

Facts and figures of Costa Rica

(Numbers in parentheses refer to the OECD average)

The land, people and electoral cycle

Population (million) ^b	4.8	Official language	Spanish
Under 15 (%) ^b	22 (18)	Form of government	Constitutional republic
Population density (per km ²) ^b	94 (37)	Last election	February 2nd 2014
Land area (thousand km ²)	51.1		

The economy

GDP, current prices (billion USD) ^b	54.1	Exports of goods and services (% of GDP) ^b	30.5 (28.5)
GDP growth ^b	3.7 (2.1)	Imports of goods and services (% of GDP) ^b	32.2 (28.2)
GDP per capita, PPP (constant 2011 international dollars) ^b	14.6 (38.0)	GDP shares (%) ^b	
Inflation rate ^b	0.8 (0.2)	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	5.5 (1.6)
General government total expenditure (% of GDP) ^b	19.3	Industry, including construction	22.2 (24.2)
General government revenue (% of GDP) ^b	13.6	Services	72.3 (74.2)

Well-being

Life satisfaction (average on 1-10 scale) ^b	6.9 (6.5)	Proportion of population under national minimum income standard (%) ^b	21.7
Life expectancy ^a	79 (80)	Unemployment rate (%) ^a	8.3 (7.3)
Income inequality (Gini coefficient) ^a	49 (32)	Youth unemployment rate (ages 15 to 24, %) ^a	19.2 (16.4)
Gender inequality (SIGI index) ^a	0.05 (0.02)	Satisfaction with the availability of affordable housing (% satisfied) ^b	45 (46)
Labour force participation (% of 15 to 64 year old) ^a	68 (71)	Enrolment rates ^a	
Employment-to-population ratio (15 and over, %) ^a	58 (55)	Primary (Net)	96 (96)
Population with access to improved sanitation facilities (%) ^b	95	Secondary (Gross)	120 (104)
Mean years of schooling ^b	8.6	Tertiary (Gross)	53 (70)

Note: a) Data for 2014; b) Data for 2015

Sources: World Bank, World Development Indicators (database), <http://data.worldbank.org/>, Washington DC; OECD, SIGI Social Institutions and Gender index, <http://www.genderindex.org/>; IMF, World Economic Outlook Database, International Monetary Fund, October 2016 edition, Washington DC; UNESCO Institute for Statistics, Data Centre, <http://data.uis.unesco.org/>; Gallup (2015), Gallup World Poll (database), Gallup Organisation.



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