

# SIERRA LEONE

## FACT SHEET

**Capital City:** Freetown

**Population:** 5.5 million

**Life Expectancy:** 45 years

**Languages:** Official – English  
Trade – Krio  
Other – 21 local

**Currency (money):** Leone

**Climate:** Tropical, hot, humid  
Rainy – May to Oct.  
Dry – Nov. to Apr.

**Literacy Rate:** 15%

**Educational Opportunities:** 1 out of  
10 children are able to go to school.



**Religions:** Muslim – 50%  
Christian – 5%  
Traditional beliefs – 45%

**Land Area:** 27,652 square miles (slightly small than  
South Carolina)

**Number of Television Stations:** 2

**Number of Internet Service Providers:** 1

**Agricultural Products:** rice, peanuts, coffee, cocoa,  
palm kernels and oil

**Major Exports:** diamonds, rutile, cocoa, coffee, fish

**Average Income:** \$200 per year

**Independence Day** (*former British colony*):  
April 27, 1961

**HIV/AIDS Rate:** 5%

**Border Countries:** Guinea and Liberia

