

Migration on Sint Maarten



Sint Maarten in brief



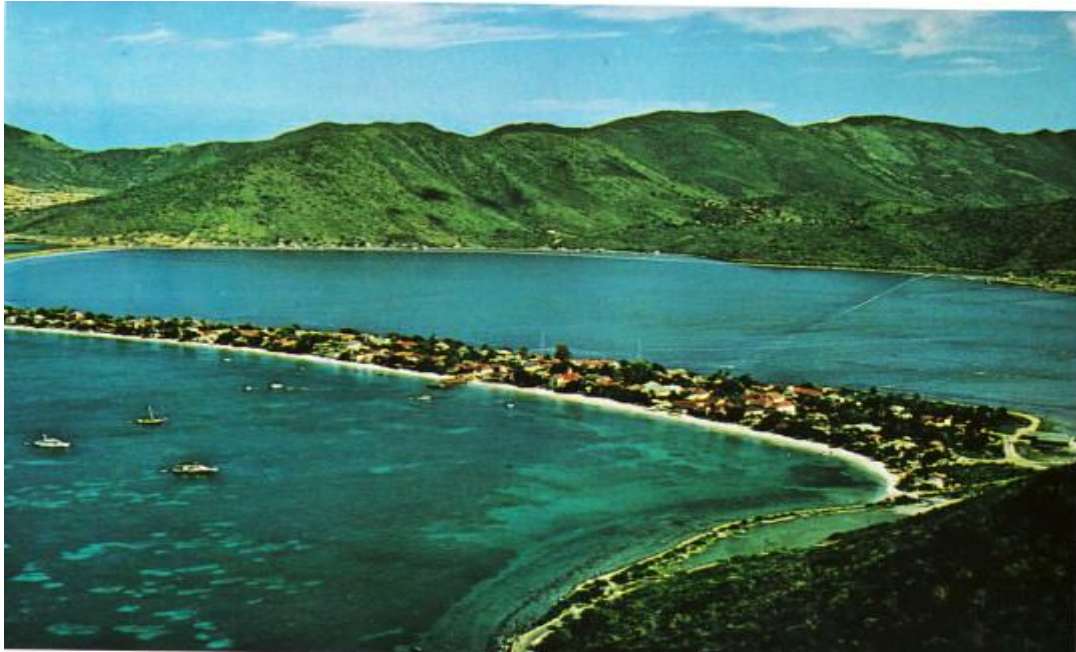
Due its geographic location, Sint Maarten functions as a regional hub and attracts migrants from the region and the other continents.



Sint Maarten has a land area of **37 km²**. The total population **40.614 (2018)**

Immigration on Sint Maarten

Historically there have been various migration waves to Sint Maarten



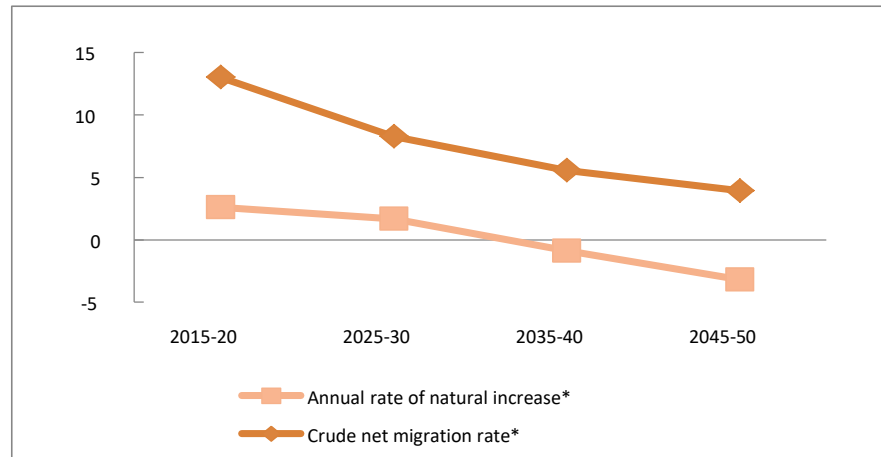
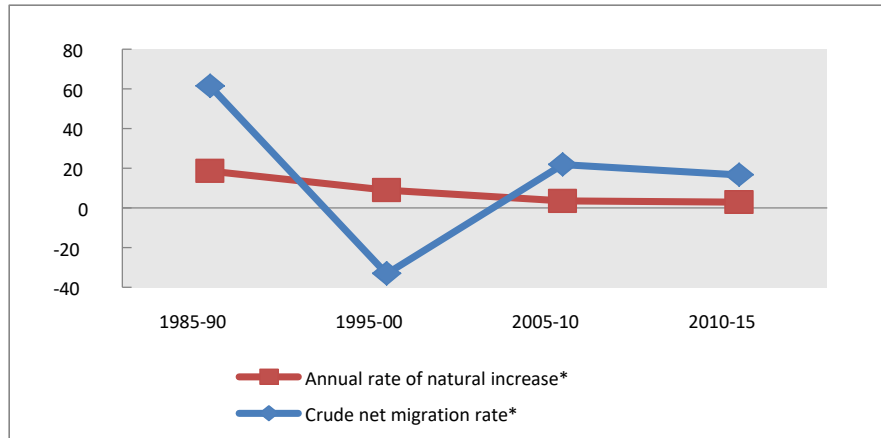
Sint Maarten in the 1960's
pre tourism destination



