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# Chapter 1

## 205

### 1.1 205.guide

Texified version of data for Saint Pierre and Miquelon.

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Saint Pierre and Miquelon

### 1.2 205.guide/Saint Pierre and Miquelon

Saint Pierre and Miquelon

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Header (Saint Pierre and Miquelon)  
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### 1.3 205.guide/Header (Saint Pierre and Miquelon)

Header (Saint Pierre and Miquelon)  
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Affiliation:  
(territorial collectivity of France)

### 1.4 205.guide/Geography (Saint Pierre and Miquelon)

Geography (Saint Pierre and Miquelon)  
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Location:  
in the North Atlantic Ocean, 25 km south of Newfoundland (Canada)  
Map references:  
North America  
Area:  
total area:  
242 km<sup>2</sup>  
land area:  
242 km<sup>2</sup>  
comparative area:  
slightly less than 1.5 times the size of Washington, DC  
note:  
includes eight small islands in the Saint Pierre and the Miquelon groups  
Land boundaries:  
0 km  
Coastline:  
120 km  
Maritime claims:  
exclusive economic zone:  
200 nm  
territorial sea:  
12 nm  
International disputes:  
focus of maritime boundary dispute between Canada and France

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Climate:  
 cold and wet, with much mist and fog; spring and autumn are windy

Terrain:  
 mostly barren rock

Natural resources:  
 fish, deepwater ports

Land use:  
 arable land:  
 13%  
 permanent crops:  
 0%  
 meadows and pastures:  
 0%  
 forest and woodland:  
 4%  
 other:  
 83%

Irrigated land:  
 NA km2

Environment:  
 vegetation scanty

## 1.5 205.guide/People (Saint Pierre and Miquelon)

People (Saint Pierre and Miquelon)

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Population:  
 6,652 (July 1993 est.)

Population growth rate:  
 0.79% (1993 est.)

Birth rate:  
 13.44 births/1,000 population (1993 est.)

Death rate:  
 6.14 deaths/1,000 population (1993 est.)

Net migration rate:  
 0.59 migrant(s)/1,000 population (1993 est.)

Infant mortality rate:  
 12.73 deaths/1,000 live births (1993 est.)

Life expectancy at birth:  
 total population:  
 75.19 years  
 male:  
 73.56 years  
 female:  
 77.16 years (1993 est.)

Total fertility rate:  
 1.73 children born/woman (1993 est.)

Nationality:  
 noun:  
 Frenchman (men), Frenchwoman (women)  
 adjective:  
 French

Ethnic divisions:  
 Basques and Bretons (French fishermen)  
 Religions:  
 Roman Catholic 98%  
 Languages:  
 French  
 Literacy:  
 age 15 and over can read and write (1982)  
 total population:  
 99%  
 male:  
 99%  
 female:  
 99%  
 Labor force:  
 2,850 (1988)  
 by occupation:  
 NA

## 1.6 205.guide/Government (Saint Pierre and Miquelon)

Government (Saint Pierre and Miquelon)

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Names:  
 conventional long form:  
 Territorial Collectivity of Saint Pierre and Miquelon  
 conventional short form:  
 Saint Pierre and Miquelon  
 local long form:  
 Departement de Saint-Pierre et Miquelon  
 local short form:  
 Saint-Pierre et Miquelon  
 Digraph:  
 SB  
 Type:  
 territorial collectivity of France  
 Capital:  
 Saint-Pierre  
 Administrative divisions:  
 none (territorial collectivity of France)  
 Independence:  
 none (territorial collectivity of France; has been under French control since 1763)  
 Constitution:  
 28 September 1958 (French Constitution)  
 Legal system:  
 French law  
 National holiday:  
 National Day, Taking of the Bastille, 14 July  
 Political parties and leaders:  
 Socialist Party (PS), Albert PEN; Union for French Democracy (UDF/CDS), Gerard GRIGNON

**Suffrage:**

18 years of age; universal

**Elections:****French President:**

last held 8 May 1988 (next to be held NA May 1995); results - (second ballot) Jacques CHIRAC 56%, Francois MITTERRAND 44%

**French Senate:**

last held NA September 1986 (next to be held NA September 1995); results - percent of vote by party NA; seats - (1 total) PS 1

