GENERAL PROFILE: EL SALVADOR

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2019

Population
6.454 Millions

Exchange rate
1.000 USD/US$

GDP
26 650 Millions current US$

Land area
(n) 20 720 km²

CPI growth
0.08 %

GDP growth
2.20 %

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

Total merchandise trade
(millions of US$)

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<td>2005</td>
<td>3 418</td>
<td>6 690</td>
<td>-3 272</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>4 499</td>
<td>8 416</td>
<td>-3 917</td>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>5 509</td>
<td>10 293</td>
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<td>2019</td>
<td>5 943</td>
<td>12 018</td>
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Export structure by product group in 2019
(as % of total exports)

- All food items: 75%
- Manufactured goods: 19%
- Other: 5%

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

1. United States of America: 2,485
2. Guatemala: 980
3. Honduras: 809
4. Nicaragua: 361
5. Costa Rica: 253

INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SERVICES

Total trade in services
(millions of US$)

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<th>Services exports</th>
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<td>2005</td>
<td>1 478</td>
<td>1 115</td>
<td>363</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>1 498</td>
<td>1 100</td>
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<td>1 518</td>
<td>959</td>
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<td>3 197</td>
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Services exports by main category
(as % of total services)

- Transport: 24.7
- Travel: 24.4
- Other services: 14.9

TRADE INDICES

ECONOMIC TRENDS

GDP
GDP per capita, current US$
Real GDP growth, y-on-y, %
Current account balance, % of GDP
Exchange rate (US$)

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

- Household Consumption: 33.1
- General government final consumption expenditure: 16.1
- Gross Capital Formation: 20.4
- Exports: 28.9
- Imports: 48.6

+0.7 %
+2.2 %
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FDI AND EXTERNAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Financial flows
(millions of US$ unless otherwise specified)

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<td>FDI inflows</td>
<td>511.10</td>
<td>-230.30</td>
<td>396.62</td>
<td>662.20</td>
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<td>FDI outflows</td>
<td>-112.90</td>
<td>-4.70</td>
<td>0.27</td>
<td>0.41</td>
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<td>Personal remittances, % of GDP</td>
<td>20.61</td>
<td>18.82</td>
<td>18.24</td>
<td>21.19</td>
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Financial flows trends
(millions of US$)

FDI inflows

FDI outflows as % of GDP in 2019

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TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES

Trade balance indicators²
( as % and index)

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<td>Balance, % of GDP</td>
<td>-21.54</td>
<td>-19.69</td>
<td>-17.11</td>
<td>-18.35</td>
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<td>Balance, % of imports</td>
<td>-48.65</td>
<td>-42.26</td>
<td>-36.71</td>
<td>-37.99</td>
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<td>Normalized balance</td>
<td>-0.321</td>
<td>-0.268</td>
<td>-0.225</td>
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Trade openness²
(sum of imports and exports as % of GDP)

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LABOUR FORCE

Labour force by gender in 2019
(as % of total labour force, all sectors)

0 %

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OTHER INDICATORS

Maritime transport indicators

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<td>Merchant fleet, national flag (thousands of DWT)</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Liner shipping connectivity index (maximum 2006 = 100 for China)</td>
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<td>8.10</td>
<td>8.81</td>
<td>9.57</td>
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<td>Container port throughput (TEU)</td>
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<td>146 817</td>
<td>190 708</td>
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Information economy indicators
(as % of)

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<td>Share of ICT goods, % of total exports</td>
<td>0.19</td>
<td>0.32</td>
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<td>Share of ICT goods, % of total imports</td>
<td>3.61</td>
<td>5.30</td>
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<td>Share of workforce involved in the ICT sector</td>
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Source: UNCTADstat (http://unctadstat.unctad.org)

Notes:
1 Land area refers to the total area of a country excluding area under inland water bodies. It differs from the country area, that includes area under inland water bodies, but excludes offshore territorial waters.
3 Estimated. Data refers to 2016.

Symbols for missing values:
0 Zero means that the amount is nil or negligible
.. Not available or not separately reported
... Not applicable
# Non-relevant calculation
- Not publishable
*** Negative accumulation of flows; Value included in regional and global totals

Abbreviations & acronyms:
DWT: Dead weight tons
FDI: Foreign direct investment
GDP: Gross domestic product
ICT: Information and communication technology
TEU: Twenty foot equivalent unit
US$: United States dollar

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