Sint Maarten in 2000's tourism boom



Migration in Sint Maarten

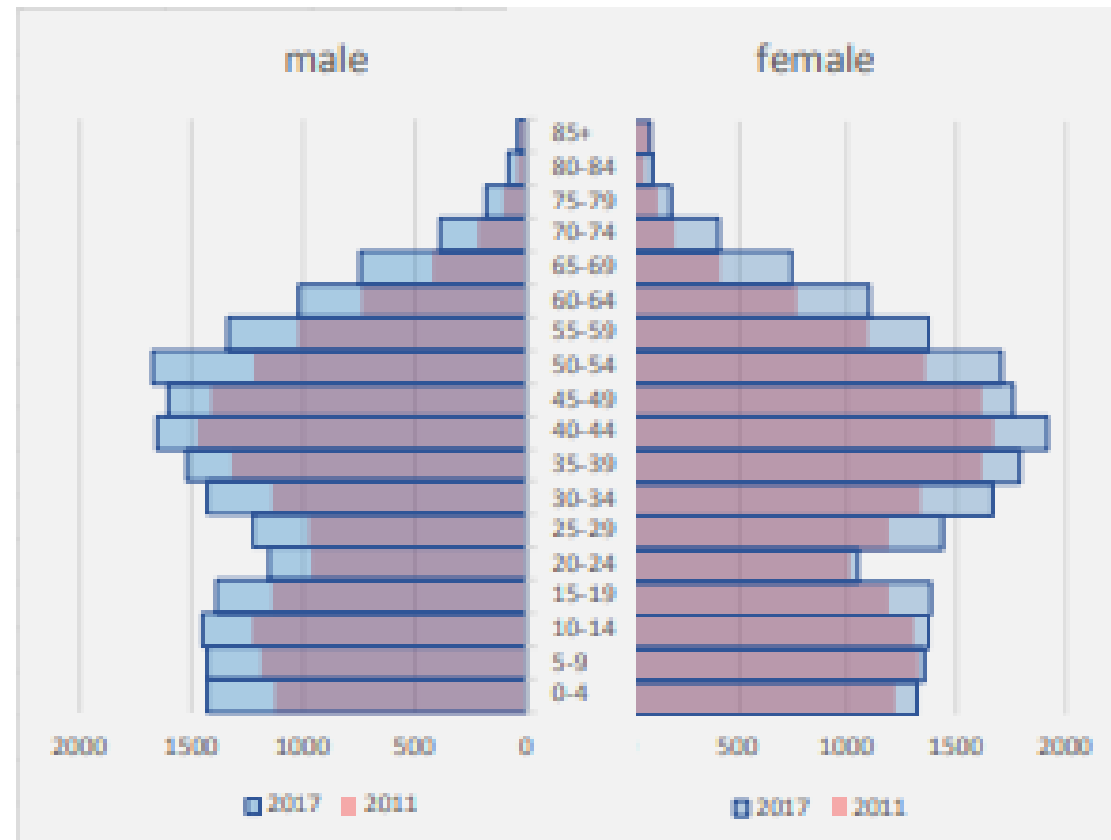


- Increased after passing of hurricanes in mid-90's (Louis 1995, Jose, Lenny 1999)
- Growth of cruise and hotel industry
- Construction boom in 2000's: (PJIA, A.C. Wathey Cruise Port, Blue Mall, various hotels etc.)
- After hurricanes Irma and Maria (2017)
- Projected change in natural increase will decrease in future



Population pyramid 2011-2017

Population Pyramid 2017 (absolute)



Population dynamics

- 91 recognized nationalities from 118 different countries of birth
- 30% of population born on Sint Maarten
- 63.7% have Dutch nationality
- Main nationalities:
 - Haitian (6.7%)
 - Dom. Rep. (5.7%)
 - Jamaican (5.4%)
 - Guyanese (3.8%)
 - Dominican(2.9%)



