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Population (millions, 2009)	572.5
Population growth (avg. annual %, 2000–09)	1.3
Population density (people per km ² , 2008)	28
Labor force (millions, 2008)	262.1
Unemployment rate (% of labor force, 2008)	7.3
Urban population (% of pop., 2009)	79.0
Surface area (1,000 km ² , 2008)	20,421
GNI (US\$ billions, 2009)	3,891.0
GNI per capita, Atlas method (US\$, 2009)	6,936.5
GDP growth (avg. annual %, 2005–09)	3.8
Poverty headcount ratio at national poverty line (% of pop., 2005)	–
Age dependency ratio (2009)	53.9

Migration

EMIGRATION, 2010

- Stock of emigrants: **30.2 million** or **5.2 percent** of population
- Top 10 emigration countries: Mexico, Colombia, Brazil, El Salvador, Cuba, Ecuador, Peru, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica
- Destinations: high-income OECD countries (84.8 percent), high-income non-OECD countries (0.7 percent), intra-regional (12.9 percent), other developing countries (0.1 percent), unidentified (1.6 percent)
- Top 10 migration corridors: Mexico–the United States, El Salvador–the United States, Cuba–the United States, the Dominican Republic–the United States, Guatemala–the United States, Jamaica–the United States, Colombia–the United States, Colombia–República Bolivariana de Venezuela, Haiti–the United States, Ecuador–Spain

SKILLED EMIGRATION, 2000

- Emigration rate of tertiary-educated population (top 10 countries): Guyana (89.0 percent), Grenada (85.1 percent), Jamaica (85.1 percent), St. Vincent and the Grenadines (84.5 percent), Haiti (83.6 percent), St. Kitts and Nevis (78.5 percent), St. Lucia (71.1 percent), Antigua and Barbuda (66.8 percent), Belize (65.5 percent), Dominica (64.2 percent)
- Emigration of physicians: **45,988** or **5.0 percent** of physicians trained in the region

IMMIGRATION, 2010

- Stock of immigrants: **6.6 million** or **1.1 percent** of population (compared to 215.8 million or 3.2 percent for the world)
- Females as percentage of immigrants: **49.7 percent** (compared to 48.4 percent for the world)
- Refugees as percentage of immigrants: **8.1 percent** (compared to 7.6 percent for the world)
- Top 10 immigration countries: Argentina, República Bolivariana de Venezuela, Mexico, Brazil, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Chile, Paraguay, Bolivia

Remittances

US\$ billions	1995	2000	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010e
Inward remittance flows	13.3	20.2	43.4	50.1	59.2	63.3	64.6	56.9^a	58.1
<i>All developing countries</i>	55.2	81.3	159.3	192.1	226.7	278.5	324.8	307.1	325.5
Outward remittance flows	1.1	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.7	3.6	4.3	3.8^b	–
<i>All developing countries</i>	10.4	9.5	28.5	33.0	41.0	52.7	67.3	58.7	–

Note: This table reports officially recorded remittances. The true size of remittances, including unrecorded flows through formal and informal channels, is believed to be larger.

a. 1.5% of GDP in 2009.

b. 0.1% of GDP in 2009.

REMITTANCES

- Top 10 remittance recipients in 2010 (billions): Mexico (\$22.6 bn), Brazil (\$4.3 bn), Guatemala (\$4.3 bn), Colombia (\$3.9 bn), El Salvador (\$3.6 bn), the Dominican Republic (\$3.4 bn), Honduras (\$2.7 bn), Ecuador (\$2.5 bn), Peru (\$2.5 bn), Jamaica (\$2.0 bn)
- Top 10 remittance recipients in 2009 (percentage of GDP): Honduras (19.3 percent), Guyana (17.3 percent), El Salvador (15.7 percent), Haiti (15.4 percent), Jamaica (13.8 percent), Nicaragua (10.3 percent), Guatemala (9.8 percent), Grenada (8.7 percent), the Dominican Republic (7.3 percent), St. Kitts and Nevis (7.3 percent)