

Vanuatu Statistics Pocket book 2007



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Preface

This pocket book is designed to serve as a convenient publication for statistical reference on Vanuatu, covering basic statistics on population, gross domestic product, international trade, tourism, the consumer price indexes and other selected economic and social areas.

I appreciate the corporation of Government departments and other agencies in providing data to the National Statistics Office and, in the process, enhancing the quality and coverage of the indicators presented in the pocket book.

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History - Archaeological evidence supports that people first came to the islands some 4,000 years ago. However, pottery fragments have been found dating back to 1300 B.C. The first island in the Vanuatu group discovered by Europeans was Espiritu Santo. In 1774, Captain Cook named the islands the New Hebrides, which France and the United Kingdom jointly administered until the country became independence in 1980.

Politics - Vanuatu has a republican political system which is currently headed by a President who is elected for 5-year terms by a two-thirds majority in an electoral college. This Electoral College consists of members of Parliament and the presidents of Regional Councils. The prime minister and the Council of Ministers constitute the executive government.

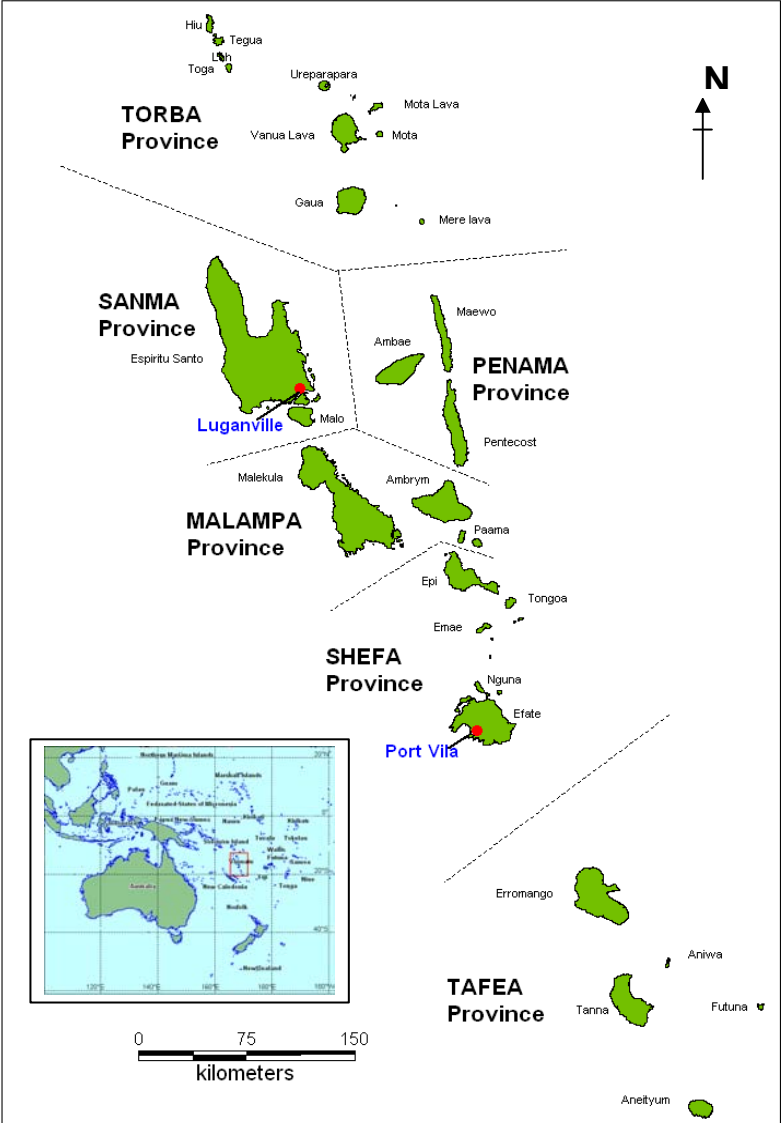
Economy - The economy is based primarily on household farming agriculture, which provides a living for 65% of the population. Fishing, forestry, offshore financial services, and tourism are other mainstays of the economy. Government revenues come mainly from import duties and a 12.5 percent Value Added Tax (VAT) on goods and services. The country depends on relatively few commodity exports such as copra, beef and forestry products.

Religion – Christianity is the predominant religion in Vanuatu, consisting of several denominations. The Presbyterians are the largest (33% of the population) followed by Roman Catholics (15%), and Anglican (15%). There are many other religious sects and denominations.

