GENERAL PROFILE: EL SALVADOR

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2018

Population: 6.421 Millions

Exchange rate: 1.000 USD/US$

CPI growth: 1.09 %

GDP growth: 2.40 %

GDP: 25 895 Millions current US$

Land area: (n) 20 720 km²

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

Total merchandise trade

(millions of US$)

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<td>Merchandise exports</td>
<td>3 418</td>
<td>4 499</td>
<td>5 509</td>
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<td>Merchandise imports</td>
<td>6 690</td>
<td>8 416</td>
<td>10 293</td>
<td>11 830</td>
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<td>Merchandise trade balance</td>
<td>-3 272</td>
<td>-3 917</td>
<td>-4 784</td>
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Export structure by product group in 2018

(as % of total exports)

- All food items: 77 %
- Manufactured goods: 18 %
- Other: 5 %

INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SERVICES

Total trade in services

(millions of US$)

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<td>Services exports</td>
<td>1 478</td>
<td>1 498</td>
<td>2 477</td>
<td>2 798</td>
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<td>Services imports</td>
<td>1 115</td>
<td>1 100</td>
<td>1 518</td>
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<td>Services trade balance</td>
<td>363</td>
<td>398</td>
<td>959</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 indicators

(millions of US$ unless otherwise specified)

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<td>GDP, current</td>
<td>14 698</td>
<td>18 448</td>
<td>23 166</td>
<td>25 895</td>
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<td>GDP per capita, current US$</td>
<td>2 429</td>
<td>2 983</td>
<td>3 663</td>
<td>4 033</td>
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<td>Real GDP growth, y-on-y, %</td>
<td>3.56</td>
<td>1.37</td>
<td>2.38</td>
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<td>Current account balance, % of GDP</td>
<td>-4.23</td>
<td>-2.89</td>
<td>-3.25</td>
<td>-4.80</td>
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<td>Exchange rate (US$)</td>
<td>1.000</td>
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Economic trends

GDP by expenditure in 2017

(as % of total GDP)

- Household Consumption: 84.6
- General government final consumption expenditure: 15.8
- Gross Capital Formation: 16.9
- Exports: 27.6
- Imports: 44.9

+2.5 %
Merchandise exports growth rate in 2018

Top 5 partners in 2018

(exports, millions of US$)

- United States of America: 2 537
- Guatemala: 890
- Honduras: 784
- Nicaragua: 356
- Costa Rica: 249

+2.4 %
Gross domestic product growth rate in 2018
### Financial Flows

**FDI inflows**
- 2005: 511.10
- 2010: 511.10
- 2015: 396.62
- 2018: 839.55

**FDI outflows**
- 2005: -112.90
- 2010: -112.90
- 2015: -4.70
- 2018: 0.27

**Personal remittances, % of GDP**
- 2005: 20.61
- 2010: 18.82
- 2015: 18.53
- 2018: 21.08

### Financial Flows Trends

- FDI inflows trend from 2000 to 2018
- Personal remittances receipts trend from 2000 to 2018

### Trade in Goods and Services

**Trade Balance Indicators**

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<td>Balance, % of GDP</td>
<td>-21.54</td>
<td>-19.69</td>
<td>-17.31</td>
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<td>Balance, % of imports</td>
<td>-48.65</td>
<td>-42.26</td>
<td>-36.71</td>
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<td>Normalized balance</td>
<td>-0.321</td>
<td>-0.268</td>
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**Trade Openness**

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### Labour Force

**Labour Force by Gender in 2018**

- Male: 57%
- Female: 43%

### Maritime Transport Indicators

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<td>Merchant fleet, national flag (thousands of DWT)</td>
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<td>Liner shipping connectivity index (maximum 2006 = 100 for China)</td>
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<td>8.44</td>
<td>8.91</td>
<td>9.75</td>
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<td>Container port throughput (TEU)</td>
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<td>145 774</td>
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### Information Economy Indicators

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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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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.

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0   Zero means that the amount is nil or negligible
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   Not applicable
... Not available, including no quotation
#  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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