GENERAL PROFILE: COSTA RICA

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2019

Population: 5.048 Millions
Land area\(^1\): (n) 51 060 km\(^2\)
Exchange rate: 587.295 CRC/US$
CPI growth: 2.10 %
GDP growth: 2.08 %
GDP: 61 564 Millions current US$

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

Total merchandise trade (millions of US$)

- Merchandise exports: 7 026, 9 448, 9 422, 11 803
- Merchandise imports: 9 824, 13 570, 16 273, 16 148
- Merchandise trade balance: -2 798, -4 122, -6 852, -4 345

Export structure by product group in 2019

- All food items: 55%
- Manufactured goods: 3%
- Other: 42%

Top 5 partners in 2019 (exports, millions of US$)

- United States of America: 5 020
- Netherlands: 742
- Belgium: 724
- Guatemala: 617
- Panama: 613

INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SERVICES

Total trade in services (millions of US$)

- Services exports: 3 197, 5 021, 7 694, 9 503
- Services imports: 1 512, 1 889, 3 085, 4 166
- Services trade balance: 1 685, 3 132, 4 609, 5 337

Services exports by main category (as % of total services)

- Transport: 8.8, 8.1, 6.4, 5.2
- Travel: 58.5, 44.7, 42.5, 41.8
- Other services: 19.9, 37.4, 48.1, 50.6

TRADE INDICES

Terms of trade index
- Purchasing power index of exports

ECONOMIC TRENDS

Economic indicators (millions of US$ unless otherwise specified)

- GDP, current: 19 952, 37 269, 54 776, 61 564
- GDP per capita, current US$: 4 656, 8 142, 11 299, 12 197
- Real GDP growth, y-on-y, %: 3.87, 4.95, 3.63, 2.08
- Current account balance, % of GDP: -4.31, -3.26, -3.51, -2.40

GDP by expenditure in 2018 (as % of total GDP)

- Household Consumption: 63.7
- General government final consumption expenditure: 17.0
- Gross Capital Formation: 18.6
- Exports: 33.7
- Imports: 33.1

Merchandise exports growth rate in 2019: +5.4 %

Gross domestic product growth rate in 2019: +2.1 %
### Financial Flows

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### Financial Flows Trends

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<td>Balance, % of GDP</td>
<td>-1.81</td>
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<td>Balance, % of imports</td>
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#### Trade Openness

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### Trade in Goods and Services

#### Maritime Transport Indicators

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<td>Liner shipping connectivity index (maximum 2006 = 100 for China)</td>
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<td>Container port throughput (TEU)</td>
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### Labour Force

#### Labour Force by Gender in 2019

- Male: 62%
- Female: 38%

### Information Economy Indicators

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