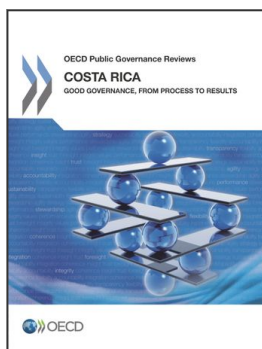


Country profile: Costa Rica

| Geography, population and living standards | |
|---|--|
| Area (km ²) | 51,100 |
| Population | 4,938,000 (2014) |
| Population density (people per sq. km of land area) | 97 (2014) |
| Urban population | 76% |
| Population growth rate (Annual %) | 1.3% (2014) |
| Total fertility rate | 1.8 children born/woman (2013) |
| Life expectancy | 80 years (2013) |
| Ethnic groups (2011) | - White or mestizo 83.6% |
| | - Mulato 6.7% |
| | - Indigenous 2.4% |
| | - Black of African descent 1.1% |
| | - Other 1.1% |
| | - None 2.9% |
| | - Unspecified 2.2% (2011 est.) |
| Government | |
| State structure | Democratic Republic |
| Executive | - President elected by popular vote for a four-year term (No immediate reelection) - The President is simultaneously the head of government and head of state |
| Legislative | Unicameral Parliament (57 seats - Asamblea Legislativa) Four-year term with no immediate reelection |
| Elections | Last presidential and parliamentary elections held on 2 February 2014 |
| Political situation | The Government is headed by Luis Guillermo Solís Rivera from the <i>Partido Acción Ciudadana</i> . This is the first time this party has won the elections. |
| Legal system | Civil law system; Legislative acts can be appealed to the Constitutional Chamber of the Supreme Court. |
| Administrative-territorial structure | Costa Rica is divided into 7 provinces, which are subdivided into 81 cantons or municipalities. These are further divided in 421 districts. |

Source: World Bank database; CIA factbook; Costa Rican Constitution.



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