

VIETNAM

Capital: Hanoi

GEODATA

Area

329,560 km²

Population

78.1 million (1998)

Population growth rate

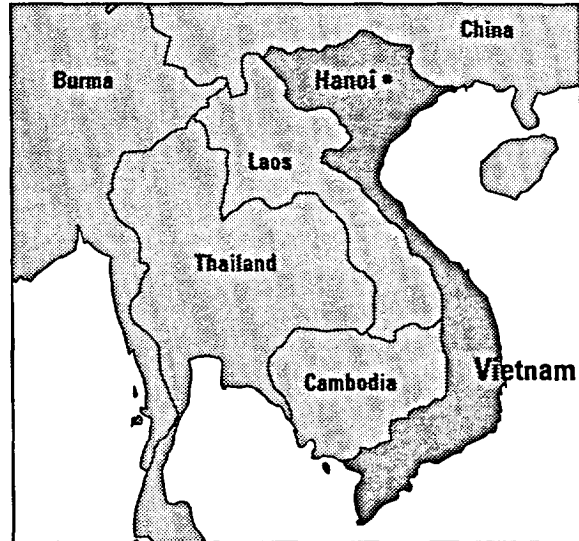
1.9% (1997)

Major languages

Vietnamese (official), French, English, Khmer

Major religious groups

Buddhist (67%), Roman Catholic (8%)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Socialist republic

Democratic institutions

Unicameral national assembly

Leaders

President Tran Duc Luong

Prime Minister Phan Van Khai

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Nguyen Manh Cam

UN Human Development Index (1999)

Vietnam ranks 110th among 174 countries

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$23.7 billion US (1998)

GDP growth rate

5.8% (1998)

GDP per capita

\$303 US (1998)

Inflation rate

8.7% (1998)

Unemployment rate

Not available

Main exports

Crude oil, agricultural and forestry products, fish and fish by-products, rice

Main imports

Crude oil, machinery, steel, fertilizer

Main exports to Canada

\$181.7 million (1998), including footwear, clothing, coffee, tea, spices, maté, fish, crustaceans, leather articles

Main imports from Canada

\$54.5 million (1998), including fertilizers, wood pulp, pharmaceutical products, machinery, boilers, cereal

Canadian official development assistance

\$18 million (1997-98)

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