

Costa Rica

Latin America and the Caribbean

UPPER MIDDLE INCOME

Population (millions, 2009)	4.6
Population growth (avg. annual %, 2000-09)	1.8
Population density (people per km ² , 2008)	88.7
Labor force (millions, 2008)	2.0
Unemployment rate (% of labor force, 2008)	–
Urban population (% of pop., 2009)	63.8
Surface area (1,000 km ² , 2008)	51.1
GNI (US\$ billions, 2009)	28.8
GNI per capita, Atlas method (US\$, 2009)	6,230
GDP growth (avg. annual %, 2005-09)	4.7
Poverty headcount ratio at national poverty line (% of pop., 2005)	2.4
Age dependency ratio (2009)	47.4

Migration

EMIGRATION, 2010

- Stock of emigrants: **125.3 thousands**
- Stock of emigrants as percentage of population: **2.7%**
- Top destination countries: the United States, Nicaragua, Panama, Canada, Spain, Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Germany, República Bolivariana de Venezuela

SKILLED EMIGRATION, 2000

- Emigration rate of tertiary-educated population: **7.2%**
- Emigration of physicians: **313** or **4.6%** of physicians trained in the country
(Source: *Bhargava, Docquier, and Moullan 2010*)

IMMIGRATION, 2010

- Stock of immigrants: **489.2 thousands**
- Stock of immigrants as percentage of population: **10.5%**
- Females as percentage of immigrants: **50.0%**
- Refugees as percentage of immigrants: **3.5%**
- Top source countries: Nicaragua, Panama, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, Belize

Remittances

US\$ millions	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010e
Inward remittance flows*	321	320	420	513	618	605	574	622
<i>of which</i>								
Workers' remittances	306	302	400	490	596	584	489	–
Compensation of employees	15	17	21	23	22	21	25	–
Migrants' transfers	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Outward remittance flows	192	192	209	246	271	269	239	–
<i>of which</i>								
Workers' remittances	156	155	196	233	258	254	224	–
Compensation of employees	36	37	13	13	14	14	15	–
Migrants' transfers	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

a. For comparison: net FDI inflows US\$2.0 bn, net ODA received US\$0.1 bn, total international reserves US\$3.8 bn, exports of goods and services US\$13.6 bn in 2008.