

# Vanuatu



## 1. General Information

Population <sup>*1</sup>	192,910 (July 2001 est.)														
Population density [ /km <sup>2</sup> ] <sup>*1</sup>	15.81														
Languages <sup>*1</sup>	English (official), French (official), pidgin (known as Bislama or Bichelama)														
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Climate <sup>*1</sup>	Tropical; moderated by southeast trade winds														
Land Area [km <sup>2</sup> ] <sup>*1</sup>	12,200														

### Comments for General Information<sup>\*1</sup>

The Republic of Vanuatu (formerly known as the New Hebrides) is an archipelago of some 80 islands. Most of the population live on the three large islands (Espiritu Santo, Malakula and Efate).

The British and French who settled the New Hebrides in the 19th century, agreed in 1906 to an Anglo-French Condominium, which administered the islands until independence in 1980.

## 2. Economy

GDP [US\$] <sup>*1</sup>	245 million (purchasing power parity, 1999)
GDP-per capita [US\$] <sup>*1</sup>	1,300 (purchasing power parity, 1999)
Imports [US\$] <sup>*1</sup>	77.2 million (1999)
	Machinery and equipment, foodstuffs, fuels
Exports [US\$] <sup>*1</sup>	25.3 million (1999)
	Copra, kava, beef, cocoa, timber, coffee

Composition of Sector <sup>*1</sup> (Ratio to GDP)	Agriculture & Fishery [%]	20
	Industry [%]	9
	Service [%]	71

#### Comments for Economy<sup>\*1</sup>

The economy is based primarily on subsistence or small-scale agriculture which provides a living for 65% of the population. Fishing, offshore financial services, and tourism, with about 50,000 visitors in 1997, are other mainstays of the economy. Mineral deposits are negligible; the country has no known petroleum deposits. A small light industry sector caters to the local market. Tax revenues come mainly from import duties. Economic development is hindered by dependence on relatively few commodity exports, vulnerability to natural disasters, and long distances from main markets and between constituent islands.

### 3. Energy

Electricity	Electricity production [kWh] <sup>*1</sup>		35 million (1999)
	Electricity consumption [kWh] <sup>*1</sup>		32.6 million (1999)
	Electricity - production by source <sup>*1</sup>		Fossil fuel: 100%; hydro: 0%; nuclear: 0%; other: 0% (1999)
Energy Resources	Production <sup>*2</sup>	Oil	0
		Coal	0
		Gas	0
	Consumption <sup>*2</sup>	Oil	1 (thousand barrels per day)
		Coal	0
		Gas	0

### 4. Water

Precipitation <sup>*3</sup>		2,875.9 mm	
Internal Renewable Water Resources <sup>*3</sup>		NA	
Population with Access to Improved Water Supply <sup>*3</sup>		88%	
Total Water Withdrawal <sup>*3</sup>	NA	Industry [%]	NA
		Domestic [%]	NA
		Agriculture [%]	NA

#### Comments for Water<sup>\*4</sup>

Water issues of Vanuatu are shown as follows:

##### 1. Water Supply

- Islands have wells, and streams etc. , but in the urban areas it is only limited to lease holders who get water from the private company-UNELCO, or have their own rainwater catchments

## 2. Water quality

- Some people get their water from the Tagab river but it is polluted from industry

5. Environment and Pollution

CO <sub>2</sub> Emission <sup>*5</sup>	Total metric tons	62
	Metric tons per capita	0.36

Comments for Environment<sup>\*1</sup>

The comments for environment are the following:

- Deforestation results as more and more land is being cleared for agriculture and settlement.

References

- \*1 <http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook>
- \*2 <http://www.eia.doe.gov>
- \*3 <http://geodata.grid.unep.ch>
- \*4 Issue raised by NGO's working in the water sector in the pacific
- \*5 <http://cdiac.esd.ornl.gov>

Information

<http://www.vanuatugovernment.gov.vu/>