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GENERAL PROFILE: NICARAGUA

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2022



Population
6.948 Millions



Exchange rate
35.874 NIO/US\$



GDP
15 738 Millions current US\$



Land area¹
(q) 120 340 km²



CPI growth
10.45 %



GDP growth
3.72 %

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

Total merchandise trade

(millions of US\$)

	2005	2010	2015	2022
Merchandise exports	1 654	3 251	4 839	7 360
Merchandise imports	2 956	4 792	7 060	11 247
Merchandise trade balance	-1 302	-1 541	-2 220	-3 887

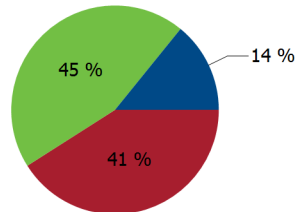
+13.3 %

Merchandise exports
growth rate in 2022

Export structure by product group in 2022

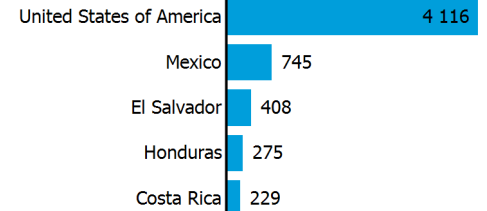
(as % of total exports)

- 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	531	819	1 253	1 560
Services imports	448	726	1 024	1 113
Services trade balance	83	93	229	447

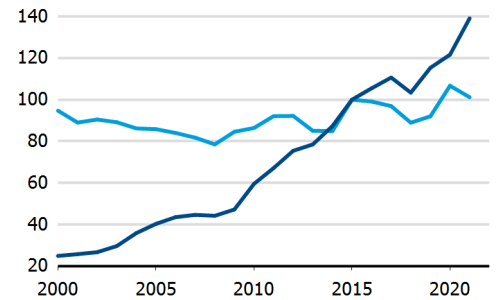
Services exports by main category²

(as % of total services)

	2005	2010	2015	2022
Transport	6.4	4.8	4.2	4.8
Travel	38.9	38.3	42.1	38.2
Other services	12.9	26.3	21.3	29.7

TRADE INDICES

- Terms of trade index
- Purchasing power index of exports



ECONOMIC TRENDS

Economic indicators

(millions of US\$ unless otherwise specified)

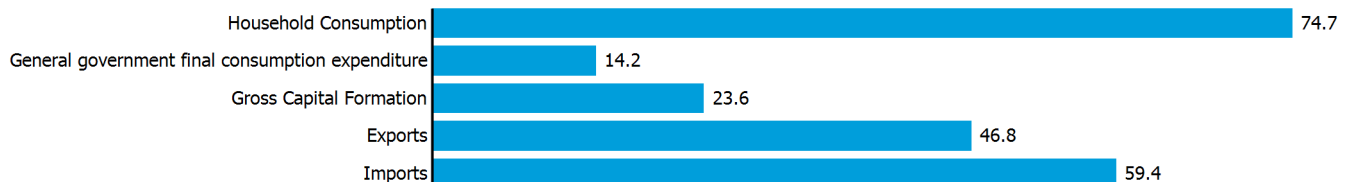
	2005	2010	2015	2022
GDP, current	6 300	8 759	12 757	15 738
GDP per capita, current US\$	1 155	1 496	2 025	2 265
Real GDP growth, y-on-y, %	4.28	4.41	4.79	3.72
Current account balance, % of GDP	-12.44	-8.87	-9.87	-1.37
Exchange rate (/US\$)	16.733	21.356	27.257	35.874

+3.7 %

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)

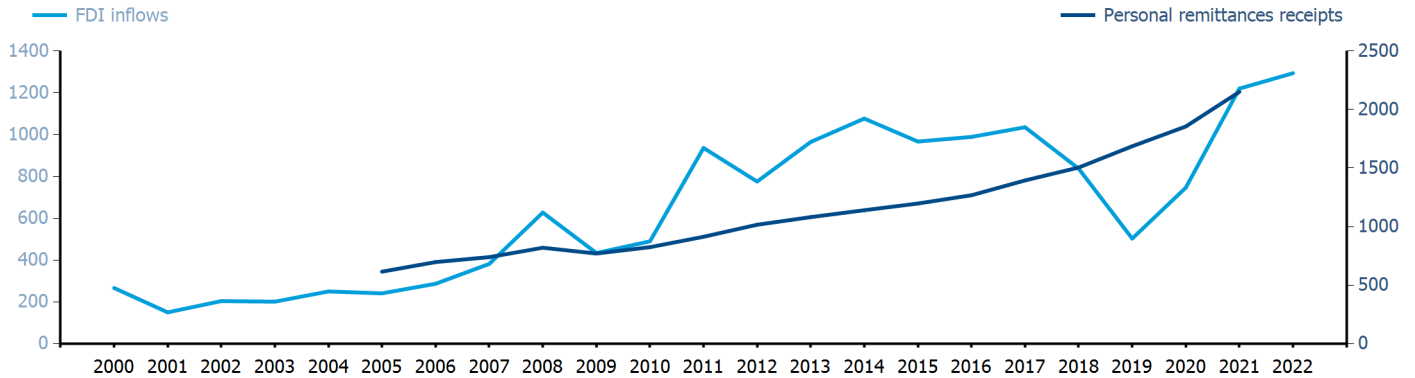
	2005	2010	2015	2022
FDI inflows	241.10	489.90	967.00	1 293.80
FDI outflows	..	15.10	45.00	12.80
Personal remittances, % of GDP	9.77	9.42	9.39	..

+0.1 %

FDI outflows as % of GDP in 2022

Financial flows trends

(millions of US\$)



TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES

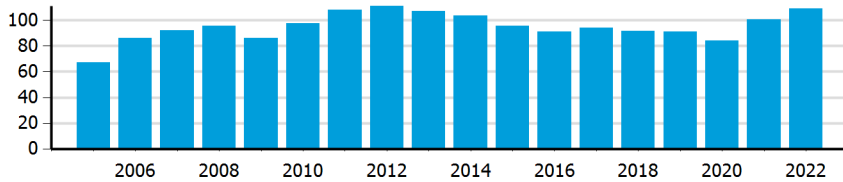
Trade balance indicators²

(as % and index)

	2005	2010	2015	2022
Balance, % of GDP	-23.56	-21.72	-20.40	-20.78
Balance, % of imports	-52.02	-36.31	-35.12	-32.03
Normalized balance	-0.352	-0.222	-0.213	-0.191

Trade openness²

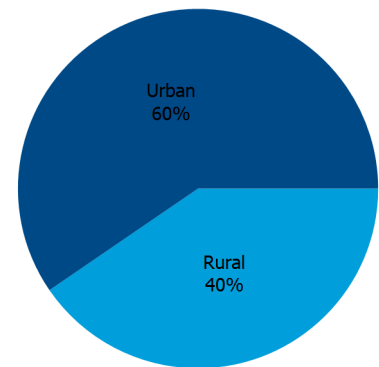
(sum of imports and exports as % of GDP)



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	3	3	3
Liner shipping connectivity index (maximum 2006 = 100 for China)	..	8.22	8.10	8.32
Container port throughput (TEU)	..	68 224	144 718	..

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	0.14	0.07	0.03
Share of ICT goods, % of total imports	6.14	4.77	5.53	2.24
Share of workforce involved in the ICT sector

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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).
- 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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