

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

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 389 sq km (Saint Vincent 344 sq km)

Land: 389 sq km

Water: 0 sq km

Climate

tropical; little seasonal temperature variation; rainy season (May to November)

Natural Resources

hydropower, arable land

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.)

