

## QUICK FACTS

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

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