

Fast Facts: Viet Nam



The long 'S' shaped outline of Viet Nam comprises the eastern most edge of the Southeast Asian peninsula.



The flag of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam with a single gold star on a red field.

Land mass: 329,247 sq km (127,123 sq miles or slightly larger than the U.S. State of New Mexico)

Terrain: low and flat in north and south; central highlands; mountainous in far north

Climate: south tropical; north monsoonal

Language: Vietnamese (official); various ethnic minority languages

Capital city: Hanoi (Ha Noi)

Largest city: Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon)

Government: Communist

President: Truong Tan Sang

Secretary-general of the Communist Party: Nguyen Phu Trong

Prime minister: Nguyen Tan Dung

Population: 91.5 million (July 2012 est.)

Ethnic groups (2009 census):

- 85.7% Kinh (Viet)
- 1.9% Tay
- 1.7% Tai
- 1.5% Mường
- 1.4% Khơ me
- 1.1% Hoa
- 1.1% Nùng
- 1% Hmong
- 4.1% Others (The government of Viet Nam recognizes a total of 54 minority groups within the country.)

Population growth rate: 1.054% (2012 est.)

Urban population: 30% (2010)

Life expectancy: 73 years (men), 77 years (women)

HIV/AIDS: 0.4% (2009 est.)

Abortions per year: 1.3 million (1/3 of pregnancies; 1995 est.)

Structured Religion: **Buddhism:** 50% **Catholicism:** 9% **Hoa Hao:** 2.75% **Cao Dai:** 2.25% **Protestantism:** 1.25% **Islam:** 0.1% **Other:** 34.65% (estimates are as high as 98% of Vietnamese actively practice ancestor worship regardless of structured religion professed)

Exchange rate: 20,586 VND = 1 USD (2011 est.)

Inflation rate: 18.6% (2011 est.)

GDP growth rate: 5.8% (2011 est.)

Unemployed: 2.3% (2011 est.)

People in poverty: 14.5% (2010 est.)

Main exports: Petroleum, rice, coffee, clothing, fish

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Ha Long Bay off the northeast coast of Viet Nam is a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Sources: [UN Data - A world of Information](#) , [The CIA World Factbook](#) , [Wikipedia - Vietnam](#) , [BBC - Country Profile](#) , [pray4vn.org](#)



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