



VIETNAM



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Nguyen Phu TRONG

Head of Government

Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan PHUC

Government Type

communist state

Capital

Hanoi

Legislature

unicameral National Assembly or Quoc Hoi
(500 seats; 5-year terms)

Judiciary

Supreme People's Court (consists of the chief justice and 13 judges)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Ha Kim NGOC

US Ambassador

Ambassador Daniel KRITENBRINK

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 331,210 sq km

Land: 310,070 sq km

Water: 21,140 sq km

Climate

tropical in south; monsoonal in north with hot, rainy season (May to September) and warm, dry season (October to March)

Natural Resources

antimony, phosphates, coal, manganese, rare earth elements, bauxite, chromate, offshore oil and gas deposits, timber, hydropower, arable land

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

since transitioning in 1986 from a centrally planned, agrarian economy to a more industrial and market based economy, Vietnam has raised incomes substantially and seen strong growth, primarily due to increases in domestic demand and strong manufacturing exports

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$648.7 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$6,900 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$214.1 billion (2017 est.)

partners: US 20.1%, China 14.5%, Japan 8%, South Korea 6.8% (2017 est.)

Imports

\$202.6 billion (2017 est.)

partners: China 25.8%, South Korea 20.5%, Japan 7.8%, Thailand 4.9% (2017 est.)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

98.7 million (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth

0.84% (2020 est.)

Ethnicity

Kinh (Viet) 85.7%, Tay 1.9%, Thai 1.8%, Muong 1.5%, Khmer 1.5%, Mong 1.2%, Nung 1.1%, Hoa 1%, other 4.3% (2009 est.)

Language

Vietnamese (official), some English, French, Chinese, Khmer, mountain area languages

Religion

Buddhist 7.9%, Catholic 6.6%, Hoa Hao 1.7%, Cao Dai 0.9%, Protestant 0.9%, Muslim 0.1%, none 81.8% (2009 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 37.3% of total population (2020)
rate of urbanization: 2.98% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy

95% (2018)

