GENERAL PROFILE: COSTA RICA

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2021

Population: 5.154 Millions
Land area: 51 060 km²
Exchange rate: 620.785 CRC/US$
CPI growth: 1.73 %
GDP: 62.535 Millions current US$
GDP growth: 5.74 %

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

Total merchandise trade (millions of US$)
- Merchandise exports: 7 026, 9 448, 9 422, 15 494
- Merchandise imports: 9 824, 13 570, 16 273, 20 728
- Merchandise trade balance: -2 798, -4 122, -6 852, -5 234

Export structure by product group in 2021
- All food items: 56 %
- Manufactured goods: 40 %
- Other: 4 %

INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SERVICES

Total trade in services (millions of US$)
- Services exports: 3 197, 5 022, 7 694, (e) 8 991
- Services imports: 1 512, 1 889, 3 085, (e) 4 624
- Services trade balance: 1 685, 3 132, 4 609, (e) 4 366

Services exports by main category (as % of total services)
- Transport: 8.8, 8.1, 6.4, (e) 5.4
- Travel: 58.5, 44.7, 42.5, (e) 18.4
- Other services: 19.9, 37.4, 48.1, (e) 71.7

TRADE INDICES

ECONOMIC TRENDS

Economic indicators (millions of US$ unless otherwise specified)
- GDP, current: 20 045, 37 659, 56 442, 62 535
- GDP per capita, current US$: 4 644, 8 147, 11 530, 12 133
- Real GDP growth, y-on-y, %: 3.98, 5.36, 3.65, 5.74
- Current account balance, % of GDP: -4.29, -3.22, -3.40, -3.37
- Exchange rate (US$): 477.787, 525.829, 534.566, 620.785

GDP by expenditure in 2020 (as % of total GDP)
- Household Consumption: 64.6
- General government final consumption expenditure: 17.8
- Gross Capital Formation: 15.2
- Exports: 31.0
- Imports: 28.6
## Costa Rica

### Cost of External Financial Resources

#### Financial Flows (Millions of US$ unless otherwise specified)

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<td>FDI inflows</td>
<td>1,364.13</td>
<td>1,683.55</td>
<td>2,751.88</td>
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<td>FDI outflows</td>
<td>-15.06</td>
<td>94.34</td>
<td>210.57</td>
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<td>Personal remittances, % of GDP</td>
<td>2.11</td>
<td>1.42</td>
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#### Financial Flows Trends (Millions of US$)

- **FDI inflows**
  - 2000: 500
  - 2010: 3000
  - 2021: 3500

- **Personal remittances**
  - 2000: 200
  - 2010: 300
  - 2021: 400

### Trade in Goods and Services

#### Trade Balance Indicators

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<td>Balance, % of GDP</td>
<td>-1.80</td>
<td>-1.10</td>
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<td>Balance, % of imports</td>
<td>-3.95</td>
<td>-3.21</td>
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<td>Normalized balance</td>
<td>-0.020</td>
<td>-0.016</td>
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#### Trade Openness

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<td>Share of ICT goods, % of total exports</td>
<td>23.74</td>
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<td>Share of ICT goods, % of total imports</td>
<td>23.69</td>
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<td>Share of workforce involved in the ICT sector</td>
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<td>4.70</td>
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### Maritime Transport Indicators

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<td>Merchant fleet, national flag (thousands of DWT)</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>Liner shipping connectivity index (maximum 2006 = 100 for China)</td>
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<td>17.52</td>
<td>17.77</td>
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<td>Container port throughput (TEU)</td>
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<td>1,036,214</td>
<td>1,343,841</td>
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### Other Indicators

- **Share of the total world merchant fleet in 2021**
  - Urban: 81%
  - Rural: 19%

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*Note: The data is presented in the context of the current year and relevant years, with specific values for 2021 highlighted. The visualizations are indicative of trends and comparisons across different indicators.*
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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.
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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