

QUICK FACTS

Government	Independent, Constitutional Parliamentary Democracy; Elections held every 5 years
Official Name	Saint Lucia
Head of Government	Hon. Prime Minister Dr. Kenny D. Anthony
Total Area	Sq. miles 238/ sq. km 616
Habitable Area	Sq. miles 207.9/ sq. km 539.1
Capital City	Castries
Official Language	English
Local Language	French Creole
Standard Time Zone	EST+1, GMT-4
Calling Code	758
Temperature	28° C/82° F on average year round
Airports/Airport Codes	Hewanorra International (UVF), G.F.L Charles Airport (SLU)
Major Seaports	Port Castries and Port Vieux Fort
Electrical Standard	Voltage -220/240V
	Frequency 50Hz
	PLUG - G (United Kingdom plug)
Average Cost of Electricity US\$	Domestic- \$0.305/KW
	Commercial- \$0.291/KW
	Industrial- \$0.291/KW
	https://www.lucelec.com/content/energy-rates
Water Rates US\$	Domestic\$4.50 (per first 3000 gallons)
	Commercial/Industry \$12.31 (per gallons)
Telecommunications Providers	FLOW, DIGICEL
Tertiary Education	7 Learning Tertiary Institutions
Travel Time (direct)	UK and other Europe-8 hours, North America-avg. 5 hours
Free Zones	Three (3) Free Zones. http://www.stluciafreezone.com/about/location.php
GDP	US \$925.33 Million (2015)pre

GDP per capita	US \$8,281.80 (2015)pre
GDP Real Growth Rate	1.3% (2015)pre
Foreign Direct Investment Inflows	US \$127.39 Million (2015 Est.)
Total Exports	US \$180.30 Million (2015)pre
Population	174,257 (2015)pre
Religion	Predominantly Roman Catholic (61% of population)
Annual Population Growth Rate	0.9% (2015)
Population Density per Sq. ml	838.1 (2015)
Life Expectancy	75 Years
Literacy Rate	72.8% (2010 Census)
Labour Force	101,608 (2015)
Labour Force Participation Rate	72.2% (2015)
Unemployment	24.1% (2015)
Currency	Eastern Caribbean Dollar (EC\$)
Official exchange rate	US \$1 = EC \$2.70
Inflation	(-1%) (2015)
GDP 4 Year Growth Rate Projections	1.40%-(2016); 1.92%-(2017); 2.02%-(2018); 2.02%-(2019)

Source: Central Statistics Office, Economic Review 2015, LUCELEC, WASCO

*** Average cost of electricity as at May 2016 (LUCELEC)

Est. -estimate, Pre.-preliminary