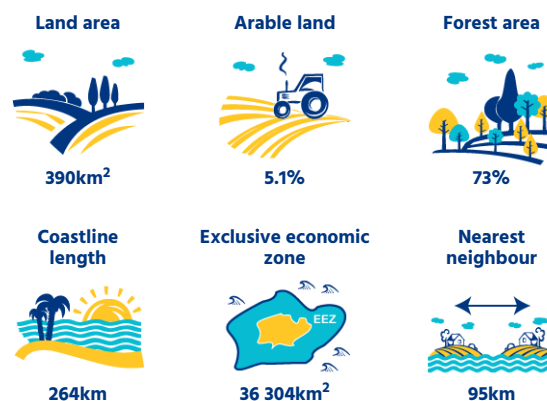




## St. Vincent and the Grenadines

- > **Capital:** Kingstown (13°10' N 61°14' W)
- > **International airport(s):** Argyle International Airport
- > **Official language(s):** English
- > **Currency:** East Caribbean dollar (XCD)
- > **Time:** UTC -4
- > **Region:** Caribbean



### GEOGRAPHY

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines has a territory of 389 km<sup>2</sup>, with only some of the islands inhabited. The country is in the Lesser Antilles island arc in the West Indies. To the north of Saint Vincent lies Saint Lucia, to the east Barbados and to the south Grenada. The main island, Saint Vincent, measures 26 km in length and 15 km in width. The country is densely populated for its size, with over 300 inhabitants per km<sup>2</sup>. Saint Vincent is of volcanic origin and heavily forested with limited flat terrain. The windward side is rocky and steep, while the leeward side has some sandy beaches. The highest peak (1 234 m) is the La Soufrière volcano. Other notable mountains include Richmond Peak and Mount Brisbane.

### CLIMATE

The climate of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines is tropical, humid and hot all year, with a cooler dry season from January to April and a hot and rainy season from May to October. Average monthly temperature ranges from 26 to 28 °C. (World Bank, 2020) Rainfall is abundant on Saint Vincent, with almost 2 000 mm of rainfall annually. Rainfall is below 100 mm only from January to April. The Grenadines are a bit drier, receiving less than 1 500 mm of rain per year. Rain mainly comes in sudden, intense downpours or thunderstorms, but do not last long, thus typically not reducing hours of sunshine. Tropical storms and cyclones are typical, but Saint Vincent and the Grenadines is located in the southernmost part of the hurricane belt, where hurricanes are relatively rare.

### ECONOMY

Agriculture contributes less than 10 per cent to GDP, but important agricultural products, like banana and crop are cultivated and exported. The country also produces and exports beer and distills rum. At 70 per cent, the service sector accounts for most of the country's GDP (UNCTAD, 2021), and almost the same share of employment (ILO, 2020a). The service sector is dominated by tourism. According items attribute is mandatory, tourism arrivals in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines have reached 392 thousand in 2019 and inbound tourism expenditure equalled 30 per cent over GDP in 2018. The filming of movies, like the Pirates of the Caribbean, has attracted visitors, which has stimulated construction work to improve the infrastructure to enable increasing tourist flows. Unemployment has been high and tropical storms occasionally cause serious problems to banana and coconut plantations, hampering economic development. There are some manufacturing and offshore financial activities that attract international businesses. The main export destinations are Jordan, France and Switzerland in addition to the other Caribbean islands (UNCTAD, 2021).

### CULTURE

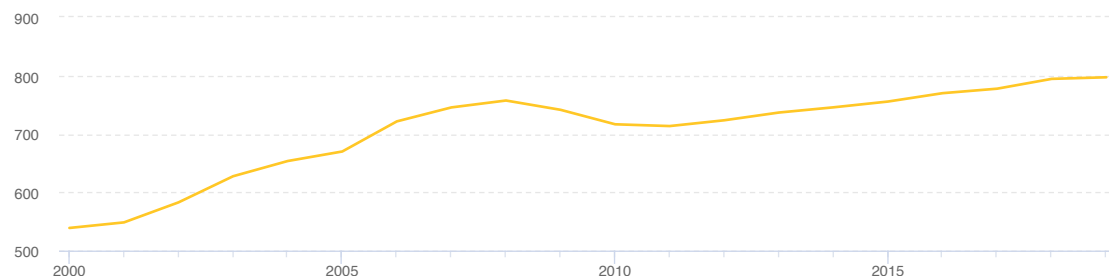
Rugby, cricket and association football are popular among men, while netball is popular among women. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines have their own national rugby union team that has participated in the world cup. Basketball, volleyball and tennis are also played. Popular music includes bele, big drum, calypso, chutney, reggae, soca and steelpan. Traditional storytelling is also a popular way to spend time.

