



UNCTAD



GENERAL PROFILE: EL SALVADOR

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2022

Population
6.336 Millions

Exchange rate
1.000 USD/US\$

GDP
31 527 Millions current US\$

Land area¹
(q) 20 720 km²

CPI growth
7.20 %

GDP growth
2.54 %

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

Total merchandise trade

(millions of US\$)

	2005	2010	2015	2022
Merchandise exports	3 418	4 499	5 509	7 115
Merchandise imports	6 690	8 416	10 293	17 108
Merchandise trade balance	-3 272	-3 917	-4 784	-9 993

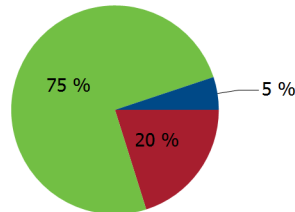
+11.3 %

Merchandise exports growth rate in 2022

Export structure by product group in 2022

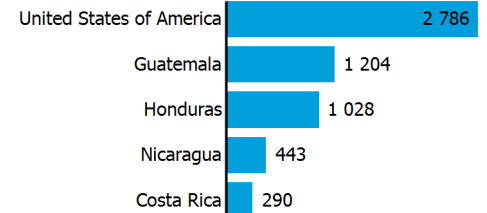
(as % of total exports)

- 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	1 478	1 498	2 477	4 406
Services imports	1 115	1 100	1 518	2 778
Services trade balance	363	398	959	1 628

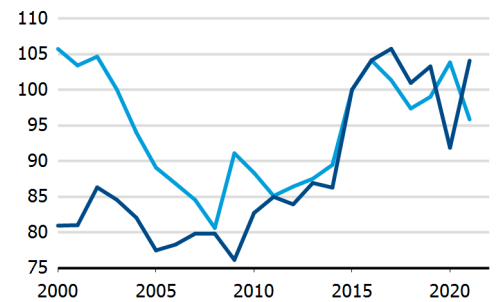
Services exports by main category²

(as % of total services)

	2005	2010	2015	2022
Transport	24.7	20.3	19.8	13.8
Travel	24.4	26.0	33.0	42.3
Other services	14.9	18.8	17.8	21.3

TRADE INDICES

- Terms of trade index
- Purchasing power index of exports



ECONOMIC TRENDS

Economic indicators

(millions of US\$ unless otherwise specified)

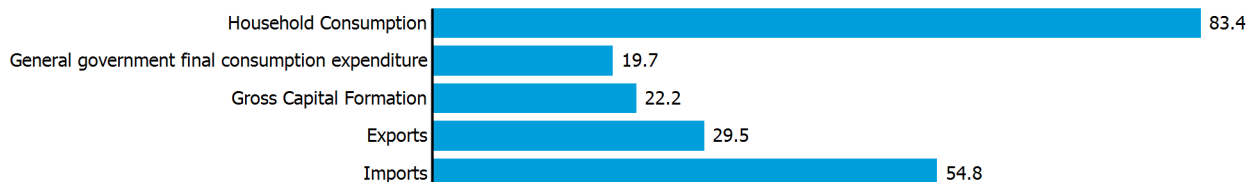
	2005	2010	2015	2022
GDP, current	14 698	18 448	23 438	31 527
GDP per capita, current US\$	2 434	3 017	3 762	4 976
Real GDP growth, y-on-y, %	2.71	2.11	2.40	2.54
Current account balance, % of GDP	-4.23	-2.89	-3.22	-6.81
Exchange rate (/US\$)	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000

+2.5 %

Gross domestic product growth rate in 2022

GDP by expenditure in 2021

(as % of total GDP)



EL SALVADOR

FDI AND EXTERNAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Financial flows

(millions of US\$ unless otherwise specified)

