

ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

Capital: Kingstown

GEODATA

Area

340 km²

Major language

English (official)

Major religious groups

Anglican (47%), Methodist (28%),
Roman Catholic (13%)

Surrounding country

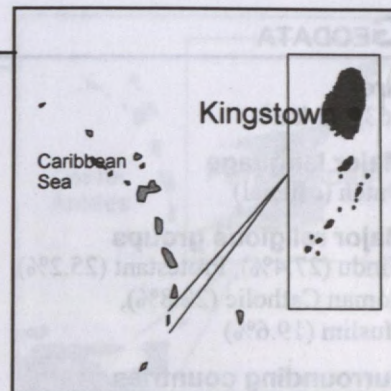
Trinidad and Tobago

Population

113,000 (2000 est.)

Population growth rate

0.6% (1998 est.)



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 Everard Gonsalves

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Tourism

Allan Cruickshank

UN Human Development Index (2000)

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines ranks 79th among 174 countries

Canadian official development assistance

\$1.7 million (1998-1999)

ECONOMIC DATA

Real GDP

\$342.4 million US (2000 est.)

Inflation rate

2.5% (2000 est.)

GDP growth rate

2% (2000 est.)

Unemployment rate

19% (1996 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

\$0.4 million (2000), including spices; coffee and tea; machinery; vegetables; preserved food; fruit and nuts; toys; sports equipment; milled products, malt and starches; precious stones and metals; salt, sulphur, earth and stone; food

Main imports from Canada

\$4.9 million (2000), including electrical machinery; iron and steel products; dairy products; eggs; honey; wood; articles of base metal; rubber; meat; vehicles

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