# SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS



# GOVERNMENT

#### **Chief of State**

#### Queen ELIZABETH II

represented by Governor General Samuel W.T. SEATON

#### Head of Government

Prime Minister Timothy HARRIS

#### **Government Type**

federal parliamentary democracy (Parliament) under a constitutional monarchy; a Commonwealth realm

#### Capital

Basseterre

#### Legislature

unicameral National Assembly (14 seats)

#### Judiciary

the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (ECSC), headquartered on St. Lucia, is the superior court of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States

#### Ambassador to US

Ambassador Dr. Thelma Patricia PHILLIP-BROWNE

#### **US Ambassador**

the US does not have an embassy in Saint Kitts and Nevis, US Ambassador to Barbados Linda S. TAGLIALATELA is accredited to Antigua and Barbuda

#### GEOGRAPHY

#### Area

Total: 261 sq km Land: 261 sq km

Water: 0 sq km

#### Climate

tropical, tempered by constant sea breezes; little seasonal temperature variation; rainy season (May to November)

# Natural Resources

arable land





# ECONOMY

### **Economic Overview**

the economy depends on tourism; since the 1970s, tourism has supplanted sugar as the economy's mainstay; the government has made notable progress in reducing its public debt – due largely to public enterprise losses – from 154% of GDP in 2011 to 62% in 2017

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

#### \$1.528 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$26,800 (2017 est.)

#### Exports

\$58.4 million (2017 est.) partners: US 49.6%. Poland 15.2% (2016)

#### Imports

\$264.4 million (2017 est.) partners: US 56.8%, Trinidad and Tobago 6.8%, Cyprus 6.2%, Japan 4% (2017)

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# **PEOPLE & SOCIETY**

Population

52,715 (July 2017 est.)

Population Growth 0.73% (2017 est.)

## Ethnicity

predominantly black; some British, Portuguese, and Lebanese

## Language

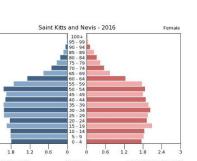
English (official)

#### Religion

Anglican, other Protestant, Roman Catholic

#### Urbanization

urban population: 30.8% of total population (2018) rate of urbanization: 0.92% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)



as of September 2018