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Population (millions, 2009) 6.2
Population growth (avg. annual %, 2000-09) 0.4
Population density (people per km², 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 km², 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

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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.