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 KRIENTBRINK

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)

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

as of August 2020