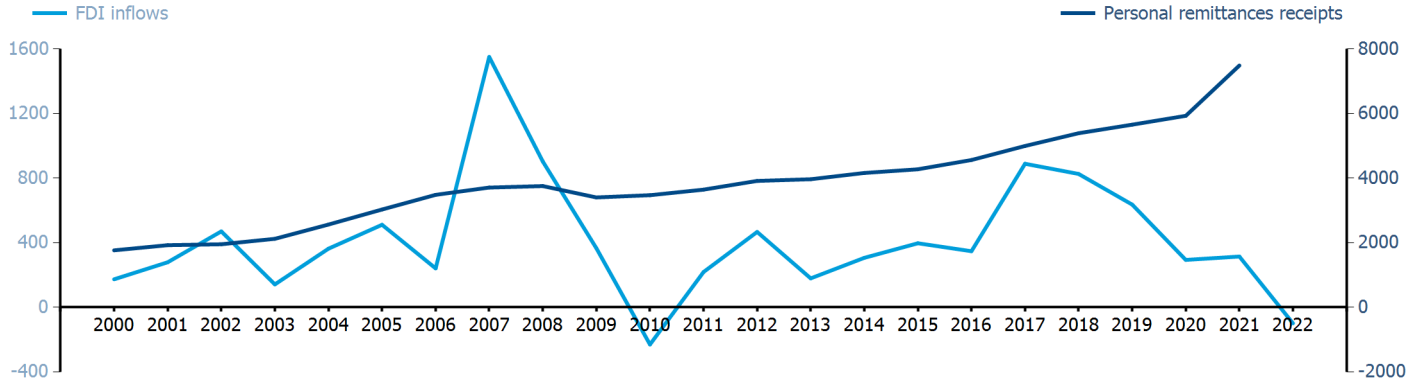
	2005	2010	2015	2022
FDI inflows	511.10	-230.30	396.62	-99.10
FDI outflows	-112.90	-4.70	0.27	1.81
Personal remittances, % of GDP	20.61	18.82	18.24	..

0 %

FDI outflows as % of GDP in 2022

Financial flows trends

(millions of US\$)



TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES

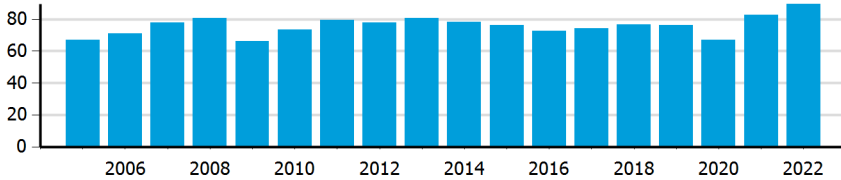
Trade balance indicators²

(as % and index)

	2005	2010	2015	2022
Balance, % of GDP	-21.54	-19.69	-17.11	-25.19
Balance, % of imports	-48.65	-42.26	-36.71	-43.95
Normalized balance	-0.321	-0.268	-0.225	-0.282

Trade openness²

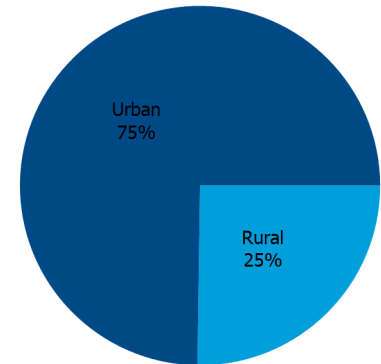
(sum of imports and exports as % of GDP)



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)	2	2	0	1
Liner shipping connectivity index (maximum 2006 = 100 for China)	..	8.11	8.82	7.76
Container port throughput (TEU)	..	145 774	190 708	..

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	0.14	0.32	0.28	0.40
Share of ICT goods, % of total imports	2.12	5.30	5.39	5.38
Share of workforce involved in the ICT sector

EL SALVADOR

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

Disclaimer:

The designations employed and the presentation of the material on UNCTADstat do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the secretariat of the United Nations concerning the legal status of any country, territory, city or area, or of its authorities, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers or boundaries.

Where the designations "economy" or "country or area" appear in texts or tables, they cover regions, countries, territories, cities or areas.

UNCTAD strives for the highest level of accuracy and is committed to promptly correcting any errors on its part. It does not guarantee or make any express or implied representations regarding the accuracy, reliability, correctness, fitness for use for a particular purpose, or otherwise, whatsoever, of any of the tables in UNCTADstat.

Generation date: 21 September 2023