Latin America and the Caribbean

**Population (millions, 2009):** 572.5
**Population growth (avg. annual %, 2000-09):** 1.3
**Population density (people per km², 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 km², 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

**EMISSION, 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)

**SKILLED EMISSION, 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

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*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)