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GENERAL PROFILE: COSTA RICA

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2022

Population
5.181 Millions

Exchange rate
647.136 CRC/US\$

GDP
68 027 Millions current US\$

Land area¹
(q) 51 060 km²

CPI growth
8.27 %

GDP growth
4.31 %

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

Total merchandise trade

(millions of US\$)

	2005	2010	2015	2022
Merchandise exports	7 026	9 448	9 422	17 752
Merchandise imports	9 824	13 570	16 273	22 685
Merchandise trade balance	-2 798	-4 122	-6 852	-4 933

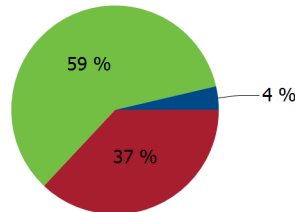
+14.6 %

Merchandise exports growth rate in 2022

Export structure by product group in 2022

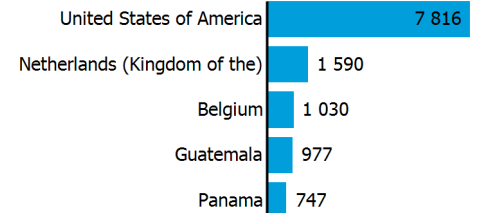
(as % of total exports)

- All food items
- Manufactured goods
- Other



Top 5 partners in 2022

(exports, millions of US\$)



INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SERVICES

Total trade in services²

(millions of US\$)

	2005	2010	2015	2022
Services exports	3 197	5 022	7 694	(e) 11 790
Services imports	1 512	1 889	3 085	(e) 5 498
Services trade balance	1 685	3 132	4 609	(e) 6 292

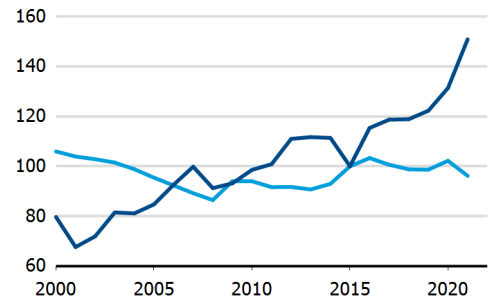
Services exports by main category²

(as % of total services)

	2005	2010	2015	2022
Transport	8.8	8.1	6.4	(e) 4.2
Travel	58.5	44.7	42.5	(e) 26.6
Other services	19.9	37.4	48.1	(e) 61.9

TRADE INDICES

- Terms of trade index
- Purchasing power index of exports



ECONOMIC TRENDS

Economic indicators

(millions of US\$ unless otherwise specified)

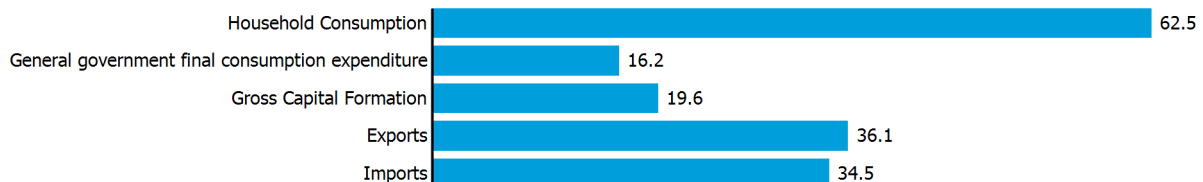
	2005	2010	2015	2022
GDP, current	20 045	37 659	56 442	68 027
GDP per capita, current US\$	4 644	8 147	11 530	13 131
Real GDP growth, y-on-y, %	3.98	5.36	3.65	4.31
Current account balance, % of GDP	-4.29	-3.22	-3.40	-3.98
Exchange rate (/US\$)	477.787	525.829	534.566	647.136

+4.3 %

Gross domestic product growth rate in 2022

GDP by expenditure in 2021

(as % of total GDP)



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FDI AND EXTERNAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Financial flows

(millions of US\$ unless otherwise specified)

