

³⁹⁹⁰ U.S. Embassy- Tashkent, reporting, January 7, 2009, para 26.

³⁹⁹¹ U.S. Embassy- Tashkent, reporting, January 16, 2009, para 12.

Vanuatu

*Selected Statistics and Indicators on Child Labor*³⁹⁹²

Gross primary enrollment rate (%), 2006:	108.3
Net primary enrollment rate (%), 2006:	87.8

Incidence and Nature of Child Labor

No changes have been recorded since the last reporting period regarding the incidence and nature of child labor in Vanuatu.*

Child Labor Laws and Enforcement

No changes have been recorded since the last reporting period regarding child labor laws and enforcement in Vanuatu.*

Current Government Policies and Programs to Eliminate the Worst Forms of Child Labor

Research has not identified any policies or programs by the Government of Vanuatu to address exploitive child labor.

* Because of extremely limited information, a determination was made that USDOL would publish full reports on 9 countries and 18 territories, including the country or territory covered here, once every 5 years. For this reason, this report includes shortened profiles for these countries and territories, containing only new information published during the reporting period. For extended profiles on these countries and territories, please see *The Department of Labor's 2005 Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labor*. The next extended profiles on these countries and territories should appear in *The Department of Labor's 2010 Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labor*.

³⁹⁹² For statistical data not cited here, see the Data Sources and Definitions section.

Venezuela

Incidence and Nature of Child Labor

In Venezuela, children can be found working in agriculture and small- to medium-sized businesses, scavenging in garbage dumps, and participating in gold mining.³⁹⁹³ Children work in the formal and informal economic sectors. Some of them work as street vendors and store retailers.³⁹⁹⁴ According to the Government of Venezuela Statistics Office, 142,098 children work in the agricultural sector, 14,057 in the manufacturing sector, and 36,852 in the construction sector.³⁹⁹⁵ Minors are engaged in commercial sexual exploitation and pornography.³⁹⁹⁶ Trafficking in children is a

problem. There are reports of the trafficking of children internally and internationally for the purposes of sexual exploitation and forced labor.³⁹⁹⁷ Indigenous children are trafficked and forced to work as miners and prostitutes in illegal gold mining camps.³⁹⁹⁸ Child prostitution in urban areas and child sex tourism in resort destinations appear to be growing.³⁹⁹⁹

Child Labor Laws and Enforcement

The law sets the minimum employment age at 14 years. However, children 12 to 14 years may be authorized to work in certain circumstances that do not compromise the health, education, or