People grow breadfruit and arrowroot, among others, and a wide array of spice plants. The country hosts a Breadfruit Festival each August with music, dancing and multiple preparations of breadfruit. The cuisine is based on a rich variety of fish and seafood, including tuna, bonito, mahi mahi, kingfish and snapper. In Barrouallie, on the west coast of Saint Vincent, a local delicacy is black fish, or pilot whale. Lobster, squid, octopus and queen conch are also regularly enjoyed.

## ECONOMIC TRENDS

## Gross domestic product

US dollars at constant prices (2015) in millions

GDP per capita  
2019

US\$7 463

Productive  
Capacity Index  
2018

34.1

Economic and environmental  
vulnerability index  
2019

28

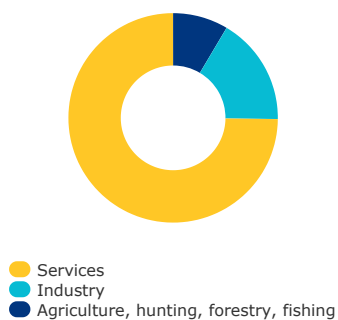
Consumer Price  
Index growth  
2019

0.7%

Unemployment  
rate  
2008Total 18.8%  
Female 18.6%, Male 22.6%

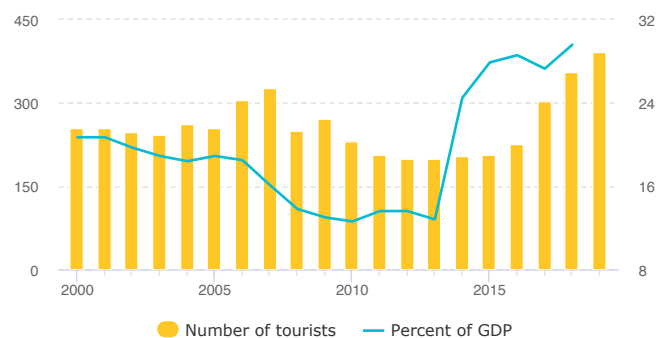
## Main economic sectors, 2019

Percentage of GDP



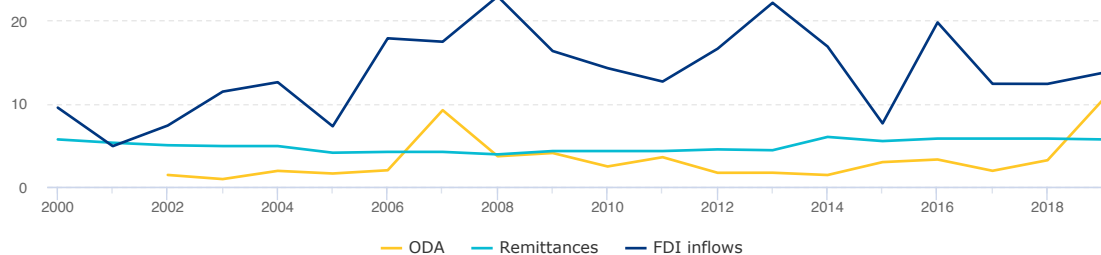
## Tourist arrivals

Thousands of tourists, percentage of GDP



## External financial resources

Percentage of GDP

Public debt as %  
of GDP

2018



56.9%

## MARITIME TRANSPORT

## Fleet size

Number of ships

Ship type	2011	2019
Total fleet	1 407	1 407
Oil tankers	264	266
Bulk carriers	311	333
General cargo	161	77
Container ships	52	49
Other types of ships	619	682

## Port performance

Ranked by 2019 data within SIDS group

Indicators	2019	SIDS Ranking
Number of port calls	2 332	9
Median time in port (days)	0	31
Average age of vessels	44	1
Average size (GT) of vessels	6 106	31

