

Nicaragua

Latin America and the Caribbean

LOWER MIDDLE INCOME

Population (millions, 2009)	5.7
Population growth (avg. annual %, 2000-09)	1.3
Population density (people per km ² , 2008)	46.8
Labor force (millions, 2008)	2.2
Unemployment rate (% of labor force, 2008)	–
Urban population (% of pop., 2009)	57.0
Surface area (1,000 km ² , 2008)	130.0
GNI (US\$ billions, 2009)	5.8
GNI per capita, Atlas method (US\$, 2009)	1,000
GDP growth (avg. annual %, 2005-09)	2.7
Poverty headcount ratio at national poverty line (% of pop., 2005)	15.8
Age dependency ratio (2009)	65.7

Migration

EMIGRATION, 2010

- Stock of emigrants: **728.7 thousands**
- Stock of emigrants as percentage of population: **12.5%**
- Top destination countries: Costa Rica, the United States, Spain, Canada, El Salvador, Panama, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, República Bolivariana de Venezuela

SKILLED EMIGRATION, 2000

- Emigration rate of tertiary-educated population: **29.6%**
- Emigration of physicians: **304** or **5.2%** of physicians trained in the country
(Source: *Bhargava, Docquier, and Moullan 2010*)

IMMIGRATION, 2010

- Stock of immigrants: **40.1 thousands**
- Stock of immigrants as percentage of population: **0.7%**
- Females as percentage of immigrants: **48.3%**
- Refugees as percentage of immigrants: **0.5%**
- Top source countries: Honduras, Costa Rica, the United States, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Cuba, Spain, Panama, the Russian Federation

Remittances

US\$ millions	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010e
Inward remittance flows^a	439	519	616	698	740	818	768	803
<i>of which</i>								
Workers' remittances	439	519	616	698	740	818	768	–
Compensation of employees	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Migrants' transfers	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
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a. For comparison: net FDI inflows US\$0.6 bn, net ODA received US\$0.7 bn, total international reserves US\$1.1 bn in 2008.

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