**French National Assembly:**

last held 21 and 28 March 1993 (next to be held NA June 1998); results - percent of vote by party NA; seats - (1 total) number of seats by party NA; note - Saint Pierre and Miquelon elects 1 member each to the French Senate and the French National Assembly who are voting members

**General Council:**

last held September-October 1988 (next to be held NA September 1994); results - percent of vote by party NA; seats - (19 total) Socialist and other left-wing parties 13, UDF and right-wing parties 6

**Executive branch:**

French president, commissioner of the Republic

**Legislative branch:**

unicameral General Council

**Judicial branch:**

Superior Tribunal of Appeals (Tribunal Superieur d'Appel)

**Leaders:****Chief of State:**

President Francois MITTERRAND (since 21 May 1981)

**Head of Government:**

Commissioner of the Republic Kamel KHRISSATE (since NA); President of the General Council Marc PLANTEGENET (since NA)

## 1.7 205.guide/Government (Saint Pierre and Miquelon 2. usage)

Government (Saint Pierre and Miquelon 2. usage)

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**Member of:**

FZ

**Diplomatic representation in US:**

as a territorial collectivity of France, local interests are represented in the US by France

**US diplomatic representation:**

none (territorial collectivity of France)

**Flag:**

the flag of France is used

## 1.8 205.guide/Economy (Saint Pierre and Miquelon)



# Economy (Saint Pierre and Miquelon)

## Overview:

The inhabitants have traditionally earned their livelihood by fishing and by servicing fishing fleets operating off the coast of Newfoundland. The economy has been declining, however, because the number of ships stopping at Saint Pierre has dropped steadily over the years. In March 1989, an agreement between France and Canada set fish quotas for Saint Pierre's trawlers fishing in Canadian and Canadian-claimed waters for three years. The agreement settles a longstanding dispute that had virtually brought fish exports to a halt. The islands are heavily subsidized by France. Imports come primarily from Canada and France.

## National product:

GDP - exchange rate conversion - \$60 million (1991 est.)

## National product real growth rate:

NA%

## National product per capita:

\$9,500 (1991 est.)

## Inflation rate (consumer prices):

NA%

## Unemployment rate:

9.6% (1990)

## Budget:

revenues \$18.3 million; expenditures \$18.3 million, including capital expenditures of \$5.5 million (1989)

## Exports:

\$25.5 million (f.o.b., 1990)

### commodities:

fish and fish products, fox and mink pelts

### partners:

US 58%, France 17%, UK 11%, Canada, Portugal

## Imports:

\$87.2 million (c.i.f., 1990)

### commodities:

meat, clothing, fuel, electrical equipment, machinery, building materials

### partners:

Canada, France, US, Netherlands, UK

## External debt:

\$NA

## Industrial production:

growth rate NA%

## Electricity:

10,000 kW capacity; 25 million kWh produced, 3,840 kWh per capita (1992)

## Industries:

fish processing and supply base for fishing fleets; tourism

## Agriculture:

vegetables, cattle, sheep, pigs for local consumption; fish catch of 20,500 metric tons (1989)

## Economic aid:

Western (non-US) countries, ODA and OOF bilateral commitments (1970-89), \$500 million

**Currency:**

1 French franc (F) = 100 centimes

**Exchange rates:**

French francs (F) per US\$1 - 5.4812 (January 1993), 5.2938 (1992), 5.6421 (1991), 5.4453 (1990), 6.3801 (1989), 5.9569 (1988)

**Fiscal year:**

calendar year

## 1.9 205.guide/Communications (Saint Pierre and Miquelon)

### Communications (Saint Pierre and Miquelon)

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**Highways:**

120 km total; 60 km paved (1985)

**Ports:**

Saint Pierre

**Airports:**

total:

2

usable:

2

with permanent-surface runways:

2

with runways over 3,659 m:

0

with runways 2,440-3,659 m:

0

with runways 1,220-2,439 m:

1

**Telecommunications:**

3,601 telephones; broadcast stations - 1 AM, 3 FM, no TV; radio communication with most countries in the world; 1 earth station in French domestic satellite system

## 1.10 205.guide/Defense Forces (Saint Pierre and Miquelon)

### Defense Forces (Saint Pierre and Miquelon)

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**Note:**

defense is the responsibility of France