



NICARAGUA



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Jose Daniel ORTEGA Saavedra

Head of Government

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Government Type

presidential republic

Capital

Managua

Legislature

unicameral National Assembly or Asamblea Nacional (92 seats)

Judiciary

Supreme Court or Corte Suprema de Justicia (consists of 16 judges organized into administrative, civil, criminal, and constitutional chambers)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Francisco Obadiah CAMPBELL

US Ambassador

Ambassador Kevin K. SULLIVAN

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 130,370 sq km

Land: 119,990 sq km

Water: 10,380 sq km

Climate

Tropical in lowlands, cooler in highlands

Natural Resources

gold, silver, copper, tungsten, lead, zinc, timber, fish

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

second poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, Nicaragua has widespread underemployment and poverty; exports are based on beef, coffee, gold, and textiles

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$36.4 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$5,900 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$3.819 billion (2017 est.)

partners: US 44.2%, El Salvador 6.4%, Venezuela 5.5%, Costa Rica 5.5% (2017)

Imports

\$6.613 billion (2017 est.)

partners: US 20.8%, China 14.3%, Mexico 11.1%, Costa Rica 7.9%, Guatemala 7%, El Salvador 5.6% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

6.1 million (July 2018 est.)

Population Growth

0.97% (2017 est.)

Ethnicity

mestizo (mixed Amerindian and white) 69%, white 17%, black 9%, Amerindian 5%

Language

Spanish (official) 95.3%, Miskito 2.2%, Mestizo of the Caribbean coast 2%, other 0.5%

note: English and indigenous languages found on the Caribbean coast (2005 est.)

Religion

Roman Catholic 50%, Evangelical 33.2%, other 2.9%, unspecified 13.2%, none 0.7% (2017 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 58.5% of total population (2018)

rate of urbanization: 1.45% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy

82.8% (2015 est.)

