

# SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM



- **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 Nguyen Phu TRONG (since 23 October 2018)
- Head of Government: Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan PHUC (since 7 April 2016)

### 3) **Economic Features:**

- Total GDP: \$ 220.4 billion (2017 est.)
- GDP Growth Rate: 6.8% (2017 est.)
- GDP per Capita: \$ 6,900 (2017 est.)
- GDP (PPP): \$ 648.7 billion (2017 est.)
- Sectoral Composition of Economy (2017 Est.):
  - » Agriculture: 15.3%
  - » Industry: 33.3%
  - » Services: 51.3%
- Currency and Exchange Rate: dong (VND) per US dollar – 22,425 (2017 est.)
- Exports: \$214.1 billion (2017 est.)
- Biggest Exporting Partners: US 20.1%, China 14.5%, Japan 8%, South Korea 6.8% (2017)
- Imports: \$202.6 billion (2017 est.)
- Biggest Importing Partners: China 25.8%, South Korea 20.5%, Japan 7.8%, Thailand 4.9% (2017)

### 4) **Social and Demographic Features:**

- Population Size: 97,040,334 (2018 est.)
- 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 7.9%, Catholic 6.6%, Hoa Hao 1.7%, Cao Dai 0.9%, Protestant 0.9%, Muslim 0.1%, none 81.8% (2009 est.)
- 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%, Hoa 1%, other 4.3% (2009 est.)
- Total Employment (Millions; Ages 15+): 55.7 (2016)
- Sex Ratio: 1.01 male(s)/female (2018 est.)

## 5) **Military and Defense:**

- Total Defense Expenditure: \$5451m (2018)
- Defense Expenditure As A % Of GDP: 2.3% (2018)
- Military Age: 18
- Military Obligation: 18 months service obligation
- Military Strength (Active Manpower): 482,000 (2018)

## 6) **Important Rankings:**

- GDP Ranking (Nominal): 45 (2018)
- HDI Ranking: 116 (2018)
- Global Peace Index: 60 (2018)
- KOF Globalization Index: 82 (2018)
- Military Strength Ranking: 23 (2018)
- Where-To-Be-Born Index: 68 (2013)