Suriname

Suriname gained independence from the Netherlands in 1975. Its last census was in 2014 and the World Bank estimates population at 563,402 in 2017. It has ten districten (districts) at the intermediate level and sixty-two ressorten (subdistricts) at the local level. According to the 1987 constitution, districten are governed by a commissioner appointed by the president and an indirectly elected assembly composed of deputies from the ressorten councils. The districten have relatively extensive competences in implementing national policy. Their average population is just under 60,000.