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Chapter 1

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1.1 204.guide

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1.2 204.guide/Saint Lucia

Saint Lucia

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1.3 204.guide/Geography (Saint Lucia)

Geography (Saint Lucia)
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Location:
in the eastern Caribbean Sea, about two-thirds of the way between Puerto Rico and Trinidad and Tobago

Map references:
Central America and the Caribbean, South America, Standard Time Zones of the World ↩

Area:
total area:
620 km²
land area:
610 km²
comparative area:
slightly less than 3.5 times the size of Washington, DC

Land boundaries:
0 km

Coastline:
158 km

Maritime claims:
contiguous zone:
24 nm
exclusive economic zone:
200 nm
territorial sea:
12 nm

International disputes:
none

Climate:
tropical, moderated by northeast trade winds; dry season from January to April, rainy season from May to August

Terrain:
volcanic and mountainous with some broad, fertile valleys

Natural resources:
forests, sandy beaches, minerals (pumice), mineral springs, geothermal potential

Land use:
arable land:
8%

permanent crops:
 20%
 meadows and pastures:
 5%
 forest and woodland:
 13%
 other:
 54%
 Irrigated land:
 10 km2 (1989 est.)
 Environment:
 subject to hurricanes and volcanic activity; deforestation; soil erosion

1.4 204.guide/People (Saint Lucia)

People (Saint Lucia)

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Population:
 144,337 (July 1993 est.)
 Population growth rate:
 0.52% (1993 est.)
 Birth rate:
 23.97 births/1,000 population (1993 est.)
 Death rate:
 5.91 deaths/1,000 population (1993 est.)
 Net migration rate:
 -12.87 migrant(s)/1,000 population (1993 est.)
 Infant mortality rate:
 18.7 deaths/1,000 live births (1993 est.)
 Life expectancy at birth:
 total population:
 69.26 years
 male:
 66.98 years
 female:
 71.69 years (1993 est.)
 Total fertility rate:
 2.62 children born/woman (1993 est.)
 Nationality:
 noun:
 Saint Lucian(s)
 adjective:
 Saint Lucian
 Ethnic divisions:
 African descent 90.3%, mixed 5.5%, East Indian 3.2%, Caucasian 0.8%
 Religions:
 Roman Catholic 90%, Protestant 7%, Anglican 3%
 Languages:
 English (official), French patois
 Literacy:
 age 15 and over having ever attended school (1980)
 total population:

67%
 male:
 65%
 female:
 69%
 Labor force:
 43,800
 by occupation:
 agriculture 43.4%, services 38.9%, industry and commerce 17.7% (1983 est.)

1.5 204.guide/Government (Saint Lucia)

Government (Saint Lucia)
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Names:
 conventional long form:
 none
 conventional short form:
 Saint Lucia
 Digraph:
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 Type:
 parliamentary democracy
 Capital:
 Castries
 Administrative divisions:
 11 quarters; Anse La Raye, Castries, Choiseul, Dauphin, Dennery, Gros Islet ↔
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 Laborie, Micoud, Praslin, Soufriere, Vieux Fort
 Independence:
 22 February 1979 (from UK)
 Constitution:
 22 February 1979
 Legal system:
 based on English common law
 National holiday:
 Independence Day, 22 February (1979)
 Political parties and leaders:
 United Workers' Party (UWP), John COMPTON; Saint Lucia Labor Party (SLP),
 Julian HUNTE; Progressive Labor Party (PLP), George ODLUM
 Suffrage:
 18 years of age; universal
 Elections:
 House of Assembly:
 last held 27 April 1992 (next to be held by April 1997); results - percent
 of vote by party NA; seats - (17 total) UWP 11, SLP 6
 Executive branch:
 British monarch, governor general, prime minister, Cabinet
 Legislative branch:
 bicameral Parliament consists of an upper house or Senate and a lower house
 or House of Assembly
 Judicial branch:

Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court
 Leaders:
 Chief of State:
 Queen ELIZABETH II (since 6 February 1952), represented by Acting Governor
 General Sir Stanislaus Anthony JAMES (since 10 October 1988)
 Head of Government:
 Prime Minister John George Melvin COMPTON (since 3 May 1982)
 Member of:
 ACCT (associate), ACP, C, CARICOM, CDB, ECLAC, FAO, G-77, IBRD, ICAO, ICFTU ↔
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 IDA, IFAD, IFC, ILO, IMF, IMO, INTERPOL, LORCS, NAM, OAS, OECS, UN, UNCTAD,
 UNESCO, UNIDO, UPU, WCL, WHO, WMO
 Diplomatic representation in US:
 chief of mission:
 Ambassador Dr. Joseph Edsel EDMUNDS
 chancery:
 Suite 309, 2100 M Street NW, Washington, DC 30037
 telephone:
 (202) 463-7378 or 7379
 consulate general:
 New York
 US diplomatic representation:
 no official presence since the Ambassador resides in Bridgetown (Barbados)

1.6 204.guide/Government (Saint Lucia 2. usage)

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Flag:
 blue with a gold isosceles triangle below a black arrowhead; the upper ↔
 edges
 of the arrowhead have a white border

1.7 204.guide/Economy (Saint Lucia)

Economy (Saint Lucia)
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Overview:
 Since 1983 the economy has shown an impressive average annual growth rate ↔
 of
 almost 5% because of strong agricultural and tourist sectors. Saint Lucia
 also possesses an expanding industrial base supported by foreign investment
 in manufacturing and other activities, such as in data processing. The
 economy, however, remains vulnerable because the important agricultural
 sector is dominated by banana production, which is subject to periodic
 droughts and/or tropical storms.

National product:

GDP - exchange rate conversion - \$250 million (1991 est.)

National product real growth rate:

2.5% (1991 est.)

National product per capita:

\$1,650 (1991 est.)

Inflation rate (consumer prices):

6.1% (1991)

Unemployment rate:

16% (1988)

Budget:

revenues \$131 million; expenditures \$149 million, including capital expenditures of \$71 million (FY90 est.)

Exports:

\$105 million (f.o.b., 1991)

commodities:

bananas 58%, clothing, cocoa, vegetables, fruits, coconut oil

partners:

UK 56%, US 22%, CARICOM 19%

Imports:

\$267 million (f.o.b., 1991)

commodities:

manufactured goods 21%, machinery and transportation equipment 21%, food and
live animals, chemicals, fuels

partners:

US 34%, CARICOM 17%, UK 14%, Japan 7%, Canada 4%

External debt:

\$65.7 million (1991 est.)

Industrial production:

growth rate 3.5% (1990 est.); accounts for 12% of GDP

Electricity:

32,500 kW capacity; 112 million kWh produced, 740 kWh per capita (1992)

Industries:

clothing, assembly of electronic components, beverages, corrugated boxes, tourism, lime processing, coconut processing

Agriculture:

accounts for 12% of GDP and 43% of labor force; crops - bananas, coconuts, vegetables, citrus fruit, root crops, cocoa; imports food for the tourist industry

Economic aid:

Western (non-US) countries, ODA and OOF bilateral commitments (1970-89), \$120 million

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

Exchange rates:

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

1.8 204.guide/Communications (Saint Lucia)

Communications (Saint Lucia)

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Highways:

760 km total; 500 km paved; 260 km otherwise improved

Ports:
 Castries, Vieux Fort

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:
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Telecommunications:
 fully automatic telephone system; 9,500 telephones; direct microwave link
 with Martinique and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; interisland
 troposcatter link to Barbados; broadcast stations - 4 AM, 1 FM, 1 TV (cable ↔
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1.9 204.guide/Defense Forces (Saint Lucia)

Defense Forces (Saint Lucia)
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Branches:
 Royal Saint Lucia Police Force, Coast Guard

Manpower availability:
 NA

Defense expenditures:
 exchange rate conversion - \$NA, NA% of GDP