

QUICK FACTS

Government	Independent, Constitutional Parliamentary Democracy; Elections held every 5 years
Official Name	Saint Lucia
Head of Government	Hon. Prime Minister Allen Michael Chastanet
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)
Cost of Electricity US\$ per KW	Domestic- \$0.242-\$0.260
	Commercial- \$0.297- \$0.283
	Industrial- \$0.291-\$ 283
	https://www.lucelec.com/content/energy-rates
Water Rates US\$	Domestic\$4.52 (per first 3000 gallons)
	Commercial/Industry \$12.31 (per 1000 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 \$1,106.07 Million (2016) pre
GDP per capita	US \$8,162.1 (2016) pre

GDP Real Growth Rate	0.9% (2016) pre
Foreign Direct Investment Inflows	US \$130.41 Million (2016 Est.)
Total Exports	US \$120 Million (2016) pre
Population	173,966 (2016) pre
Religion	Predominantly Roman Catholic (61% of population)
Annual Population Growth Rate	0.7% (2016) pre
Population Density per Sq. ml	836.8 (2016) pre
Life Expectancy	75 Years
Literacy Rate	72.8% (2010 Census)
Labour Force	104,637 (2016) pre
Labour Force Participation Rate	73.4% (2016)
Unemployment	21.1% (2016)
Currency	Eastern Caribbean Dollar (EC\$)
Official exchange rate	US \$1 = EC \$2.70
Inflation	(-3.11%) (2016) pre
GDP 4 Year Growth Rate Projections	1.480%-(2017); 3.4%-(2018)

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

*** Average cost of electricity as at May 2017 (LUCELEC)

Est. –estimate, Pre.-preliminary