

## St. Vincent and the Grenadines

### General

	MALES	FEMALES	YEAR
Total population under 15	11,246	11,050	2017
Total population over 15	40,785	39,269	2017

*\* ALL DATA FROM CIA, 2017*

### Health

Maternal mortality rate per 100,000 live birth	45	2015	CIA, 2017 est.
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	12.3	2016	CIA, 2017 est.
Under-five mortality rate for males per 1,000 live births	20	2012	UN Statistics, 2015
Under-five mortality rate for females per 1,000 live births	16.5	2012	UN Statistics, 2015
Births attended by a skilled health professional	99	2014	WHO, 2016
Prevalence of HIV among adults aged 15–49	No Data	2015	WHO, 2017
Life expectancy for men	73.3	2016	CIA, 2017 est.
Life expectancy for women	77.4	2016	CIA, 2017 est.

### Education

	MALES	FEMALES	YEAR
Youth literacy rate, ages 15-24	No Data	No Data	2015
Adult literacy rate, ages 15+	No Data	No Data	2015
Net enrolment rate in primary education	94.03%	93.83%	2015
Gross enrolment ratio in secondary education	107.85%	104.99%	2015
Gross enrolment ratio in tertiary education	No Data	No Data	2015

*\* ALL DATA FROM UNESCO INSTITUTE OF STATISTICS, 2017*

- Female graduates from tertiary education: Insufficient data
- Female students enrolled in engineering, construction and manufacturing tertiary education programs: Insufficient data
- Female teachers in primary education (2012) (UNESCO Institute of Statistics, 2015): 80.2%
- Female teachers in secondary education (2012) (UNESCO Institute of Statistics, 2015): 65.9%
- Female teachers in tertiary education: Insufficient data

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### **Economic Activity**

- Males over 15 who are active in the labour force (2016) (World Bank, 2017): 83.7%
- Females over 15 who are active in the labour force (2016) (World Bank, 2017): 18.9%
- Proportion of adults (15 years and older) with an account at a bank or other financial institution, or with a money mobile service provider (2011) (UN Statistics, 2017): Insufficient data

### **Decision-Making**

- Proportion of seats held by women in National Parliament (2016) (World Bank, 2017): 13

### **Human Rights**

- Girls married before 15 (UNICEF, 2016): Insufficient data
- Females married between 15 and 19 (World Economic Forum, 2013): Insufficient data
- Women subjected to physical/sexual violence by an intimate partner during their lifetime (UN Women, 2016): Insufficient data
- Women subjected to physical/sexual violence by an intimate partner or a non-partner during the last 12 months (UN Women, 2016): Insufficient data

## **Gender and Development Trends in St Vincent and the Grenadines**

### **Health**

Maternal mortality rates in St Vincent and the Grenadines have dropped significantly, from 58 per 100,000 live births in 1990, to 45 per 100,000 in 2015 (WHO, 2015).

### **Education**

National data for 2010 show a majority of women in all academic courses in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, with especially high female representation in teacher training (81%); nursing (96%); and arts, sciences and general studies (65%) (Caribbean Development Bank, 2014, p. 4).

### **Economy**

Even though girls and young women in St. Vincent and the Grenadines tend to have higher educational achievements, these results have not yet translated into more and better paying jobs for women, who accounted for 26% of unemployment rates (compared to 12% of men) and tended also to be concentrated in low-paying sectors (Caribbean Development Bank, 2014, p. 4).

### **Governance**

Women are well represented in the government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines as Permanent Secretaries, members of Statutory Boards and Heads of Departments. Under

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Section 79 of the Constitution, these persons cannot be removed without the intervention of the Governor General (UN CEDAW Periodic Report, 2013).

Within the Judiciary, women are well represented in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. There are two High Court Judges, one of which is female (UN CEDAW Periodic Report, 2013).

### **Human Rights**

A 2014 report by OHCHR notes that “the State of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines does not fulfil its obligation to take all appropriate measures to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women” (OHCHR, 2014, p. 5)

Between 2006 and 2009, 205 cases of rape, 200 cases of sex with a minor under the age of 15, and 29 cases of incest were reported in SVG (OHCHR, 2014, p.7).

### **St Vincent and the Grenadines SDG Progress Profile**

- St Vincent and the Grenadines was not included in the 2016 SDG Index and Dashboards due to insufficient data. According to a 2016 report (Bertelsmann Stiftung, 2016), the data from St Vincent and the Grenadines was missing 47% of the values needed to be ranked, and therefore was not included in any indicator data (Annex 2, p. 39)

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