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Chapter 1

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1.1 205.guide

Texified version of data for Saint Pierre and Miquelon.

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Saint Pierre and Miquelon

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Affiliation:

(territorial collectivity of France)

1.4 205.guide/Geography (Saint Pierre and Miquelon)

Geography (Saint Pierre and Miquelon)

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Location:

in the North Atlantic Ocean, 25 km south of Newfoundland (Canada)

Map references:

North America

Area:

total area:

242 km²

land area:

242 km²

comparative area:

slightly less than 1.5 times the size of Washington, DC

note:

includes eight small islands in the Saint Pierre and the Miquelon groups

Land boundaries:

0 km

Coastline:

120 km

Maritime claims:

exclusive economic zone:

200 nm

territorial sea:

12 nm

International disputes:

focus of maritime boundary dispute between Canada and France

Climate:

cold and wet, with much mist and fog; spring and autumn are windy

Terrain:

mostly barren rock

Natural resources:
 fish, deepwater ports
 Land use:
 arable land:
 13%
 permanent crops:
 0%
 meadows and pastures:
 0%
 forest and woodland:
 4%
 other:
 83%
 Irrigated land:
 NA km2
 Environment:
 vegetation scanty

1.5 205.guide/People (Saint Pierre and Miquelon)

People (Saint Pierre and Miquelon)

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Population:
 6,652 (July 1993 est.)
 Population growth rate:
 0.79% (1993 est.)
 Birth rate:
 13.44 births/1,000 population (1993 est.)
 Death rate:
 6.14 deaths/1,000 population (1993 est.)
 Net migration rate:
 0.59 migrant(s)/1,000 population (1993 est.)
 Infant mortality rate:
 12.73 deaths/1,000 live births (1993 est.)
 Life expectancy at birth:
 total population:
 75.19 years
 male:
 73.56 years
 female:
 77.16 years (1993 est.)
 Total fertility rate:
 1.73 children born/woman (1993 est.)
 Nationality:
 noun:
 Frenchman (men), Frenchwoman (women)
 adjective:
 French
 Ethnic divisions:
 Basques and Bretons (French fishermen)
 Religions:
 Roman Catholic 98%

Languages:
 French
 Literacy:
 age 15 and over can read and write (1982)
 total population:
 99%
 male:
 99%
 female:
 99%
 Labor force:
 2,850 (1988)
 by occupation:
 NA

1.6 205.guide/Government (Saint Pierre and Miquelon)

Government (Saint Pierre and Miquelon)

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Names:
 conventional long form:
 Territorial Collectivity of Saint Pierre and Miquelon
 conventional short form:
 Saint Pierre and Miquelon
 local long form:
 Departement de Saint-Pierre et Miquelon
 local short form:
 Saint-Pierre et Miquelon
 Digraph:
 SB
 Type:
 territorial collectivity of France
 Capital:
 Saint-Pierre
 Administrative divisions:
 none (territorial collectivity of France)
 Independence:
 none (territorial collectivity of France; has been under French control since 1763)
 Constitution:
 28 September 1958 (French Constitution)
 Legal system:
 French law
 National holiday:
 National Day, Taking of the Bastille, 14 July
 Political parties and leaders:
 Socialist Party (PS), Albert PEN; Union for French Democracy (UDF/CDS), Gerard GRIGNON
 Suffrage:
 18 years of age; universal
 Elections:
 French President:

last held 8 May 1988 (next to be held NA May 1995); results - (second ballot) Jacques CHIRAC 56%, Francois MITTERRAND 44%

French Senate:
last held NA September 1986 (next to be held NA September 1995); results - percent of vote by party NA; seats - (1 total) PS 1

French National Assembly:
last held 21 and 28 March 1993 (next to be held NA June 1998); results - percent of vote by party NA; seats - (1 total) number of seats by party NA; note - Saint Pierre and Miquelon elects 1 member each to the French Senate and the French National Assembly who are voting members