Major sending countries

	2016		2017
Total	1635		964
Netherlands	309	Dominican Republic	158
Dominican Republic	225	Netherlands	94
Jamaica	132	France	87
USA	128	Jamaica	81
Curacao	83	USA	56
Guyana	62	Surinam	55
Haiti	57	China	50
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Suriname	48	Guyana	41
BES	43	India	35
India	41	Curacao	34
Aruba	26	Venezuela	27
Dominica	22		
Guadeloupe	6		

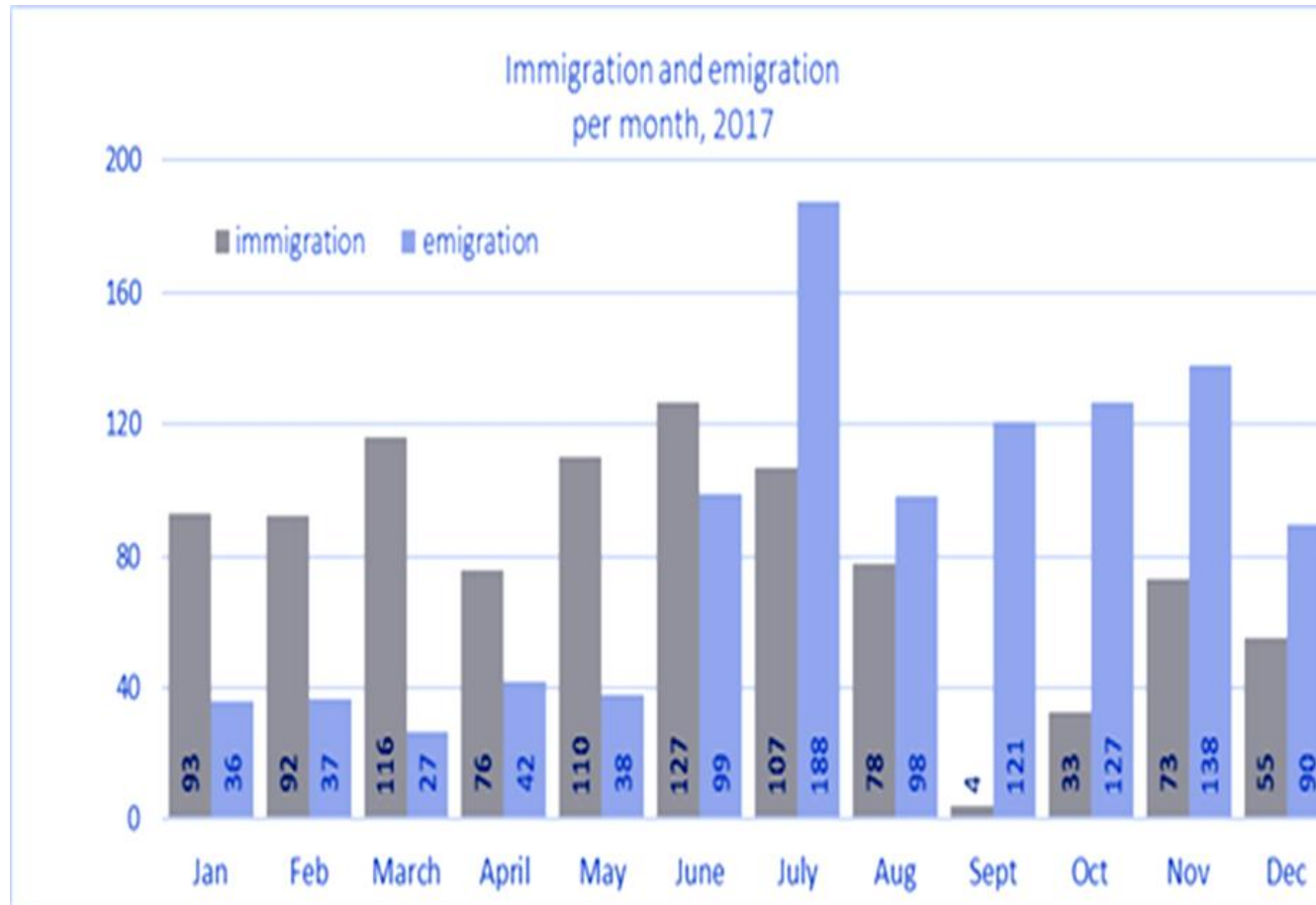


Emigration by major receiving countries 2017

Total	1078
Netherlands	716
Curacao	138
Aruba	79
Sint Eustatius	23
Saba	22
United States of America	22



