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)
Judiciary
Supreme People’s Court (consists of the chief justice and 13 judges)
Ambassador to US
Ambassador Ha Kim NGOC
US Ambassador
Ambassador Daniel KRITENBRINK

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 (2018 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.)

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

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
97 million (July 2018 est.)
Population Growth
0.9% (2018 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: 36.6% of total population (2019)
rate of urbanization: 2.98% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)
Literacy
94.5% (2017)