ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

Capital: Kingstown

GEODATA

Area 340 km²

Population 113,000 (2000 est.)

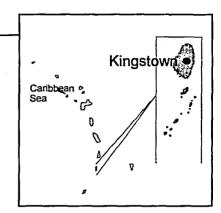
Major language English (official) Population growth rate 0.43% (2000 est.)

Major religious groups
Anglican (47%), Methodist (28%),

Roman Catholic (13%)

Surrounding countries

Grenada, St. Lucia, Trinidad and Tobago



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government Constitutional monarchy

National legislature

Upper chamber: Senate

Lower chamber: House of Assembly; multiparty

Leaders

Governor General Charles Antrobus Prime Minister Ralph Gonslaves Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Commerce and Trade

Louis Straker

UN Human Development Index (2001)

Not listed

Canadian official development assistance

\$520,000 (2000-01)

Inflation rate

1.4% (2000 est.)
Unemployment rate

19% (1996 est.)

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$343.3 million US (2000 est.)

GDP growth rate 3.5% (2000 est.)

GDP per capita

\$2,548 US (1997)

Main exports

Bananas, eddoes and dasheen (taro), arrowroot starch, tennis racquets

Main imports

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

Main exports to Canada

\$400,000 (2000), including spices, machinery, preserved food, fruit, toys

Main imports from Canada

\$4.9 million (2000), including telephone equipment, iron and steel products, dairy products, wood

Canadian Representative

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