Political Structure

Official name	Republic of Vanuatu
Form of State	Parliamentary based on the UK model
The executive	Council of Ministers, made up of 12 members Parliament chosen by the Prime Minister who is in turn elected by parliament from among its members.
National legislature	Unicameral parliament of 52 members, elected for four-year term on a universal franchise containing an element of proportional representation.
Regional legislature	The National Council of Chiefs, elected from the District councils of chiefs, exists alongside Parliament to discuss and be consulted on matters relating to custom and tradition.
Legal system	A system of magistrates' court leading up to Supreme Court.

Geographical Map of Vanuatu 2007



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1 Overview of major economic areas

Economic Indicators	Unit	2002	2003	2004	2005
Population, GDP and labour					
Total population	000	201	206	212	217
GDP (at current prices)	Million Vatu	31 957	34 185	36 863	40 178
GDP per capita	000' Vatu	159	166	174	185
Labour force - formal sector	Number	17 297	17 222	17 702	20 538
Value added by economic activity					
Agriculture, fishing and forestry	% of total	19	19	20	18
Industry	% of total	10	10	10	10
Services	% of total	72	71	71	72
Government					
Expenditure	% of GDP	26	22	21	24
Surplus (+) or deficit (-)	% of GDP	-4	-2	1	3
External					
Exports of goods and services	% of GDP	45	45	42	40
Imports of goods and services	% of GDP	61	59	59	61
Current account balance	% of GDP	-10	-10	-7	-10
Monetary and financial					
Broad money supply (M4)	Million Vatu	35 247	34 729	38 148	42 562
Commercial banks loans and advances	Million Vatu	13 120	14 580	16 047	18 671
Net official reserves	Million Vatu	4 606	4 737	6 413	7 351

Source: National Statistics Office

2 Population

	1967*	1979*	1989*	1999*	2006**
Vanuatu	77 988	111 251	142 419	186 678	221 507
Urban areas	7 772	15 784	25 870	40 094	50 692
Port Vila	5 208	10 601	18 905	29 356	-
Luganville	2 564	5 183	6 965	10 738	-
Rural	70 216	95 467	116 549	146 584	170 815
Province					
Malampa	17 407	23 567	28 174	32 705	34 925
Penama	13 968	18 937	22 281	26 646	33 180
Sanma	12 785	19 423	25 542	36 084	41 595
Shefa	17 633	26 860	38 023	54 439	68 706
Tafea	12 436	17 506	22 414	29 047	33 848
Torba	3 481	4 958	5 985	7 757	9 253
Population by gender					
Male	41 371	59 074	73 384	95 682	113 391
Female	36 617	52 177	69 035	90 996	108 116
Number of households	14 937	22 621	28 252	36 415	43 312

* Census Year

**Agriculture Census Listing

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Source: National Statistics Office

**3 Main origins of gross domestic product at (1983) constant prices
(million Vatu)**

	2002	2003	2004	2005
Agriculture	2 894	3 083	3 305	3 259
Manufacturing	569	595	625	674
Electricity and water	414	410	424	442
Construction	506	537	576	646
Trade	4 849	4 854	4 773	5 331
Transport and communications	1 459	1 512	1 747	1 880
Finance	1 162	1 266	1 346	1 597
Public administration	2 131	2 207	2 223	2 268
Others	2 189	2 241	2 557	1 788
Gross domestic product *	15 444	15 936	16 812	17 953

* less imputed bank service charges

Source: National Statistics Office

4 Gross domestic expenditure current prices (million Vatu)

	2002	2003	2004	2005
Private consumption	21 362	22 430	23 552	24 729
Government consumption	7 579	7 412	7 252	7 557
Fixed investment	6 838	6 635	7 807	8 488
Export of goods and services	14 425	15 303	15 578	16 002
Imports of goods and services	19 454	20 097	21 692	24 304

Source: National Statistics Office

5 Visitor arrivals by country of origin

Country	2003	2004	2005	2006
Australia	29 492	36 407	38 075	40 355
New Zealand	7 729	8 220	7 652	9 821
New Caledonia	5 050	6 630	6 848	7 480
Other Pacific countries	2 034	3 179	2 736	2 681
North America	1 625	1 954	1 625	1 896
Europe	3 003	3 388	3 504	4 021
Japan	571	591	583	656
Other countries	881	1 084	1 100	1 239
Not stated	15	-	-	-
Total	50 400	61 453	62 123	68 149
Cruise ship visitors	51 995	37 870	63 554	85 922
Room occupancy rate (%)	52.8	51.9	52.3	51.5

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Source: National Statistics Office

6 Government revenue and expenditure (million Vatu)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total revenue	7 056	8 075	9 193	10 008
Total expenditure	7 629	7 693	7 944	9 567
overall surplus/deficit	-572	382	1 250	441
<i>Revenue and grants</i>				
Tax revenue	6 022	6 622	7 095	8 126
Non-tax	6 658	7 380	7 955	9 152
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Recurrent	7 193	7 276	7 576	8 541
Development	436	417	368	1 026

