

## Description

**Location (accessibility, multiplier effects on neighboring regions), population, size, reputation in the country**

### Location:

Tra Vinh city is located along the Co Chien river. It is about 200km far from Ho Chi Minh city to the North and Can Tho 95km to the West, and to East coast line 40km in the East. Tra Vinh city is located in the centre of Tra Vinh province and has proper and convenient water system and road transportation. The city's boundaries cross Co Chien river and Mo Cay district (Ben tre province) in the North. It also shares boundary with Chau Thanh district in the East, and Cang Long district in the West

### Total urban population(4/2009)

130,000 persons

### Natural population growth rate

1.9% (2005)

### Mechanical population growth rate

- 0.77% (2008)

### Urban Size

6803.5 ha

### Rate of urbanization

13% (compared with Mekong river delta: 16%; whole country:21%)

### Political/legal position in the respective state structure (name of major and term in office, next election period, decision-making structures)

- Legal position in the respective state structure: Tra Vinh city was certified by Vietnam Government as category 3 city in April 2010 under the authority of Tra Vinh province. This category indicates its strategic role in speeding up socio-economic development in some sectors within the province and/or inter-provincial level
- Name of major: Nguyen Thanh Tam
- Term in Office:2005-2010
- Next election period; 2010-2014

### Human and financial resources (no. of civil servants working in the public administration, overall annual financial budget, etc).

- No of civil servant working in the public administration: 145 persons
- 500,000 USD)≈Overall annual financial budget: 9.500.000.000 VND (



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## Specific political, social, cultural and economic character/framework

### Political framework:

The political structure of Tra Vinh city is under the central political mechanism of Vietnam. The security, political order and social safety and stability are upheld, creating a favorable environment for socio economic development.

### Social indicators:

- Poverty rate in urban area: 7.8 %
- Natural population increase rate: 2.4%

### Population

Population of 130,000 people with three main ethnic groups: Kinh, Khmer, Chinese. Khmer ethnic group makes up 30% of the total population. The labor force accounts for 60%, with well-trained and skillful labors, being good source of labor supply for industrial production units, especially for sectors with high requirements of labors

### Culture indicators:

The city provides cultural and information activities for local people to improve their spiritual and cultural life. Building up cultural and information institution at city level and local level

### Economic indicators:

- Average GDP growth rate (2004-2008): 15.23%
- Average income per capita: 1,015 USD/person/year.
- 8.4 million USD≈Total budget income: 155,325,000,000 VND (
- Industry and Construction: 40% of total products of urban area.
- Service: about 30% of total urban economic product.
- Agriculture and fishery: 20% total products of urban area.
- The ten year socio-economic development plan sets the target of increasing service sector and clean industry while decreasing agricultural sector gradually.



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