

# 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 or 15 seats,  
depending on inclusion of attorney general)

### 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

as of January 2019

## 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)

\$1.55 billion (2017 est.)

### GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$28,200 (2017 est.)

### Exports

\$57.4 million (2017 est.)

partners: US 49.6%, Poland 15.2%, Turkey 11.6% (2016)

### Imports

\$335.3 million (2017 est.)

partners: US 56.8%, Trinidad and Tobago 6.8%, Cyprus 6.2%,  
Japan 4% (2017)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

53,100 (July 2018 est.)

### Population Growth

0.7% (2018 est.)

### Ethnicity

African origin 92.5%,  
mixed 3%, white 2.1%,  
East Indian 1.5%, other .6%, unspecified .3% (2001 est.)

### Language

English (official)

### Religion

Protestant 74.4%, Roman Catholic 6.7%, Rastafarian 1.7%,  
Jehovah's Witness 1.3%, other 7.6%, none 5.2%, unspecified  
3.2% (2001 est.)

### Urbanization

urban population: 30.8% of total population (2018)

rate of urbanization: 0.92% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

