12 nm
 International disputes:
 none
 Climate:
 subtropical tempered by constant sea breezes; little seasonal temperature
 variation; rainy season (May to November)
 Terrain:
 volcanic with mountainous interiors
 Natural resources:
 negligible
 Land use:
 arable land:
 22%
 permanent crops:
 17%
 meadows and pastures:

3%
 forest and woodland:
 17%
 other:
 41%
 Irrigated land:
 NA km2
 Environment:
 subject to hurricanes (July to October)

1.4 203.guide/People (Saint Kitts and Nevis)

People (Saint Kitts and Nevis)

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Population:
 40,407 (July 1993 est.)
 Population growth rate:
 0.59% (1993 est.)
 Birth rate: 23.93 births/1,000 population (1993 est.)
 Death rate:
 10.39 deaths/1,000 population (1993 est.)
 Net migration rate:
 -7.67 migrant(s)/1,000 population (1993 est.)
 Infant mortality rate:
 20.5 deaths/1,000 live births (1993 est.)
 Life expectancy at birth:
 total population:
 65.72 years
 male:
 62.78 years
 female:
 68.85 years (1993 est.)
 Total fertility rate:
 2.64 children born/woman (1993 est.)
 Nationality:
 noun:
 Kittsian(s), Nevisian(s)
 adjective:
 Kittsian, Nevisian
 Ethnic divisions:
 black African
 Religions:
 Anglican, other Protestant sects, Roman Catholic
 Languages:
 English
 Literacy:
 age 15 and over having ever attended school (1970)
 total population:
 98%
 male:
 98%
 female:

98%
 Labor force:
 20,000 (1981)

1.5 203.guide/Government (Saint Kitts and Nevis)

Government (Saint Kitts and Nevis)

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Names:

conventional long form:
 Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis
 conventional short form:
 Saint Kitts and Nevis
 former:
 Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis

Digraph:

SC

Type:

constitutional monarchy

Capital:

Basseterre

Administrative divisions: 14 parishes; Christ Church Nichola Town, Saint George ↵
 Anne Sandy Point, Saint

George

Basseterre, Saint George Gingerland, Saint James Windward, Saint John
 Capesterre, Saint John Figtree, Saint Mary Cayon, Saint Paul Capesterre,
 Saint Paul Charlestown, Saint Peter Basseterre, Saint Thomas Lowland, Saint
 Thomas Middle Island, Trinity Palmetto Point

Independence:

19 September 1983 (from UK)

Constitution:

19 September 1983

Legal system:

based on English common law

National holiday:

Independence Day, 19 September (1983)

Political parties and leaders:

People's Action Movement (PAM), Dr. Kennedy SIMMONDS; Saint Kitts and Nevis
 Labor Party (SKNLP), Dr. Denzil DOUGLAS; Nevis Reformation Party (NRP),
 Simeon DANIEL; Concerned Citizens Movement (CCM), Vance AMORY

Suffrage:

universal adult at age NA

Elections:

House of Assembly:

last held 21 March 1989 (next to be held by 21 March 1994); results -
 percent of vote by party NA; seats - (14 total, 11 elected) PAM 6, SKNLP 2,
 NRP 2, CCM 1

Executive branch:

British monarch, governor general, prime minister, deputy prime minister,
 Cabinet

Legislative branch:

unicameral House of Assembly

Judicial branch:

Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court

Leaders:

Chief of State:

Queen ELIZABETH II (since 6 February 1952), represented by Governor General Sir Clement Athelston ARRINDELL (since 19 September 1983, previously Governor General of the Associated State since NA November 1981)

Head of Government:

Prime Minister Dr. Kennedy Alphonse SIMMONDS (since 19 September 1983, previously Premier of the Associated State since NA February 1980); Deputy Prime Minister Sydney Earl MORRIS (since NA)

Member of:

ACP, C, CARICOM, CDB, ECLAC, FAO, G-77, IBRD, ICFTU, IDA, IFAD, IMF, INTERPOL, OAS, OECS, UN, UNCTAD, UNESCO, UNIDO, UPU, WCL, WHO