## Container port throughput

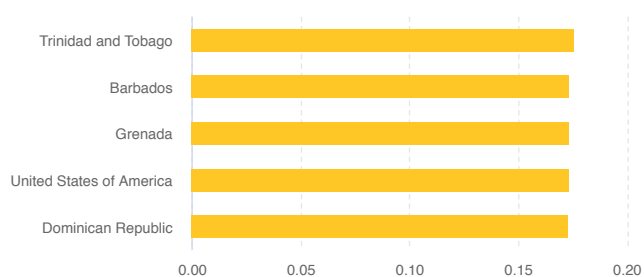
2019



18 650 TEU

## Bilateral connectivity index, 2019

Top 5 partners



## Liner shipping connectivity index

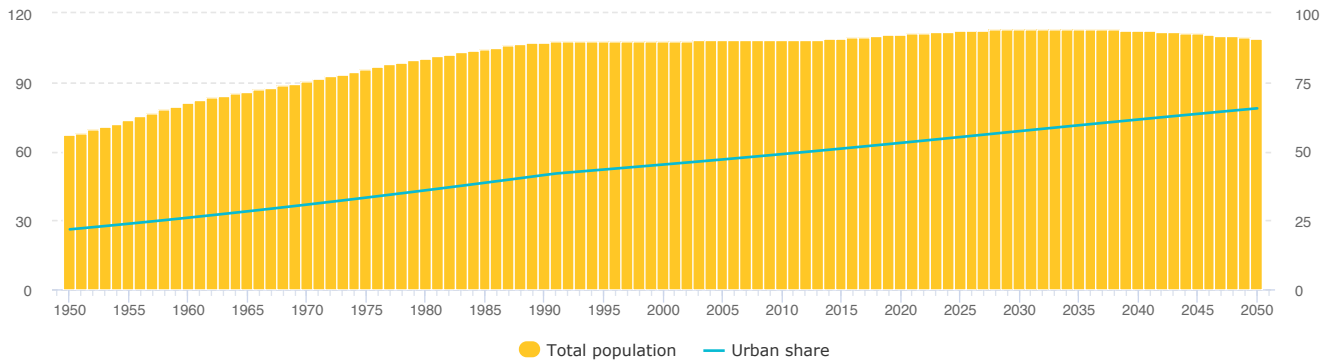
Maximum China Q1 2006=100



## POPULATION

## Total population

Thousands of people, share of urban population



## Population development indicators

Indicators	Period	Value
Poverty headcount (% of population)	..	..
Human development index	2018	0.7
Human assets index	2020	95
Adult literacy rate (15+ years, both sexes %)	..	..
Gender inequality index	..	..

Life expectancy  
at birth

2019



73 years

Population  
density

2019

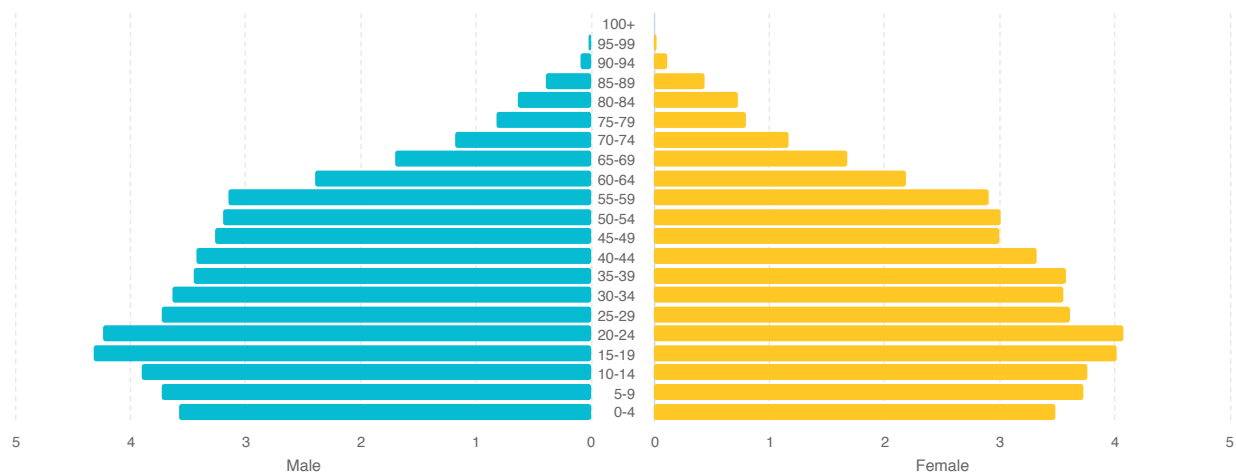
284 persons  
per km<sup>2</sup>Dependency  
ratio

2019

Child: 32.6  
Old-age: 14.3

## Age structure by gender, 2019

Percentage of total population



## INTERNATIONAL TRADE

## Merchandise and services trade

US dollars in millions

Indicators	2005	2010	2015	2019	2019 (% of GDP)
Merchandise exports	40	42	46	38	4.6
Merchandise imports	240	338	334	335	40.6
Services exports	158	138	238	291	35.3
Services imports	79	91	122	144	17.4

