

## Vietnam: Key Economic Indicators

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004 e/	2005 p/	2006 p/
	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year
<b>Output, Employment and Prices</b>							
GDP (% change previous year)	6.8	6.9	7.1	7.3	7.7	7.5	7.5
Industrial production index (% change, previous year)	15.7	14.6	14.5	15.5	16.0	16.0	16.0
Unemployment rate (% , urban areas)	6.4	6.3	6.0	5.8	5.6	5.5	5.5
Consumer price index (% change, period-end)	-0.6	0.8	4.0	3.0	9.5	8.5	6.5
<b>Public Sector</b>							
Government balance (% GDP)	-2.8	-2.9	-1.9	-2.0	-1.4	-1.4	-1.6
Domestic public sector debt (accumulated, % GDP)	4.5	5.5	6.3	6.8	7.5	8.3	9.2
<b>Foreign Trade, BOP and External Debt</b>							
Trade balance (\$US million)	-1,187	-1,135	-3,027	-5,107	-5,451	-7,340	-8,282
Exports of goods, (\$US million)	14,448	15,027	16,706	20,149	26,503	31,804	36,733
Exports of goods (% change, previous year)	25.2	4.0	11.2	20.6	31.5	20.0	15.5
Key exports, (value, % change) - crude oil	67.5	-10.8	4.6	16.8	48.3	35.0	25.0
Imports of goods, (\$US million, cif)	15,655	16,162	19,733	25,256	31,954	39,144	45,015
Imports of goods (% change, previous year)	34.7	3.2	22.1	28.3	26.5	22.5	15.0
Current account balance (\$US million )	641	672	-418	-1,946	-1,702	-2,325	-2,486
Current account balance (percent GDP)	2.1	2.1	-1.2	-4.9	-3.8	-4.6	-4.5
Foreign direct investment (\$US million)	1,100	1,250	2,045	1,900	1,900	2,350	2,620
Total external debt -DOD- (\$US billion)	11.6	11.4	12.2	14.2	15.8	17.2	18.2
Total external debt (% GDP)	37.2	35.1	34.8	36.4	35.0	35.5	34.9
Debt service ratio (% exports of g&s)	7.6	6.8	6.0	5.5	5.0	5.0	4.5
Reserves, including gold (\$US million)	3,030	3,390	3,695	5,620	6,300	7,575	9,015
Reserves (in weeks of imports of g&s)	10.9	9.7	8.7	9.7	10.0	10.0	10.5
<b>Financial Markets</b>							
Credit to the economy (% change, period-end)	38.1	21.4	22.2	28.4	41.7	35.0	25.0
Short-term interest rate (3-M deposits, period-end)	4.3	5.9	7.0	6.3	6.7	7.7	7.5
Memo item: Nominal GDP in US\$ billionGDP	31.2	32.5	35.1	39.5	45.3	50.9	54.7

Source: GSO, SBV, IMF and WB