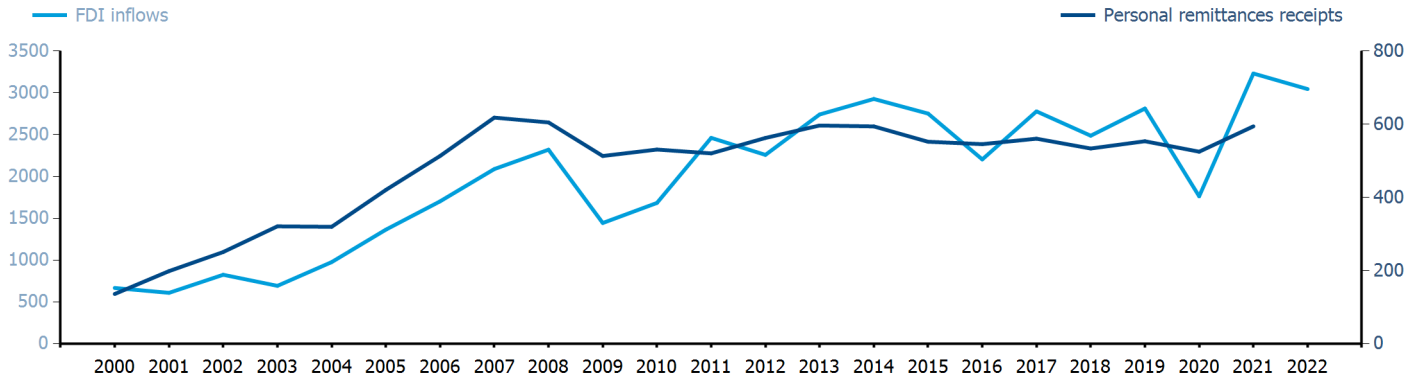
	2005	2010	2015	2022
FDI inflows	1 364.13	1 683.55	2 751.88	3 045.04
FDI outflows	-15.06	94.34	210.57	104.13
Personal remittances, % of GDP	2.10	1.41	0.98	..

+0.2 %

FDI outflows as % of GDP in 2022

Financial flows trends

(millions of US\$)



TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES

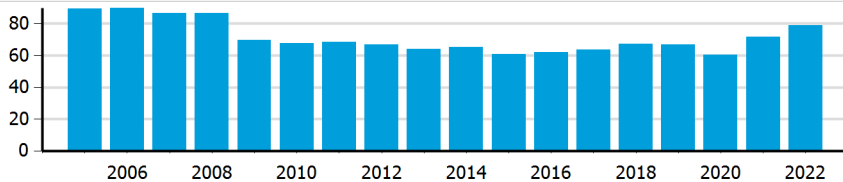
Trade balance indicators²

(as % and index)

	2005	2010	2015	2022
Balance, % of GDP	-1.80	-1.10	0.00	(e) 3.66
Balance, % of imports	-3.95	-3.21	0.01	(e) 9.72
Normalized balance	-0.020	-0.016	0.000	(e) 0.046

Trade openness²

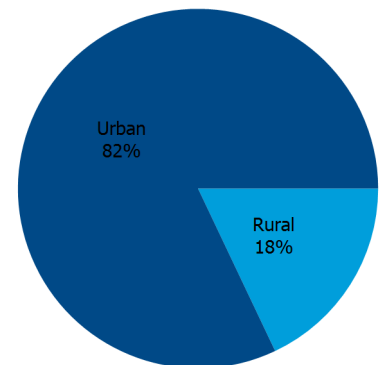
(sum of imports and exports as % of GDP)



LIVING AREA

Population by living area in 2022

(% of population)



OTHER INDICATORS

Maritime transport indicators

	2005	2010	2015	2022
Merchant fleet, national flag (thousands of DWT)	1	0	2	3
Liner shipping connectivity index (maximum 2006 = 100 for China)	..	17.52	17.77	23.58
Container port throughput (TEU)	..	1 013 483	1 343 841	..

0 %

Share of the total world merchant fleet in 2022

Information economy indicators

(as % of)

	2005	2010	2015	2022
Share of ICT goods, % of total exports	23.74	19.91	1.70	..
Share of ICT goods, % of total imports	23.69	17.72	9.16	..
Share of workforce involved in the ICT sector	..	4.70

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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.
- 2 Statistics presented correspond to the 6th edition of the IMF Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual (BPM6, 2009).
- e Estimated.
- q Estimated. Data refers to 2020.

Symbols for missing values:

- 0 Zero means that the amount is nil or negligible
- .. Not available or not separately reported
- 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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