

Viet Nam

Region: Southeast Asia (Global South)

Population (2022): 98.2 million (16th)

Life Expectancy at Birth (Women): 78.11 (73rd)

Governance System: Communist, one-party republic (authoritarian)

Capital: Hanoi

Land Area (km²): 313,429 (66th)

Major Languages: Vietnamese

Select Global Rankings

GDP (2022): 37th (498,802 US\$ Millions)

Human Development Index: 115th (High)

Fragile States Index - Inverted: 62nd (Cat. 5)

Good Country Index: 120th

Human Freedom Index: 134th

World Happiness Ranking: 65th

Select Global Rankings (Gender-Focus)

Gross National Income Per Capita (Women): 97th

Gender Social Norms Index: 53rd

Women's Power Index: 97th

Social Institutions and Gender Index (World Cup rank): 25th

Gender Inequality Index: 71st

Global Gender Gap Index: 72nd

Women Peace & Security Index: 107th

Elite Sport System Rankings

2020 Summer Olympic Women's Medals (% of Total): none

2022 Winter Olympic Women's Medals (% of Total): none

Global Cup Ranking (Women): 79th

Football/World Cup Profile

FIFA Region: AFC

FIFA Ranking: 32

World Cup Appearance: 1st

Best World Cup Performance(s): Debut

Qualification: Winner Asian Cup Playoff

World Cup Group: E

Last World Cup Appearance: none

VIET NAM in International (Gender) Affairs (by Grace Mayhew)

In 1930 the Communist Party of Vietnam is created, and WWII occurs in 1939. WWII ended in 1945 when the French reoccupy the Southern Vietnam and Northern Vietnam declares independence with Ho Chi Minh who led the Communist Party of Vietnam. In 1946, French-Viet Minh war begins and the United States sides with the French to stop communism from spreading. Then, Vietnam is split into two different countries of Communist Northern and Southern Vietnam in 1954. Vietnam War begins in 1959 to reunite Vietnam as a whole, and the U.S comes to fight. The leader of the Vietnam War, Ho Chi Minh, eventually launches offensives against the Southern Vietnam and U.S. in 1968, but the leader dies the following year. But in 1973 the U.S. leaves Vietnam, and just two years following the Southern Vietnam surrenders to the North. Finally, in 1976 the Republic of Vietnam is created, and the following year Vietnam goes into the United Nations. Additionally, around this time Vietnam did invade Cambodia, which sparked conflicts for years in the fight against Communism, but eventually ended in 1991 by Paris Peace Agreements being signed.

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[Vietnam](#), 1930, the Communist Party of Vietnam is created, which still reigns today as the country's leading political position. For long the country of Vietnam was split in two, Communist Northern Vietnam and Southern Vietnam. The Vietnam War in 1959 began to reunite Vietnam as whole, as they are today. Vietnam previously had some enemies, like the U.S., who later became an ally following the Paris Peace Agreement, and Cambodia which they invaded following the Vietnam War. Additionally, China was previously an enemy, but later the disputes between the two were collectively remedied. Vietnam joined the United Nations missions following these conflicts. Currently, Vietnam developed laws in 2013 preventing citizens from discussing current affairs of the country on the internet, so some information can be difficult to locate. However, the nation has overtime become increasingly successful both economically and in their rankings for happiness, as well as making major improvements. However, Vietnam is still lowly ranked in quite a few areas like on the Human Freedom Index as well as the Good Country Index, and especially within sport. With communism being the only [ruling party within Vietnam](#) comes little freedom/democracy from the people of the country, and often the population faces suppression of the basic freedoms and voices including in politics. Laws involving the lack of discussion of Vietnam's current affairs maintains this agenda as well. Additionally, it would seem Vietnam is [not a part of BRICS](#) but would be a possibility to hold a role in the membership as they are economically rising. Vietnam is not a part of G7/G20 and are a [part of G77](#) within the UN that works to enhance countries economically. Perceived human rights status of the population seems low, as Vietnam seems to lack freedoms of other countries in their political say along with Vietnam is viewed as a [developing country](#) by others, but currently is being viewed as a growing one at that.

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For the WWC Vietnamese women's football team qualifying for the very first time, there has been discussion regarding the pay inequities or [struggles](#) that are found behind the sport. It would seem there have been increases in the [women's prize money](#), however not much can be found on the pay differences between the men's and women's teams.