Source: Department of Finance

7 International trade (million Vatu)

Summary of International trade	2003	2004	2005	2006
Exports	3 252	4 167	4 126	5 130
Imports	12 702	14 306	16 315	17 744
Trade deficit	-9450	-10 139	-12 189	-12 614
Trade balance ratio	0.26	0.29	0.25	0.29

Source: National Statistics Office

8 Principal domestic exports (million Vatu)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Coconut Oil	382	1 026	733	193
Copra	282	445	126	324
Kava	228	440	477	698
Beef	287	283	302	332

Source: National Statistics Office

9 Main destinations for domestic exports (% of total)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
European Union	19	44	35	12
Australia	20	11	15	25
New Caledonia	9	5	8	9
Japan	10	6	5	4

Source: National Statistics Office

10 Principal imports (million Vatu)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Machinery and transport equipment	2 621	3 057	3 422	4 565
Food and live animals	2 490	2 756	2 863	3 233
Basic manufactures	1 658	2 057	2 369	2 856
Mineral fuels	1 846	1 871	1 837	2 098

Source: National Statistics Office

11 Main origins of imports (% of total)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Australia	41	43	37	41
New Zealand	13	13	14	16
Fiji	7	9	8	10
Singapore	7	6	7	5

Source: National Statistics Office

12 Transport

Registered vehicles

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Cars and Pick-up	277	333	425	505
Trucks	27	19	53	72
Buses	40	25	100	85
Motorcycle	16	21	37	104
Total	360	398	615	766

Source: Department of Customs and Inland Revenue

13 Telecommunications

Telephone lines and Cellular subscribers

Fixed phones	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mobile phones	1 050	1 002	1 026	1 034
	4 443	5 087	5 595	7 500

Source: Telecom (Vanuatu) Ltd

14 Energy Consumption

Energy use (kwh) per million Vatu GDP

	2002	2003	2004	2005
Efate	2 285	2 158	2 118	2 107
Other islands	448	436	430	380
Total	2 733	2 594	2 549	2 488

Source: UNELCO (Vanuatu) Ltd

15 Consumer Price Index

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Annual % change	3.0	1.4	1.2	2.0
Expenditure group				
Food	105.6	109.2	108.7	112.1
Drinks and Tobacco	128.6	129.0	132.2	134.2
Clothing and footwear	101.4	100.8	101.3	101.1
Housing and Utilities	112.1	111.6	115.4	118.2
Household supplies	103.2	102.4	101.9	102.0
Transport and Communication	117.9	119.1	119.9	121.9
Recreation, Education, Health etc	109.3	112.5	115.9	116.0
All groups	111.0	112.6	113.9	116.1

Source: National Statistics Office

16 Exchange rates for Vatu per one unit of foreign currency

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Australian dollar	83.73	83.06	82.29	83.05
Pound Sterling	198.76	205.3	193.68	200.64
US dollar	111.81	106.53	112.33	111.82
New Zealand dollar	72.99	80.00	80.65	75.76
Euro	140.31	145.34	133.07	138.21

Source: Reserve Bank of Vanuatu

17 Non-agricultural wage employment by sex

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Male	10 966	10 800	11 147	12 734
Female	6 331	6 422	6 555	7 804
Total	17 297	17 222	17 702	20 538

Source: Vanuatu National Provident Fund

18 Number of primary and secondary enrollments

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Primary	39 388	38 960	38 478	-
Secondary	9 659	10 591	10 793	-

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Source: Ministry of Education

19 Number of primary and secondary enrollments by Province

		2002	2003	2004	2005
Torba					
	Primary	1 618	1 613	1 662	1 647
	Secondary	123	119	147	137
Sanma					
	Primary	7 257	7 325	7 740	7 843
	Secondary	2 152	2 121	2 016	2 001
Penama					
	Primary	5 536	5 690	5 648	5 525
	Secondary	1 455	1 449	1 872	1 861
Malampa					
	Primary	7 242	7 391	7 073	6 787
	Secondary	1 367	1 401	1 505	1 553
Shefa					
	Primary	9 923	10 512	10 217	9 587
	Secondary	3 477	3 567	4 022	4 062
Tafea					
	Primary	5 894	6 857	6 620	7 089
	Secondary	1 036	981	1 029	1 179
TOTAL					
	Primary	37 470	39 388	38 960	38 478
	Secondary	9 610	9 638	10 591	10 793

Source: Ministry of Education

**20 Unit cost of primary and secondary education
(per annum)**

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Primary per student	20 494	22 635	24 977	-
Secondary per student	79 850	82 648	90 528	-

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Source: Ministry of Education

Unit cost per student only refers to the Government and the Government assisted schools based on grant allocation by the Government budget

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Mele cascades

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