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.