



# T&C Snapshots Data Note



# Nicaragua

GDP (US\$	Population	Income per	Poverty rate	Unemployment
billions) (2017)	(millions)	capita (current	(2009)	rate (2014)
	(2017)	US\$) (2017)		
14.2	6.2	2,275.9	10.8	5.3

### **Macro Indicators**

	Avg 2003-2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
GDP growth (annual %)	3.33	4.51	4.70	3.95	3.98	4.11	
Current account balance	-13.40	-11.06	-7.10	-6.93	-6.76	-6.92	
Fiscal balance (% of GDP)	0.75	-1.08	-1.52	0.30	0.47	0.27	
Remittances, received (% of GDP) [1]	9.45	9.97	9.66	_	_	_	
Real Effective Exchange Rate (2010=100)	108.85	103.08	106.11	109.91	109.64	109.60	
Consumer Price Index, annual percent change	8.13	7.14	6.04	3.39	5.80	6.00	

### **Investment indicators**

	Avg 2003-2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Gross domestic investment (% GDP)	21.5	29.7	28.1	27.6	27.0	26.4
Gross domestic investment, of w: Private investment (% GDP) [1]	26.6	28.6	26.7	_	_	
Inward FDI (% of GDP) [2]	5.4	7.2	6.9		_	_
Inward FDI, % of private investment [2]	24.8	NA	_	_	_	_



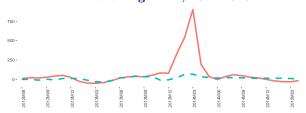
### Trade Indicators

Trade Indicators	Avg 2003-2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Total Trade in Goods and Services (% of GDP, real terms)	81.6	106.0	105.6	104.9	104.2	103.3
Trade balance (% GDP, real terms)	-25.4	-25.2	-22.7	-22.0	-20.8	-19.4
Exports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	9.6	3.5	7.5	3.9	4.5	4.8
Imports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	6.7	1.4	2.4	2.8	2.4	2.2
Total reserves in months of imports [1]	3.2	3.3	3.7	_	_	_



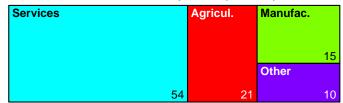
Sources: MFM note, [1] World Development Indicators (WDI), [2] UNCTADSTAT, [3] World Economic Outlook (WEO)

Goods Export and Import volume growth, 2012-2015



Source: Development Prospects Group (DECPG)  $\,$ 

Gross Value Added by Economic Activity 2013 (% GDP)



Source: World Development Indicators (WDI)

# Top 5 Exports by % of Total Value, 2014

Insulated (including enamelled or a	Coffee, not roasted, whether or not	non-monetary	T-shirts, singlets & other vests, k	Meat of bovine animals, frozen
11	8	8	8	7

# Imports Categories by % of Total Value, 2014

Consumer goods	Capital goods Intermediate goods		Raw materials	
48	21	18	13	

Source: World Integrated Trade Solution (WITS)

# Doing Business 2015 Ranks (among all countries)

	DB 2015 Rank	DB 2016 Rank	Change in Rank
Dealing with Construction Permits	164	168	-4
Ease of Doing Business Rank	123	125	-2
Enforcing Contracts	94	94	0
Getting Credit	90	97	-7
Getting Electricity	90	94	-4
Paying Taxes	163	165	-2
Protecting Minority Investors	149	150	-1
Registering Property	147	147	0
Resolving Insolvency	104	103	1
Starting a Business	119	123	-4
Trading Across Borders	80	81	-1

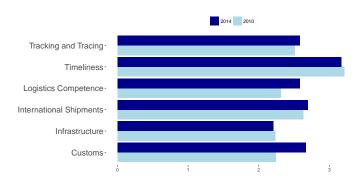
Source: Doing Busines Report 2015

# WEF Competitiveness Indicators (Scale 1-5, 5=best)

# Health and primary educat. Labor mrkt efficiency, Technol. Readiness Macroec. environment 3: Fin. mrkt development 2: Institutions Business sophist. Goods mrkt efficiency Higher educat. and training + Nicaragua Innovation Market size Lat. America & Carib. Infrastructure

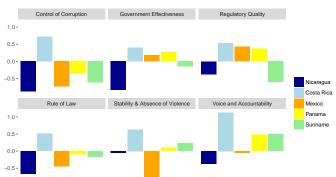
Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015

# Logistics Performance Index (Scale 1-5, 5=best)



Source: Logistics Performance Index (World Bank)

# World Governance indicators (Std. score, High=best)



Source: Worldwide Governance Indicators

## **Trade Policy**

	2010	2014
Applied Tariff (Incl. Prefers. and Trade-Weighted)	4.2	3.8
Binding $(\%)$	100	100.0
Dispersion (Standard Deviation)	8.1	8.1
Import duties collected (%, 2011-2013) [1]	_	1.1
MFN Tariff (Agriculture)	11.1	10.9
MFN Tariff (Non-Agriculture)	4.6	4.6
MFN Tariff (Simple Average)	5.6	5.4
Services sectors with GATS commitments [1]	_	49.0

Sources: WITS, [1] WTO Trade Profiles

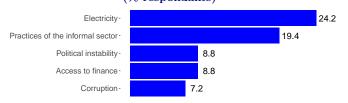
# Private Sector's Views

### **Enterprise Survey 2013**

	Nicaragua	Latin America and Caribbean	All Countries
Number of electrical outages in a typical month	4.90	2.80	6.30
Percent of firms with a bank loan/line of credit	43.40	45.80	34.30
Proportion of investment financed by banks (%)	15.70	19.90	14.30
Proportion of investment financed internally (%)	80.40	62.90	71.80
Senior management time spent dealing with the requirements of government regulation (	%) 20.20	14.00	9.90

Source: Enterprise Survey 2013

Top 5 constraints according to ES 2013 (% respondants)



Source: Enterprise Survey 2013

Top 5 constraints according to WEF 2015 survey (% respondants among 88 executives)



Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015

