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Chapter 1

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1.1 202.guide

Texified version of data for Saint Helena.

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Saint Helena

1.2 202.guide/Saint Helena

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1.3 202.guide/Header (Saint Helena)

Header (Saint Helena)

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Affiliation:

(dependent territory of the UK)

1.4 202.guide/Geography (Saint Helena)

Geography (Saint Helena)

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Location:

in the South Atlantic Ocean, 1,920 km west of Angola, about two-thirds of the way between South America and Africa

Map references:

Africa

Area:

total area:

410 km²

land area:

410 km²

comparative area:

slightly more than 2.3 times the size of Washington, DC

note:

includes Ascension, Gough Island, Inaccessible Island, Nightingale Island, and Tristan da Cunha

Land boundaries:

0 km

Coastline:

60 km

Maritime claims:

exclusive fishing zone:

200 nm

territorial sea:

12 nm

International disputes:

none

Climate:

tropical; marine; mild, tempered by trade winds

Terrain:

rugged, volcanic; small scattered plateaus and plains

Natural resources:

fish; Ascension is a breeding ground for sea turtles and sooty terns, no minerals

Land use:

arable land:

7%

permanent crops:

0% meadows and pastures:

7%

forest and woodland:

3%

other:

83%

Irrigated land:

NA km2

Environment:

very few perennial streams

Note:

Napoleon Bonaparte's place of exile and burial; harbors at least 40 species of plants unknown anywhere else in the world

1.5 202.guide/People (Saint Helena)

People (Saint Helena)

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Population:

6,720 (July 1993 est.)

Population growth rate:

0.32% (1993 est.)

Birth rate:

9.82 births/1,000 population (1993 est.)

Death rate:

6.67 deaths/1,000 population (1993 est.)

Net migration rate:

0 migrant(s)/1,000 population (1993 est.)

Infant mortality rate:

38.39 deaths/1,000 live births (1993 est.)

Life expectancy at birth:

total population:

74.43 years

male:

72.36 years

female:

76.27 years (1993 est.)

Total fertility rate:

1.16 children born/woman (1993 est.)

Nationality:

noun:

Saint Helenian(s)

adjective:

Saint Helenian

Ethnic divisions:

NA
 Religions:
 Anglican (majority), Baptist, Seventh-Day Adventist, Roman Catholic
 Languages:
 English
 Literacy:
 age 15 and over can read and write (1987)
 total population:
 98%
 male:
 97% female:
 98%
 Labor force:
 2,516
 by occupation:
 professional, technical, and related workers 8.7%, managerial,
 administrative, and clerical 12.8%, sales people 8.1%, farmer, fishermen,
 etc. 5.4%, craftspersons, production process workers 14.7%, others 50.3%
 (1987)

1.6 202.guide/Government (Saint Helena)

Government (Saint Helena)

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Names:
 conventional long form:
 none
 conventional short form:
 Saint Helena
 Digraph:
 SH
 Type:
 dependent territory of the UK
 Capital:
 Jamestown
 Administrative divisions:
 1 administrative area and 2 dependencies*; Ascension*, Saint Helena, ←
 Tristan, da Cunha*,
 Independence:
 none (dependent territory of the UK)
 Constitution:
 1 January 1989
 Legal system:
 NA
 National holiday:
 Celebration of the Birthday of the Queen, 10 June 1989 (second Saturday in
 June)
 Political parties and leaders:
 Saint Helena Labor Party; Saint Helena Progressive Party
 note:
 both political parties inactive since 1976
 Suffrage:

NA

Elections:

Legislative Council:
last held October 1984 (next to be held NA); results - percent of vote by party NA; seats - (15 total, 12 elected) number of seats by party NA

Executive branch:
British monarch, governor commander-in-chief, Executive Council (cabinet)

Legislative branch:
unicameral Legislative Council

Judicial branch:
Supreme Court

Leaders:

Chief of State:
Queen ELIZABETH II (since 6 February 1952) Head of Government:
Governor A. N. HOOLE (since NA)

Member of:
ICFTU

Diplomatic representation in US:
none (dependent territory of the UK)

US diplomatic representation:
none (dependent territory of the UK)

Flag:
blue with the flag of the UK in the upper hoist-side quadrant and the Saint Helenian shield centered on the outer half of the flag; the shield features a rocky coastline and three-masted sailing ship

1.7 202.guide/Economy (Saint Helena)

Economy (Saint Helena)

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Overview:

The economy depends primarily on financial assistance from the UK. The local population earns some income from fishing, the raising of livestock, and sales of handicrafts. Because there are few jobs, a large proportion of the work force has left to seek employment overseas.

National product:

GDP \$NA

National product real growth rate:

NA%

National product per capita:

\$NA

Inflation rate (consumer prices):

-1.1% (1986)

Unemployment rate:

NA%

Budget:

revenues \$3.2 million; expenditures \$2.9 million, including capital expenditures of \$NA (1984)

Exports:

\$23,900 (f.o.b., 1984)

commodities:

fish (frozen and salt-dried skipjack, tuna), handicrafts
 partners:
 South Africa, UK
 Imports:
 \$2.4 million (c.i.f., 1984)
 commodities:
 food, beverages, tobacco, fuel oils, animal feed, building materials, motor
 vehicles and parts, machinery and parts
 partners:
 UK, South Africa
 External debt:
 \$NA
 Industrial production:
 growth rate NA%
 Electricity:
 9,800 kW capacity; 10 million kWh produced, 1,390 kWh per capita (1989)
 Industries:
 crafts (furniture, lacework, fancy woodwork), fishing
 Agriculture:
 maize, potatoes, vegetables; timber production being developed; crawfishing
 on Tristan da Cunha
 Economic aid:
 Western (non-US) countries, ODA and OOF bilateral commitments (1970-89),
 \$198 million
 Currency:
 1 Saint Helenian pound (#S) = 100 pence
 Exchange rates:
 Saint Helenian pounds (#S) per US\$1 - 0.6527 (January 1993), 0.5664 (1992),
 0.5652 (1991), 0.5603 (1990), 0.6099 (1989), 0.5614 (1988); note - the ←
 Saint
 Helenian pound is at par with the British pound
 Fiscal year:
 1 April - 31 March

1.8 202.guide/Communications (Saint Helena)

Communications (Saint Helena)

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Highways:
 87 km paved roads and 20 km earth roads on Saint Helena; 80 km paved roads
 on Ascension; 2.7 km paved roads on Tristan da Cunha
 Ports:
 Jamestown (Saint Helena), Georgetown (Ascension)
 Airports:
 total:
 1
 useable:
 1
 with permanent-surface runways:
 1
 with runways over 3,659 m:
 0

with runways 2,440-3,659 m:

1

with runways 1,220-2,439 m:

0

Telecommunications:

1,500 radio receivers; broadcast stations - 1 AM, no FM, no TV; 550 telephones in automatic network; HF radio links to Ascension, then into worldwide submarine cable and satellite networks; major coaxial submarine cable relay point between South Africa, Portugal, and UK at Ascension; 2 Atlantic Ocean INTELSAT earth stations

1.9 202.guide/Defense Forces (Saint Helena)

Defense Forces (Saint Helena)

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Note:

defense is the responsibility of the UK