

Basic statistics of Costa Rica, 2021¹

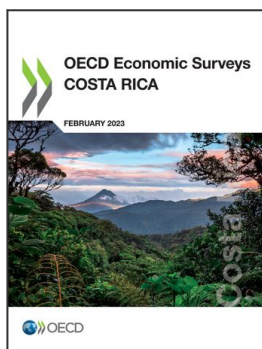
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LAND, PEOPLE AND ELECTORAL CYCLE				
Population (million)	5.2		Population density per km ²	100.9 (38.7)
Under 15 (%)	20.5	(17.4)	Life expectancy at birth (years, 2020)	79.3 (79.0)
Over 65 (%)	10.5	(17.7)	Men (2020)	76.8 (76.2)
International migrant stock (% of population, 2019)	8.3	(13.2)	Women (2020)	81.9 (82.0)
Latest 5-year average growth (%)	0.8	(0.5)	Latest general election	Feb. 2022
ECONOMY				
Gross domestic product (GDP)			Value added shares (%)	
In current prices (billion USD)	64.6		Agriculture, forestry and fishing	4.8 (2.6)
In current prices (billion CRC)	40 112.9		Industry including construction	22.4 (26.6)
Latest 5-year average real growth (%)	2.5	(1.6)	Services	72.8 (70.8)
Per capita (thousand USD PPP)	22.7	(50.8)		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT Per cent of GDP				
Expenditure (2020)	32.5	(46.4)	Gross financial debt	68.2 (111.9)
Revenue (2020)	24.7	(38.7)		
EXTERNAL ACCOUNTS				
Exchange rate (CRC per USD)	621.23		Main exports (% of total merchandise exports)	
PPP exchange rate (USA = 1)	342.39		Food and live animals	36.8
In per cent of GDP			Miscellaneous manufactured articles	34.2
Exports of goods and services	36.8	(29.8)	Manufactured goods	9.7
Imports of goods and services	35.1	(29.9)	Main imports (% of total merchandise imports)	
Current account balance	-2.4	(0.2)	Machinery and transport equipment	23.7
Net international investment position	-60.7		Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	19.3
			Manufactured goods	19.1
LABOUR MARKET, SKILLS AND INNOVATION				
Employment rate (aged 15 and over, %)	52.4	(56.2)	Unemployment rate, Labour Force Survey (aged 15 and over, %)	16.4 (6.1)
Men	62.7	(64.1)	Youth (aged 15-24, %)	39.4 (12.8)
Women	38.0	(48.7)	Long-term unemployed (1 year and over, %)	3.4 (2.0)
Participation rate (aged 15 and over, %)	60.3	(60.3)	Tertiary educational attainment (aged 25-64, %, 2020)	24.6 (39.9)
Average hours worked per year	2,073	(1,716)	Gross domestic expenditure on R&D (% of GDP, 2018, OECD: 2020)	0.4 (3.0)
ENVIRONMENT				
Total primary energy supply per capita (toe)	1.0	(3.8)	CO ₂ emissions from fuel combustion per capita (tonnes)	1.4 (7.9)
Renewables (%)	51.5	(11.6)	Water abstractions per capita (1 000 m ³ , 2020)	0.6
Exposure to air pollution (more than 10 µg/m ³ of PM 2.5, % of population, 2019)	99.9	(61.7)	Municipal waste per capita (tonnes, 2020)	0.3 (0.5)
SOCIETY				
Income inequality (Gini coefficient, OECD: latest available)	0.487	(0.315)	Education outcomes (PISA score, 2018)	
Relative poverty rate (% , OECD: 2018)	20.3	(11.7)	Reading	426 (485)
Median disposable household income (thousand USD PPP, 2020, OECD: 2018)	8.1	(25.5)	Mathematics	402 (487)
Public and private spending (% of GDP)			Science	416 (487)
Health care (2020)	7.9	(9.7)	Share of women in parliament (%)	45.6 (32.4)
Pensions (2018, OECD: 2017)	3.6	(8.6)		
Education (% of GNI, 2020)	7.1	(4.4)		

¹ The year is indicated in parenthesis if it deviates from the year in the main title of this table.

² Where the OECD aggregate is not provided in the source database, a simple OECD average of latest available data is calculated where data exist for at least 80% of member countries.

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