

Socialist Republic of Vietnam



- Capital city: Hanoi (Ha Noi)
- Official language: Vietnamese

1) Geographical features:

- Area: 331,210 sq km
- Geographical coordinates: 16 10 N, 107 50 E
- Climate: tropical in south; monsoonal in north with hot, rainy season (May to September) and warm, dry season (October to March)
- Topography type: low, flat delta in south and north; central highlands; hilly, mountainous in far north and northwest

2) Political features:

- Government type: Communist state
- Head of state: President Trương Tấn Sang (since 25 July 2011)
- Head of government: Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung (since 27 June 2006)

3) Economic features:

- Total GDP: \$ 186,204,652,922.3 (2014)
- GDP growth rate: 6% (2015) [provisional]
- GDP per capita: \$ 2,052.3 (2014)
- GNI (PPP): \$ 485,178,968,010 (2014)
- Sectoral composition of economy (2014 est.):
 - » Agriculture: 17.9%
 - » Industry: 38.1%
 - » Services: 44%
- Currency and exchange rate: dong (VND) per US dollar - 21,149 (2014 est.)
- Exports: \$147 billion (2014 est.)

- Biggest exporting partners: US 17.6%, China 11.8%, Japan 9.9%, South Korea 5%, Germany 4.4%, Malaysia 4.2% (2013)
- Imports: \$138.6 billion (2014 est.)
- Biggest importing partners: China 32%, South Korea 13.9%, Singapore 7.2%, Japan 6.9%, Hong Kong 5%, Thailand 4.7% (2013)

4) Social and demographic features:

- Population size: 90,730,000.0 (2014)
- Main languages spoken: Vietnamese (official), English (increasingly favoured as a second language), some French, Chinese, and Khmer, mountain area languages (Mon-Khmer and Malayo-Polynesian)
- Main religions followed: Buddhist 9.3%, Catholic 6.7%, Hoa Hao 1.5%, Cao Dai 1.1%, Protestant 0.5%, Muslim 0.1%, none 80.8% (1999 census)
- Biggest ethnic groups: Kinh (Viet) 85.7%, Tay 1.9%, Thai 1.8%, Muong 1.5%, Khmer 1.5%, Mong 1.2%, Nung 1.1%, others 5.3% (1999 census)
- Available working population (as a percentage of total population): 71% (2014)
- Sex ratio: 1 male(s)/female (2015 est.)

5) Military and defense:

- Total defense expenditure: \$4251m (2014)
- Defense expenditure as a % of GDP: 2.2% (2014)
- Military age: 18
- Military obligation: 18 months service obligation
- Military strength (Active manpower): 412,000 (2014)

6) Important rankings:

- GDP ranking (nominal): 45 (2015)
- HDI ranking: 121 (2014)
- Global peace index: 56 (2015)
- KOF Globalization index: 120 (2015)
- Military strength ranking: 21 (2015)
- Where-to-be-born index: 68 (2013)