ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

Capital: Kingstown

GEODATA

Area 340 km²

Official language English

Major religious groups Anglican (47%), Methodist (28%) Roman Catholic (13%)

Surrounding countries Barbados, Grenada, St. Lucia

POLITICAL DATA

Type of government Constitutional monarchy

National legislature Upper chamber: Senate Lower chamber: House of Assembly; muliparty

Leaders Governor General Charles Antrobus Prime Minister James Mitchell

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP \$338.8 million US (1999 est.)

GDP growth rate 4% (1999 est.)

GDP per capita \$2,455 US (1998)

Main exports Bananas, vegetables, arrowroot starch, tennis racquets

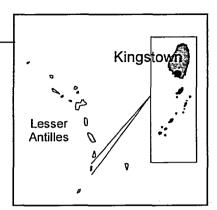
Main imports Foodstuffs, machinery and equipment, chemicals and fertilizers, minerals and fuels

Main exports to Canada \$150,000 (1999), including gold, fish and seafood, vegetables, fruit, clothing

Main imports from Canada \$4.63 million (1999), including dairy products, telephone equipment, poultry, animal feed

Population 115,461 (July 2000 est.)

Population growth rate 0.43% (2000 est.)



Minister of Foreign Affairs and Tourism Allan Cruickshank

UN Human Development Index (2000) St. Vincent and the Grenadines ranks 79th among 174 countries

Canadian official development assistance \$1.7 million (1998–1999)

Inflation rate 3% (1999 est.)

Unemployment rate 22% (1997 est.)

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