

Introduction

Saint Lucia, part of the Lesser Antilles, is an island country in the Caribbean Sea. Proximate countries include Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Barbados, and Dominica. The geography of Saint Lucia is volcanic and mountainous. The government system is a parliamentary democracy and a Commonwealth realm; the chief of state is the queen of the United Kingdom, and the head of government is the prime minister. Saint Lucia has a mixed economic system in which there is a variety of private freedom, combined with centralized economic planning and government regulation. Saint Lucia is a member of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS).



Location: Caribbean

Capital City: Castries (-4 GMT)

Chief of State: King Charles III represented by Acting Governor General Errol Charles

Head of Govt.: Prime Minister Philip J. Pierre

Currency: East Caribbean dollar (XCD)

Major Languages: <p>English (official), French patois</p>

Primary Religions: <p>Roman Catholic 61.5%, Protestant 25.5% (includes Seventh Day Adventist 10.4%, Pentecostal 8.9%, Baptist 2.2%, Anglican 1.6%, Church of God 1.5%, other Protestant .9%), other Christian 3.4% (includes Evangelical 2.3% and Jehovah's Witnesses 1.1%), Rastafarian 1.9%, other 0.4%, none 5.9%, unspecified 1.4%</p>

Calling Code: 1-758

Voltage: 240

Key Websites

Main Government Page: govt.lc

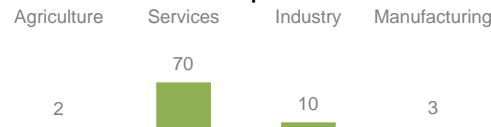
Commerce Ministry: commerce.gov.lc

Investment Promotion Agency: investstlucia.com

Key Economic Facts

Income Level (by per capita GNI):	Upper Middle Income
GDP, PPP (current international \$):	\$3.19 billion (2022)
GDP growth (annual %):	15.40% (2022)
GDP per capita, PPP (current international \$):	\$17,755.97 (2022)
External debt stocks, total (DOD, current US\$):	\$887,644,876.10 (2021)
Manufacturing, value added (% of GDP):	2.98% (2022)
Current account balance (BoP, current US\$):	-\$0.13 billion (2021)
Inflation, consumer prices (annual %):	6.38% (2022)
Labor force, total:	102,432 (2022)
Unemployment, total (% of total labor force) (modeled ILO estimate):	17.36% (2022)
Imports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$0.74 billion (2016)
Exports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$0.61 billion (2016)

GDP Composition %



**Although Manufacturing is included in the Industry figures, it is also separately reported because it plays a critical role in economy.*

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