



# SAINT LUCIA



## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

Queen ELIZABETH II  
represented by Governor General Neville CENAC

### Head of Government

Prime Minister Allen CHASTANET

### Government Type

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

### Capital

Castries

### Legislature

bicameral Parliament consists of the Senate (11 seats) and the House of Assembly (17 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 Anton Edsel EDMUNDS

### US Ambassador

the US does not have an embassy in Saint Lucia, US Ambassador to Barbados Linda S. TAGLIALATELA is accredited to Saint Lucia

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 616 sq km  
Land: 606 sq km  
Water: 10 sq km

### Climate

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

### Natural Resources

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

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

tourism is Saint Lucia's main source of jobs and income - accounting for 65% of GDP - and its main source of foreign exchange; the island is vulnerable to a variety of external shocks, including volatile tourism receipts, natural disasters, and dependence on foreign oil

### GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$2.542 billion (2017 est.)

### GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$14,400 (2017 est.)

### Exports

\$185.1 million (2017 est.)  
partners: US 67.6%, UK 5.9%, Trinidad and Tobago 5.5% (2017)

### Imports

\$600 million (2017 est.)  
partners: US 53.3%, Trinidad and Tobago 10.8% (2017)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

165,500 (July 2018 est.)

### Population Growth

0.31% (2018 est.)

### Ethnicity

black/African descent 85.3%, mixed 10.9%, East Indian 2.2%, other 1.6%, unspecified 0.1% (2010 est.)

### Language

English (official); French patois

### Religion

Roman Catholic 61.5%, Protestant 25.5%, other Christian 3.4%, Rastafarian 1.9%, other 0.4%, none 5.9%, unspecified 1.4% (2010 est.)

### Urbanization

urban population: 18.7% of total population (2018)  
rate of urbanization: 0.8% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

