SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
Queen ELIZABETH II represented by Governor General Susan DOUGAN
Head of Government
Prime Minister Ralph E. GONSALVES
Government Type
parliamentary democracy (Parliament) under a constitutional monarchy; a Commonwealth realm
Capital
Kingstown
Legislature
unicameral House of Assembly (23 seats)
Judiciary
the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (ECSC), headquartered on St. Lucia, is the superior court of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States
Ambassador to US
Ambassador Lou-Anne Gaylene GILCHRIST
US Ambassador
the US does not have an embassy in Grenada, US Ambassador to Barbados Linda S. TAGLIALATELA is accredited to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
success of this lower-middle-income economy hinges upon seasonal variations in agriculture, tourism, and construction activity, as well as remittances; banana production, in particular, remains vulnerable to natural shocks
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$1.265 billion (2017 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$11,500 (2017 est.)
Exports
$48.6 million (2017 est.)
partners: Jordan 40.7%, France 12.5%, Barbados 7%, Saint Lucia 6.8%, Antigua and Barbuda 5.7%, US 5.5%, Trinidad and Tobago 4.7% (2017)
Imports
$295.9 million (2017 est.)
partners: US 36.8%, Trinidad and Tobago 19.1%, UK 7%, China 5.8% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
101,390 (July 2020 est.)
Population Growth
-0.22% (2020 est.)
Ethnicity
African descent 71.2%, mixed 23%, indigenous 3%, East Indian/Indian 1.1%, European 1.5%, other 0.2% (2012 est.)
Language
English, Vincentian Creole English, French patois
Religion
Protestant 75%, Roman Catholic 6.3%, Rastafarian 1.1%, Jehovah's Witness 0.8%, other 4.7%, none 7.5%, unspecified 4.7% (2012 est.)
Urbanization
urban population: 53% of total population (2020)
rate of urbanization: 1.03% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

as of August 2020