Country Profile: Virgin Islands, United States

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Country Resources

Topographic

Series	Publisher	Scale	Years	Sheets
U.S. Virgin Islands 1:24,000 Scale Topographic Maps	USGS	1:24,000	1982	8

Thematic

Series	Publisher	Scale	Years	Sheets
The World 1:30,000,000 Scale Topographic Map Series 1145 (NGA)	DMA	1:30,000,000		2

Global Census Archive: GIS Census Data

East View Geospatial has an ongoing effort to add GIS census data to our Global Census Archive program. Please contact us for the status and availability of United States Virgin Islands census resources.

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Series	Publisher	Scale	Years	Sheets
Soviet Military City Plans	VTU GSh	Varies	1944 – 2003	3,021
Soviet Military 1:100,000 Scale Topographic Maps	VTU GSh	1:100,000	1947 – 1999	24,897
Soviet Military 1:200,000 Scale Topographic Maps	VTU GSh	1:200,000	1949 – 2009	17,799
Soviet Military 1:500,000 Scale Topographic Maps	VTU GSh	1:500,000	1953 – 1998	3,093
Soviet Military 1:1,000,000 Scale Topographic Maps	VTU GSh	1:1,000,000	1948 – 1994	1,089

Nautical

Series	Publisher	Scale	Years	Sheets
NGA Nautical Charts POD Certified (All Scales)	NGA	Varies	1943 – 2013	4,517

Aeronautical

Series	Publisher	Scale	Years	Sheets
Joint Operations Graphic (JOG 1501A) 1:250,000 – Aeronautical	DMA	1:250,000	1958 – 2007	6,380
Tactical Pilotage Chart (TPC) 1:500,000 Scale – Aeronautical	DMA	1:500,000	1967 – 2006	618
Operational Navigation Chart (ONC) 1:1,000,000 Scale – Aeronautical	DMA	1:1,000,000	1969 – 2001	248
Jet Navigation Chart (JNC) 1:2,000,000 Scale – Aeronautical	DMA	1:2,000,000	1971 – 1999	117
Global Navigation and Planning Chart (GNC) 1:5,000,000 Scale – Aeronautical	DMA	1:5,000,000	1981 – 1999	27

Note: East View Geospatial is continuously sourcing new resources that may not yet be listed in Global Explorer. Please contact us if you have geodata needs beyond what is listed above and we will be happy to discuss available off-the-shelf and custom solutions.

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The U.S. Virgin Islands are an unincorporated territory of the United States, purchased from Denmark in 1917. The main islands are St. Thomas, St. John and, widely separated to the south, St. Croix. They have been mapped by the **United States Geological Survey** (**USGS**) at the scale of 1:24,000. These maps are in five colors with contours at 40 ft or 20 ft intervals according to relief gradients. The projection is Polyconic (Clarke 1866 ellipsoid), to which a UTM grid has been added in revised versions.

Soviet military topographic mapping of the U.S. Virgin Islands is available at the following scales: 1:1,000,000 (1 sheet, complete coverage, published in 1966); 1:500,000 (2 sheets, complete coverage, published in 1979) and 1:200,000 (4 sheets, complete coverage, published 1966-1976). These products are available in print, digital raster and digital vector GIS formats from **East View Geospatial**.

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Nautical

A 1:326,856 scale nautical chart of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands is published by the **National Ocean Service** (**NOS**).

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Geological/Scientific

A geological map of St. Croix was published in 1961 by **Williams and Heintz** for the **Geological Society of America**, accompanying **GSA***Memoir* 98.

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Imagery

Five sheets cover the St. Thomas and St. John group, and three cover St. Croix. The original sheets were mapped by aerial photogrammetry and published in the period 1955-58. In 1982 they were all photorevised, with the revisions overprinted in purple.

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Vegetation/Forestry

St. John boasts the only National Park in the Caribbean, although Martinique has a *Parc Régional*.

Island Resources Foundation (**IRF**) is an environmental **NGO** which supports conservation issues in the islands. Land use mapping of the islands was completed in 1989.

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Tourist/Reference

A large number of cheap and simple tourist maps of the islands have been produced, many incorporating retailers' advertisements to attract cruising visitors: Charlotte Amalie on St Thomas is the main cruising center. Among them are cartoon sketch maps by Linda Smith Palmer with 'views' of the main shopping and dining areas.

The Official road map of the Virgin Islands is published by the **Government of the Virgin Islands**, Charlotte Amalie, with cartography by **Gousha**. There is also a well researched tourist map by Philip A. Schneider of Urbana-Champaign, USA, and other maps are published by **Berndtson and Berndtson** (**B&B**), **Cartographers Ltd** and **International Travel Maps** (**ITM**).

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