GENERAL PROFILE: NICARAGUA

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2020

Population 6.625 Millions
Land area (n) 120 340 km²

Exchange rate 34.342 NIO/US$
CPI growth 3.70 %
GDP growth -2.00 %

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

Merchandise exports 1 654 3 251 4 839 (e) 5 191
Merchandise imports 2 956 4 792 7 060 (e) 6 712
Merchandise trade balance -1 302 -1 541 -2 220 (e) -1 521

Export structure by product group in 2020 (as % of total exports)
- All food items 43 %
- Manufactured goods 12 %
- Other 45 %

INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SERVICES

Services exports 531 819 1 253 943
Services imports 448 726 1 024 615
Services trade balance 83 93 229 329

Services exports by main category (as % of total services): 2005 2010 2015 2020
Transport 6.4 4.8 4.2 6.1
Travel 38.9 38.3 42.1 21.0
Other services 12.9 26.3 21.3 35.0

TRADE INDICES

GDP, current 6 300 8 759 12 757 12 273
GDP per capita, current US$ 1 158 1 504 2 050 1 853
Real GDP growth, y-on-y, % 4.28 4.41 4.79 -2.00
Current account balance, % of GDP -12.44 -8.91 -8.97 ..
Exchange rate (US$) 16.733 21.356 27.257 34.342

GDP by expenditure in 2019 (as % of total GDP)
- Household Consumption 72.1
- General government final consumption expenditure 15.6
- Gross Capital Formation 17.1
- Exports 45.1
- Imports 50.0
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FDI AND EXTERNAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Financial flows
(millions of US$ unless otherwise specified)

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<td>FDI outflows</td>
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<td>Personal remittances, % of GDP</td>
<td>9.77</td>
<td>9.42</td>
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Financial flows trends
(millions of US$)

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TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES

Trade balance indicators²
(as % and index)

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<td>-23.56</td>
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<td>Balance, % of imports</td>
<td>-52.02</td>
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<td>Normalized balance</td>
<td>-0.352</td>
<td>-0.222</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 2020
(as % of total labour force, all sectors)

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<td>60%</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>8.22</td>
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<td>Container port throughput (TEU)</td>
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<td>68 224</td>
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Information economy indicators
(as % of)

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<td>Share of ICT goods, % of total exports</td>
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<td>Share of ICT goods, % of total imports</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.
E Estimated.
n 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
... 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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