

## Introduction

Vanuatu is a group of islands in the Southern Pacific Ocean in Oceania off the eastern coast of Australia. Proximate countries include Fiji, Tuvalu, and the Solomon Islands. The geography of the islands is mountainous with mostly volcanic origins. The government system of Vanuatu is a parliamentary republic; the chief of state is the president, and the head of government is the prime minister. Vanuatu has a traditional economy in which the economy is based primarily on small-scale agriculture.



**Location:** Oceania, Melanesia

**Capital City:** Port-Vila (+11 GMT)

**Chief of State:** President Nikenike Vurobaravu

**Head of Govt.:** Prime Minister Charlot Salwai

**Currency:** Vatu (VUV)

**Major Languages:** <p>local languages (more than 100) 63.2%, Bislama (official; creole) 33.7%, English (official) 2%, French (official) 0.6%, other 0.5%</p>

**Primary Religions:** <p>Protestant 70% (includes Presbyterian 27.9%, Anglican 15.1%, Seventh Day Adventist 12.5%, Assemblies of God 4.7%, Church of Christ 4.5%, Neil Thomas Ministry 3.1%, and Apostolic 2.2%), Roman Catholic 12.4%, customary beliefs 3.7% (including Jon Frum cargo cult), other 12.6%, none 1.1%, unspecified 0.2%</p>

**Calling Code:** 678

**Voltage:** 230

## Key Websites

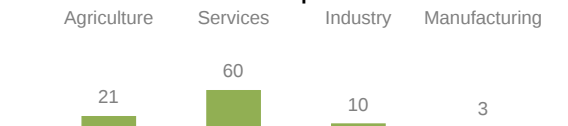
Main Government Page: [gov.vu](http://gov.vu)

Investment Promotion Agency: [investvanuatu.org](http://investvanuatu.org)

## Key Economic Facts

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Income Level (by per capita GNI):                                    | Lower Middle Income     |
| GDP, PPP (current international \$):                                 | \$1.07 billion (2022)   |
| GDP growth (annual %):                                               | 1.85% (2022)            |
| GDP per capita, PPP (current international \$):                      | \$3,289.48 (2022)       |
| External debt stocks, total (DOD, current US\$):                     | \$515,244,902.10 (2021) |
| Manufacturing, value added (% of GDP):                               | 2.78% (2018)            |
| Current account balance (BoP, current US\$):                         | \$0.00 billion (2021)   |
| Inflation, consumer prices (annual %):                               | 2.34% (2021)            |
| Labor force, total:                                                  | 136,880 (2022)          |
| Unemployment, total (% of total labor force) (modeled ILO estimate): | 2.09% (2022)            |
| Imports of goods and services (current US\$):                        | \$0.54 billion (2022)   |
| Exports of goods and services (current US\$):                        | \$0.15 billion (2022)   |

## GDP Composition %



*\*Although Manufacturing is included in the Industry figures, it is also separately reported because it plays a critical role in economy.*

## Rankings

| Index                        | Rank      |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Corruption Perceptions Index | 65 / 178  |
| Index of Economic Freedom    | 70 / 176  |
| KOF Index of Globalization   | 136 / 185 |

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