General Council:
last held September-October 1988 (next to be held NA September 1994); results - percent of vote by party NA; seats - (19 total) Socialist and other left-wing parties 13, UDF and right-wing parties 6

Executive branch:
French president, commissioner of the Republic

Legislative branch:
unicameral General Council

Judicial branch:
Superior Tribunal of Appeals (Tribunal Superieur d'Appel)

Leaders:
Chief of State:
President Francois MITTERRAND (since 21 May 1981)
Head of Government:
Commissioner of the Republic Kamel KHRISSATE (since NA); President of the General Council Marc PLANTEGENET (since NA)

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Member of:

FZ

Diplomatic representation in US:

as a territorial collectivity of France, local interests are represented in the US by France

US diplomatic representation:

none (territorial collectivity of France)

Flag:

the flag of France is used

1.8 205.guide/Economy (Saint Pierre and Miquelon)

Economy (Saint Pierre and Miquelon)

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Overview:

The inhabitants have traditionally earned their livelihood by fishing and ←
 by
 servicing fishing fleets operating off the coast of Newfoundland. The
 economy has been declining, however, because the number of ships stopping ←
 at
 Saint Pierre has dropped steadily over the years. In March 1989, an
 agreement between France and Canada set fish quotas for Saint Pierre's
 trawlers fishing in Canadian and Canadian-claimed waters for three years.
 The agreement settles a longstanding dispute that had virtually brought ←
 fish
 exports to a halt. The islands are heavily subsidized by France. Imports
 come primarily from Canada and France.

National product:
 GDP - exchange rate conversion - \$60 million (1991 est.)
 National product real growth rate:
 NA%

National product per capita:
 \$9,500 (1991 est.)

Inflation rate (consumer prices):
 NA%

Unemployment rate:
 9.6% (1990)

Budget:
 revenues \$18.3 million; expenditures \$18.3 million, including capital
 expenditures of \$5.5 million (1989)

Exports:
 \$25.5 million (f.o.b., 1990)
 commodities:
 fish and fish products, fox and mink pelts
 partners:
 US 58%, France 17%, UK 11%, Canada, Portugal

Imports:
 \$87.2 million (c.i.f., 1990)
 commodities:
 meat, clothing, fuel, electrical equipment, machinery, building materials
 partners:
 Canada, France, US, Netherlands, UK

External debt:
 \$NA

Industrial production:
 growth rate NA%

Electricity:
 10,000 kW capacity; 25 million kWh produced, 3,840 kWh per capita (1992)

Industries:
 fish processing and supply base for fishing fleets; tourism

Agriculture:
 vegetables, cattle, sheep, pigs for local consumption; fish catch of 20,500
 metric tons (1989)

Economic aid:
 Western (non-US) countries, ODA and OOF bilateral commitments (1970-89),
 \$500 million

Currency:
 1 French franc (F) = 100 centimes

Exchange rates:
 French francs (F) per US\$1 - 5.4812 (January 1993), 5.2938 (1992), 5.6421
 (1991), 5.4453 (1990), 6.3801 (1989), 5.9569 (1988)

Fiscal year:

calendar year

1.9 205.guide/Communications (Saint Pierre and Miquelon)

Communications (Saint Pierre and Miquelon)

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Highways:

120 km total; 60 km paved (1985)

Ports:

Saint Pierre

Airports:

total:

2

usable:

2

with permanent-surface runways:

2

with runways over 3,659 m:

0

with runways 2,440-3,659 m:

0

with runways 1,220-2,439 m:

1

Telecommunications:

3,601 telephones; broadcast stations - 1 AM, 3 FM, no TV; radio communication with most countries in the world; 1 earth station in French domestic satellite system

1.10 205.guide/Defense Forces (Saint Pierre and Miquelon)

Defense Forces (Saint Pierre and Miquelon)

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Note:

defense is the responsibility of France