



As in most countries with an underdeveloped economy, South Vietnam's educational facilities are very limited. The French administration provided some excellent but limited facilities for intermediate and higher education, but support for primary education was meager. Since 1955 the republic has made a substantial effort to raise their educational standards, and outside help, missionaries, and U.S. aid, has done a great deal to assist. The greatest amount of emphasis, however, is still on adult education.



Taoism is the main religion, but Buddhism is also widely professed. There are also many variant sects such as Cao Dai and Hoa Hao. Christianity is a relatively new religion in South Vietnam, but is growing quickly. There are about a million Roman Catholics.