

# El Salvador

Latin America and the Caribbean

LOWER MIDDLE INCOME

Population (millions, 2009)	6.2
Population growth (avg. annual %, 2000-09)	0.4
Population density (people per km <sup>2</sup> , 2008)	296.0
Labor force (millions, 2008)	2.5
Unemployment rate (% of labor force, 2008)	–
Urban population (% of pop., 2009)	61.0
Surface area (1,000 km <sup>2</sup> , 2008)	21.0
GNI (US\$ billions, 2009)	21.0
GNI per capita, Atlas method (US\$, 2009)	3,370
GDP growth (avg. annual %, 2005-09)	2.4
Poverty headcount ratio at national poverty line (% of pop., 2005)	13.5
Age dependency ratio (2009)	65.2

## Migration

### EMIGRATION, 2010

- Stock of emigrants: **1,269.1 thousands**
- Stock of emigrants as percentage of population: **20.5%**
- Top destination countries: the United States, Canada, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Australia, Belize, Spain, Italy, Mexico, Honduras

### SKILLED EMIGRATION, 2000

- Emigration rate of tertiary-educated population: **31.0%**
- Emigration of physicians: **368** or **4.7%** of physicians trained in the country  
(Source: Bhargava, Docquier, and Moullan 2010)

### IMMIGRATION, 2010

- Stock of immigrants: **40.3 thousands**
- Stock of immigrants as percentage of population: **0.7%**
- Females as percentage of immigrants: **52.5%**
- Refugees as percentage of immigrants: **0.1%**
- Top source countries: Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua, the United States, Mexico, Costa Rica, Colombia, Spain, Panama, Belize

## Remittances

US\$ millions	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010e
<b>Inward remittance flows*</b>	<b>2,122</b>	<b>2,564</b>	<b>3,030</b>	<b>3,485</b>	<b>3,712</b>	<b>3,804</b>	<b>3,531</b>	<b>3,648</b>
<i>of which</i>								
Workers' remittances	2,105	2,548	3,017	3,471	3,695	3,788	–	–
Compensation of employees	16	15	11	12	14	13	–	–
Migrants' transfers	1	1	1	2	3	3	–	–
<b>Outward remittance flows</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>–</b>
<i>of which</i>								
Workers' remittances	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Compensation of employees	24	32	24	28	28	19	–	–
Migrants' transfers	1	1	0	1	1	1	–	–

a. For comparison: net FDI inflows US\$0.8 bn, net ODA received US\$0.2 bn, total international reserves US\$2.6 bn, exports of goods and services US\$6.1 bn in 2008.

The Migration and Remittances Factbook 2011 is compiled by Dilip Ratha, Sanket Mohapatra, and Ani Silwal, Migration and Remittances Unit, World Bank. More information on other countries and regions are available at [www.worldbank.org/prospects/migrationandremittances](http://www.worldbank.org/prospects/migrationandremittances).