

# SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES



## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

Queen ELIZABETH II  
represented by Governor General Sir Frederick  
Nathaniel BALLANTYNE

### Head of Government

Prime Minister Ralph E. GONSALVES

### Government Type

parliamentary democracy (Parliament) under a  
constitutional monarchy; a Commonwealth realm

### Capital

Kingstown

### Legislature

unicameral House of Assembly (23 seats)

### Judiciary

the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (ECSC),  
headquartered on St. Lucia, is the superior court of  
the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States

### Ambassador to US

Ambassador Lou-Anne Gaylene GILCHRIST

### US Ambassador

the US does not have an embassy in Grenada, US  
Ambassador to Barbados Linda S. TAGLIATELA  
is accredited to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 389 sq km (Saint Vincent 344 sq km)  
Land: 389 sq km  
Water: 0 sq km

### Climate

tropical; little seasonal temperature variation;  
rainy season (May to November)

### Natural Resources

hydropower, arable land

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

success of this lower-middle-income economy hinges upon  
seasonal variations in agriculture, tourism, and construction  
activity, as well as remittances; banana production, in particular,  
remains vulnerable to natural shocks

### GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$1.266 billion (2017 est.)

### GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$11,500 (2017 est.)

### Exports

\$51.3 million (2017 est.)  
partners: Jordan 40.7%, France 12.5%, Barbados 7%, Saint Lucia  
6.8%, Antigua and Barbuda 5.7%, US 5.5%, Trinidad and Tobago  
4.7% (2017)

### Imports

\$311.3 million (2017 est.)  
partners: US 36.8%, Trinidad and Tobago 19.1%, UK 7%, China  
5.8% (2017)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

102,100 (July 2017 est.)

### Population Growth

-0.25% (2017 est.)

### Ethnicity

African/black 72.8%,  
mixed 20%, Carib 3.6%,  
East Indian 1.4%, European 4%, other 1.5%, unspecified .6%  
(2001 est.)

### Language

English, Vincentian Creole English, French patois

### Religion

Protestant 70.6%, Roman Catholic 7.5%, Evangelical 2.8%,  
Rastafarian 1.5%, Jehovah's Witness 0.6%, other 6.7%, none  
8.8%, unspecified 1.5% (2011 est.)

### Urbanization

urban population: 52.2% of total population (2018)  
rate of urbanization: 1% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

