

Introduction

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, part of the Lesser Antilles, is an island country in the Caribbean Sea. Proximate countries include Grenada, Saint Lucia, and Barbados. The geography of the country is volcanic and mountainous. The government system is a parliamentary democracy and a Commonwealth realm; the chief of state is the queen of United Kingdom, and the head of government is the prime minister. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines has a mixed economic system in which there is a variety of private freedom, combined with centralized economic planning and government regulation. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines is a member of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS).



Location: Caribbean

Capital City: Kingstown (-4 GMT)

Chief of State: Queen Elizabeth II represented by Governor General Frederick Ballantyne

Head of Govt.: Prime Minister Ralph E. Gonsalves

Currency: East Caribbean dollar (XCD)

Major Languages: <p>English, Vincentian Creole English, French patois</p>

Primary Religions: <p>Protestant 70.6% (Anglican 17.8%, Pentecostal 17.6%, Methodist 10.8%, Seventh Day Adventist 10.2%, Baptist 10%, Church of God 2.5%, Brethren 1.3%, Salvation Army .3%, Presbyterian/Congregational .1%), Roman Catholic 7.5%, Evangelical 2.8%, Rastafarian 1.5%, Jehovah's Witness 0.6%, other 6.7%, none 8.8%, unspecified 1.5%</p>

Calling Code: 1-784

Voltage: 230

Key Websites

Main Government Page: gov.vc

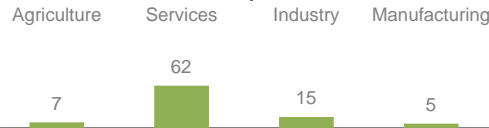
Commerce Ministry: cipo.gov.vc

Investment Promotion Agency: investsvg.com

Key Economic Facts

Income Level (by per capita GNI):	Upper Middle Income
GDP, PPP (current international \$):	\$1.29 billion (2017)
GDP growth (annual %):	0.86% (2017)
GDP per capita, PPP (current international \$):	\$11,744.25 (2017)
External debt stocks, total (DOD, current US\$):	\$337,066,340.00 (2017)
Manufacturing, value added (% of GDP):	4.80% (2017)
Current account balance (BoP, current US\$):	-\$0.14 billion (2017)
Inflation, consumer prices (annual %):	2.15% (2017)
Labor force, total:	58,956 (2018)
Unemployment, total (% of total labor force) (modeled ILO estimate):	18.25% (2018)
Imports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$0.43 billion (2017)
Exports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$0.28 billion (2017)

GDP Composition %



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

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