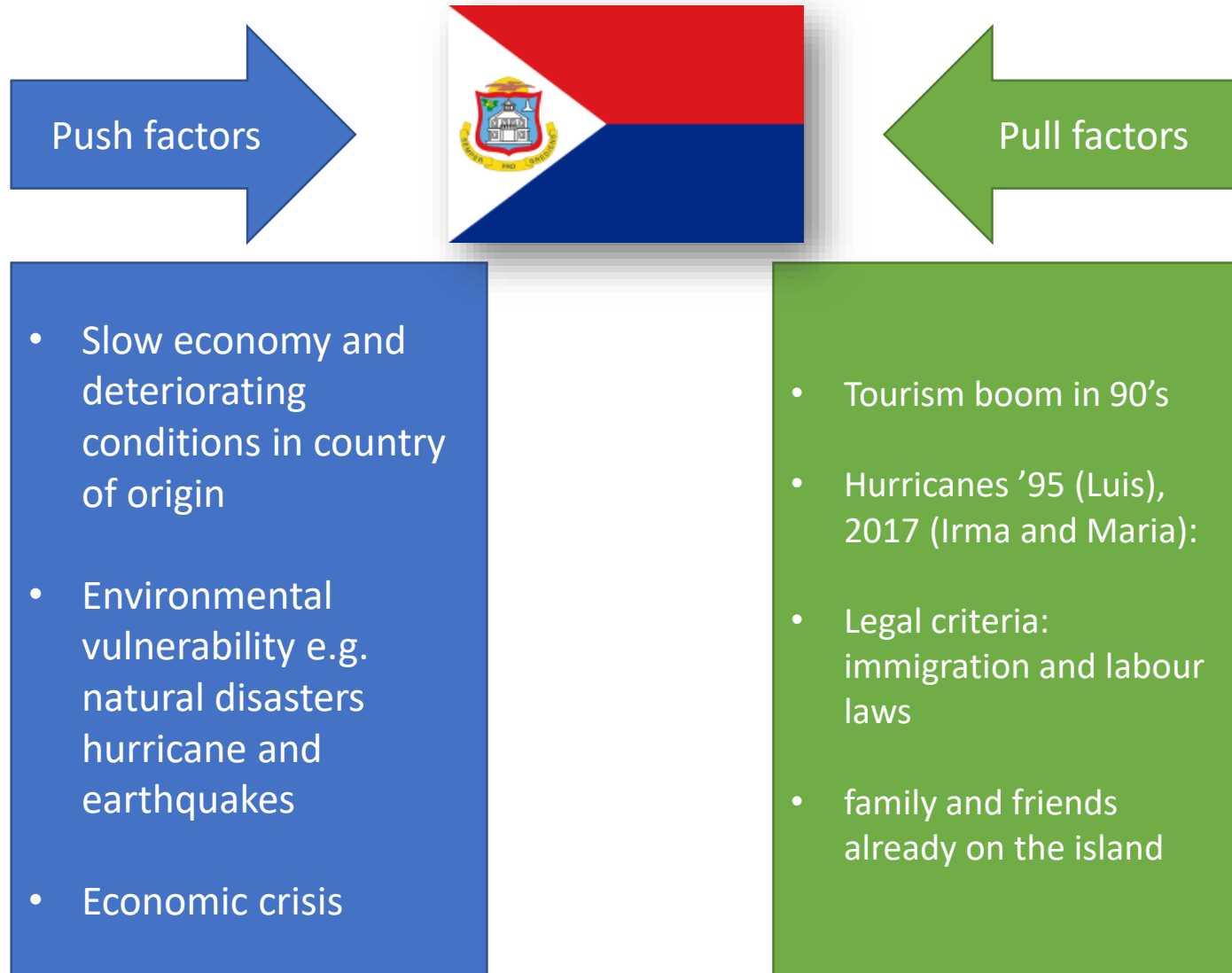
Immigration and emigration in 2017



- The peak is month of July
- Declined after September due to Hurricane Irma



Push and pull factors on immigration



Applications for permits Sint Maarten



Residence permit request type	2011	2012	2013
First time permit request	1798	2455	3126
Request admittance by law ('van rechtswege')	438	931	594
Extension temporary residence permit	5911	4595	8417
Change in permit	113	109	115
Total	8260	8090	12252



Residence permit-purpose of stay

Purpose of stay	2011	2012	2013
Family (re)-union	2646	2256	3011
Labour	2243	2382	2496
Indefinite residency permit	1686	1672	4974
Temporary residence permit	797	624	564
Director/Entrepreneur	536	328	286
Pensioner	137	104	81
Naturalization	110	605	146
Other	105	119	694
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Irregular Migration

- **Many originating from surrounding Caribbean Islands**
- **Estimated 15.000**
- **Via dangerous routes and methods: small boats via coastal shorelines, inlets and bays**



Thank you for your attention

