

# Nicaragua

Latin America & Caribbean		Lower middle income	
Population (millions, 2006)	5	Surface area (1,000 sq. km, 2006)	130
Population growth (avg. annual %, 1997–2006)	1.4	GNI (\$ billions, 2006)	5
Population density (people per sq. km, 2006)	43	GNI per capita, Atlas method (\$, 2006)	1,000
Labor force (millions, 2006)	2	GDP growth (avg. annual %, 2002–2006)	3.2
Urban population (% of pop., 2006)	59.4	Poverty headcount ratio at national	
Age dependency ratio	0.71	poverty line (% of pop., 2004)	44.9

## Emigration, 2005

- Stock of emigrants: 683,520
- Stock of emigrants as percentage of population: 12.5%
- Top 10 destination countries: Costa Rica, United States, Canada, Panama, Guatemala, Spain, Mexico, El Salvador, Venezuela, Germany.

## Skilled Emigration, 2000

- Emigration rate of tertiary educated: 30.9%
- Emigration of physicians: 149 or 2.6% of physicians trained in the country

## Immigration, 2005

- Stock of immigrants: 28,253
- Stock of immigrants as percentage of population: 0.5%
- Female as percentage of immigrants: 50.6%
- Refugees as percentage of immigrants: 1.0%
- Top 10 source countries: Honduras, Costa Rica, United States, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Cuba, Spain, Panama, Russia.

## Remittances

(US\$ million)	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007e
<b>Inward remittance flows</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>656*</b>	<b>715</b>
<i>of which</i>								
Workers' remittances	320	336	377	439	519	600	656	..
Compensation of employees	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Migrants' transfer	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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\* 12.2% 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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