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 Laura Farnsworth DOGU

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)
$36.38 billion (2017 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$5,800 (2017 est.)
Exports
$3.611 billion (2017 est.)
partners: US 44.2%, El Salvador 6.4%, Venezuela 5.5%, Costa Rica 5.5% (2017)
Imports
$6.426 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 million (July 2017 est.)
Population Growth
0.98% (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.)

as of September 2018