

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- \$0.305 per KW Commercial- \$0.291 per KW Industrial- \$0.291 per KW https://www.lucelec.com/content/energy-rates
Water Rates US\$	Domestic\$4.50 (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 \$1,329.6 Million (2017)
GDP per capita	US \$9,850.8 (2017)

GDP Real Growth Rate	3.0% (2017)
Foreign Direct Investment Inflows	US \$99.5 Million (2017) Est.
Total Exports	US \$127 Million (2017)
Population	174,417 (2017)
Religion	Predominantly Roman Catholic (61% of population)
Annual Population Growth Rate	0.3% (2017)
Population Density per Sq. ml	732.8 (2017)
Life Expectancy	75 Years
Literacy Rate	72.8% (2010 Census)
Labour Force	102,364 (2017)
Labour Force Participation Rate	71.4% (2017)
Unemployment	20.2% (2017)
Currency	Eastern Caribbean Dollar (EC\$)
Official exchange rate	US \$1 = EC \$2.70
Inflation	(0.1%) (2017)
GDP 2 Year Growth Rate Projections	3.08%-(2018); 3.8%-(2019)

Source: Central Statistics Office, Economic Review 2015, LUCELEC, WASCO
 *** Average cost of electricity as at May 2017 (LUCELEC)
 Est. –estimate, Pre.-preliminary