

# El Salvador

Latin America & Caribbean		Lower middle income	
Population (millions, 2006)	7	Surface area (1,000 sq. km, 2006)	21
Population growth (avg. annual %, 1997–2006)	1.9	GNI (\$ billions, 2006)	18
Population density (people per sq. km, 2006)	337	GNI per capita, Atlas method (\$, 2006)	2,540
Labor force (millions, 2006)	3	GDP growth (avg. annual %, 2002–2006)	2.6
Urban population (% of pop., 2006)	60.1	Poverty headcount ratio at national	
Age dependency ratio	0.64	poverty line (% of pop., 2004)	20.4

## Emigration, 2005

- Stock of emigrants: 1,128,701
- Stock of emigrants as percentage of population: 16.4%
- Top 10 destination countries: United States, Canada, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Australia, Belize, Mexico, Spain, Honduras, Panama.

## Skilled Emigration, 2000

- Emigration rate of tertiary educated: 31.5%
- Emigration of physicians: 159 or 2.1% of physicians trained in the country

## Immigration, 2005

- Stock of immigrants: 23,504
- Stock of immigrants as percentage of population: 0.3%
- Female as percentage of immigrants: 54.9%
- Refugees as percentage of immigrants: 1.0%
- Top 10 source countries: Honduras, United States, Nicaragua, Mexico, Costa Rica, Spain, Panama, Canada, Italy, Colombia.

## Remittances

(US\$ million)	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007e
<b>Inward remittance flows</b>	<b>1,765</b>	<b>1,926</b>	<b>1,953</b>	<b>2,122</b>	<b>2,564</b>	<b>2,842</b>	<b>3,330*</b>	<b>3,600</b>
<i>of which</i>								
Workers' remittances	1,751	1,911	1,935	2,105	2,548	2,830	3,316	..
Compensation of employees	14	14	17	16	15	11	12	..
Migrants' transfer	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	..
<b>Outward remittance flows</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>29**</b>	<b>..</b>
<i>of which</i>								
Workers' remittances	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Compensation of employees	19	26	22	24	32	24	28	..
Migrants' transfer	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	..

\* 18.2% of GDP in 2006. \*\*0.2% of GDP in 2006. This table reports officially recorded remittances. The true size of remittances, including unrecorded flows through formal and informal channels, is believed to be larger. Total flows may not always equal the sum of the components as they may have been taken from alternative sources.

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