

St Kitts and Nevis Citizenship by Investment Programme — From Half of GDP to a 'More Sustainable' Model

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Quality score: 48/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Since 1984, St Kitts and Nevis has sold citizenship to foreign investors; revenue peaked near half of GDP in 2021. IMF-flagged scrutiny then drove reforms, cutting receipts to about 5% of GDP by 2025 — lower, but the IMF says more sustainable.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	3/3
Scalability	1/3
Sustainability / continuity	2/3
Innovation	1/3
Inclusiveness / equity	0/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-27

[Government of St Kitts and Nevis — Citizenship by Investment Unit](#) — accessed 2026-08-27

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