1.6 203.guide/Government (Saint Kitts and Nevis 2. usage)

Government (Saint Kitts and Nevis 2. usage)

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Diplomatic representation in US:

chief of mission:

Minister-Counselor (Deputy Chief of Mission), Charge d'Affaires ad interim Aubrey Eric HART

chancery:

Suite 608, 2100 M Street NW, Washington, DC 20037

telephone:

(202) 833-3550

US diplomatic representation:

no official presence since the Charge d'Affaires resides in Saint John's (Antigua and Barbuda)

Flag:

divided diagonally from the lower hoist side by a broad black band bearing two white five-pointed stars; the black band is edged in yellow; the upper triangle is green, the lower triangle is red

1.7 203.guide/Economy (Saint Kitts and Nevis)

Economy (Saint Kitts and Nevis)

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Overview:

The economy has historically depended on the growing and processing of sugarcane and on remittances from overseas workers. In recent years, ↔ tourism

and export-oriented manufacturing have assumed larger roles.

National product:

GDP - exchange rate conversion - \$142 million (1991)

National product real growth rate:
 6.8% (1991)

National product per capita:
 \$3,500 (1991)

Inflation rate (consumer prices):
 4.2% (1991)

Unemployment rate:
 12.2% (1990)

Budget:
 revenues \$85.7 million; expenditures \$85.8 million, including capital expenditures of \$42.4 million (1993)

Exports:
 \$24.6 million (f.o.b., 1990)
 commodities:
 sugar, clothing, electronics, postage stamps
 partners:
 US 53%, UK 22%, Trinidad and Tobago 5%, OECS 5% (1988)

Imports:
 \$103.2 million (f.o.b., 1990)
 commodities:
 foodstuffs, intermediate manufactures, machinery, fuels
 partners:
 US 36%, UK 17%, Trinidad and Tobago 6%, Canada 3%, Japan 3%, OECS 4% (1988)

External debt:
 \$37.2 million (1990)

Industrial production:
 growth rate 11.8% (1988 est.); accounts for 11% of GDP

Electricity:
 15,800 kW capacity; 45 million kWh produced, 1,120 kWh per capita (1992)

Industries:
 sugar processing, tourism, cotton, salt, copra, clothing, footwear, beverages

Agriculture:
 accounts for 7% of GDP; cash crop - sugarcane; subsistence crops - rice, yams, vegetables, bananas; fishing potential not fully exploited; most food imported

Illicit drugs:
 transshipment point for South American drugs destined for the US

Economic aid:
 US commitments, including Ex-Im (FY85-88), \$10.7 million; Western (non-US) countries, ODA and OOF bilateral commitments (1970-89), \$67 million

Currency:
 1 EC dollar (EC\$) = 100 cents

Exchange rates:
 East Caribbean dollars (EC\$) per US\$1 - 2.70 (fixed rate since 1976)

Fiscal year:
 calendar year

1.8 203.guide/Communications (Saint Kitts and Nevis)

Communications (Saint Kitts and Nevis)

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Railroads:

58 km 0.760-meter gauge on Saint Kitts for sugarcane

Highways:

300 km total; 125 km paved, 125 km otherwise improved, 50 km unimproved earth

Ports:

Basseterre (Saint Kitts), Charlestown (Nevis)

Airports:

total:

2

usable:

2

with permanent-surface runways:

2

with runways over 3,659 m:

0

with runways 2,440-3,659 m:

1

with runways 1,220-2,439 m:

0

Telecommunications:

good interisland VHF/UHF/SHF radio connections and international link via Antigua and Barbuda and Saint Martin; 2,400 telephones; broadcast stations ↔

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2 AM, no FM, 4 TV

1.9 203.guide/Defense Forces (Saint Kitts and Nevis)

Defense Forces (Saint Kitts and Nevis)

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Branches:

Royal Saint Kitts and Nevis Police Force, Coast Guard

Manpower availability:

NA

Defense expenditures:

exchange rate conversion - \$NA, NA% of GDP