

# COUNTRY PROFILE

## VIETNAM



**Location:** Southeastern Asia, bordering the Gulf of Thailand, Gulf of Tonkin, and South China Sea, as well as China, Laos, and Cambodia

**Capital:** Hanoi (Ha Noi)

**Area:**

Total: 331,210 sq km

Land: 310,070 sq km

Water: 21,140 sq km

**Population:** 95,261,021 (July 2016 est.)

**Population Density:** (per sq KM) 296 (2015)

**Population Growth Rate:** 0.95% (2016 est.)

**Population below Poverty Line:** 11.3% (2012 est.)

**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%

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

**Natural Resources:** phosphates, coal, manganese, rare earth elements, bauxite, chromate, offshore oil and gas deposits, timber, hydropower, arable land

**Languages:** Vietnamese (official), English (increasingly favored as a second language), some French, Chinese, and Khmer, mountain area languages (Mon-Khmer and Malayo-Polynesian)

**Religions:** 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.)

**Land Use:**

Agricultural Land: 34.8% (arable Land 20.6%; permanent crops 12.1%; permanent pasture 2.1%)

Forest: 45%

Other: 20.2% (2011 est.)

**Natural hazards:** occasional typhoons (May to January) with extensive flooding, especially in the Mekong River delta

**Literacy:** 94.5%

**GDP - Real Growth Rate:** 6.1% (2016 est.)

**GDP - Per Capita (PPP):** \$6,400 (2016 est.)

**Exports:** \$169.2 billion (2016 est.)

**Export Commodities:** clothes, shoes, electronics, seafood, crude oil, rice, coffee, wooden products, machinery

**Improved Drinking Water Source:** 97.6% of population

**Improved Sanitation Facility Access:** 78% of population