

Vietnam: Key Economic Indicators

	2001 Year	2002 Year	2003 Year	2004 Year	2005 e/ Year	2006 p/ Year	2007 p/ Year
Output, Employment and Prices							
GDP (% change previous year)	6.9	7.1	7.3	7.7	8.4	8.0	7.5
Industrial production index (% change, previc	14.6	14.5	15.5	16.0	17.2	16.5	16.5
Unemployment rate (% , urban areas)	6.3	6.0	5.8	5.6	5.3	5.5	5.5
Consumer price index (% change, period-end)	0.8	4.0	3.0	9.5	8.4	8.0	7.0
Public Sector							
Government balance (% GDP)	-2.9	-1.9	-2.0	-1.4	-1.4	-1.6	-1.6
Domestic public sector debt (accumulated, %	5.5	6.3	6.8	7.5	8.3	9.2	10.5
Foreign Trade, BOP and External Debt							
Trade balance (\$US million)	-1,135	-3,027	-5,107	-5,451	-4,648	-6,314	-7,979
Exports of goods, (\$US million)	15,027	16,706	20,149	26,503	32,233	37,390	43,373
Exports of goods (% change, previous year)	4.0	11.2	20.6	31.5	21.6	16.0	16.0
Key exports, (value, % change) - crude oil	-10.8	4.6	16.8	48.3	30.3	25.0	25.0
Imports of goods, (\$US million, cif)	16,162	19,733	25,256	31,954	36,881	43,704	51,352
Imports of goods (% change, previous year)	3.2	22.1	28.3	26.5	15.4	18.5	17.5
Current account balance (\$US million)	672	-418	-1,946	-1,702	-473	-979	-1,253
Current account balance (percent GDP)	2.1	-1.2	-4.9	-3.8	-0.9	-1.6	-1.9
Foreign direct investment (\$US million)	1,250	2,045	1,900	1,900	2,350	2,650	3,120
Total external debt -DOD- (\$US billion)	12.3	12.2	13.3	15.5	16.9	19.3	21.6
as percent of GDP	37.8	34.8	33.7	34.2	32.1	32.2	32.2
Debt service ratio (% exports of g&s)	10.6	8.6	7.9	6.2	5.2	5.0	5.0
Reserves, including gold (\$US million)	3,390	3,695	5,620	6,314	7,730	9,500	11,600
Reserves (in weeks of imports of g&s)	8.3	7.2	8.9	8.1	8.6	9.5	10.3
Financial Markets							
Credit to the economy (% change, period-end	21.4	22.2	28.4	41.7	30.0	28.0	25.0
Short-term interest rate (3-M deposits, period-	5.9	7.0	6.3	6.7	7.7	7.5	7.5

Source: GSO, SBV, IMF and WB

e = estimate

p = projection