GENERAL PROFILE: EL SALVADOR

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2018

Population: 6.421 Millions
GDP: 25 895 Millions current US$
Land area: 20 720 km²
Exchange rate: 1.000 USD/US$
CPI growth: 1.09%
GDP growth: 2.40%

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

Total merchandise trade
(millions of US$)
2005 2010 2015 2018
Merchandise exports 3 418 4 499 5 509 5 905
Merchandise imports 6 690 8 416 10 293 11 830
Merchandise trade balance -3 272 -3 917 -4 784 -5 925

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$)
2005 2010 2015 2018
Services exports 1 478 1 498 2 477 2 798
Services imports 1 115 1 100 1 518 1 997
Services trade balance 363 398 959 800

Top 5 partners in 2018
(exports, millions of US$)

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

TRADE INDICES

ECONOMIC TRENDS

Economic indicators
(millions of US$ unless otherwise specified)
2005 2010 2015 2018
GDP, current 14 698 18 448 23 166 25 895
GDP per capita, current US$ 2 429 2 983 3 663 4 033
Real GDP growth, y-on-y, % 3.56 1.37 2.38 2.40
Current account balance, % of GDP -4.23 -2.89 -3.25 -4.80
Exchange rate (US$) 1.000 1.000 1.000 1.000

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%
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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>
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<td>FDI outflows</td>
<td>-112.90</td>
<td>-4.70</td>
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<td>Personal remittances, % of GDP</td>
<td>20.61</td>
<td>18.82</td>
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Financial flows trends

( millions of US$)

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>-17.31</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 openness²

(sum of imports and exports as % of GDP)

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LABOUR FORCE

Labour force by gender in 2018

(as % of total labour force, all sectors)

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<td>57%</td>
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OTHER INDICATORS

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>
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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

(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>
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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.
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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