Trade openness  
Goods and  
services

2019



47% of GDP

Export  
concentration  
index

2019



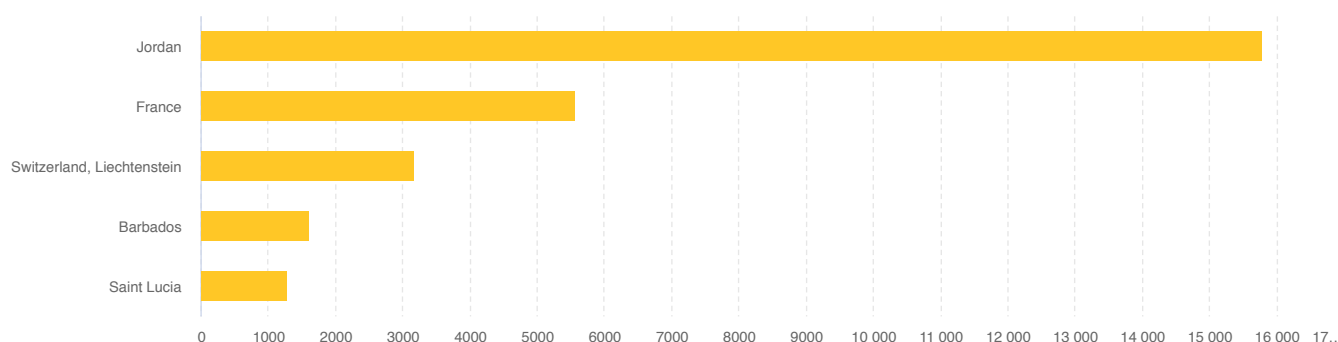
0.44

Food import  
dependency  
Average  
2015-2019

17.03

## Top 5 partners in merchandise trade, 2019

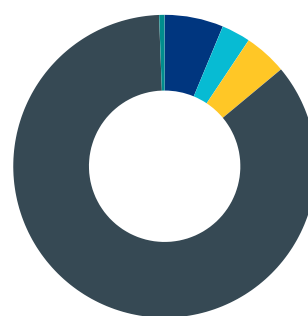
Exports in millions US dollars



## Merchandise exports by product group, 2019

- Agricultural raw materials
- All food items
- Fuels
- Manufactured goods
- Ores, metals, precious stones and non-monetary gold

## Services exports by category, 2019

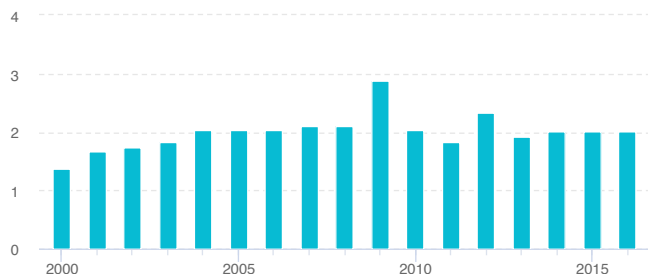


- Financial, insurance, business, intellectual property
- Telecommunications, computer, and information services
- Transport
- Travel
- Other

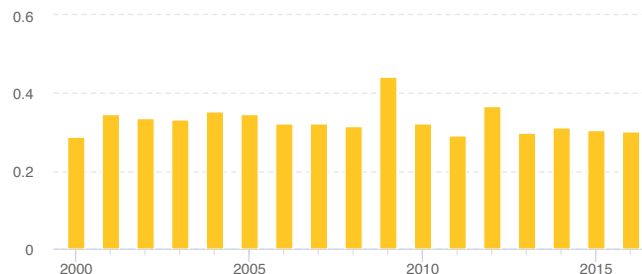
## ENVIRONMENT

CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per capita

Kg per capita

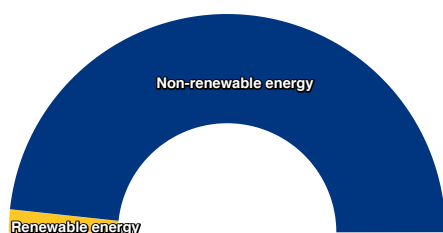
CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per GDP

Kg per 2010 US\$ of GDP



## Renewable energy share in total energy consumption, 2017

Percentage of total energy consumption



## Material footprint per capita

2016



## Terrestrial protected area

2018



## Marine protected area

2018



## Disasters indicators

Data not available

## INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

## Trade in ICT goods

2019



Exports: 1.3%  
Imports: 4.2%

## Trade in ICT services

..



Exports: ..%  
Imports: ..%

## Share of internet users

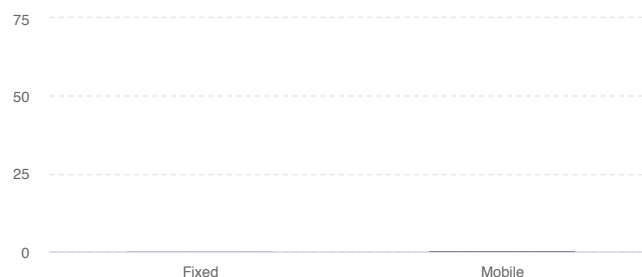
2018



22%

## Fixed broadband vs Mobile broadband subscriptions

Number of subscriptions per 100 people



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