

Trade and Competitiveness Monitoring Note

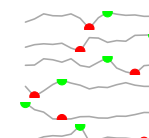


Nicaragua

GDP (US\$ billions) (2016)	Population (millions) (2016)	Income per capita (current US\$) (2016)	Poverty rate (2009)	Unemployment rate (2014)
13.4	6.2	2,174.5	10.8	5.3

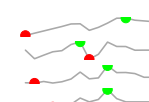
Macro Indicators

	Avg 2002-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
GDP growth (annual %)	3.16	5.13	4.51	4.70	3.95	3.98
Current account balance	-13.63	-10.64	-11.06	-7.10	-6.93	-6.76
Fiscal balance (% of GDP)	0.83	-0.22	-1.08	-1.52	0.30	0.47
Remittances, received (% of GDP) [1]	9.42	9.72	9.97	9.66	—	—
Real Effective Exchange Rate (2010=100)	109.32	103.29	103.08	106.11	109.91	109.64
Consumer Price Index, annual percent change	8.22	7.19	7.14	6.04	3.39	5.80



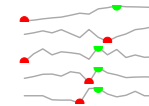
Investment indicators

	Avg 2002-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Gross domestic investment (% GDP)	20.9	29.6	29.7	28.1	27.6	27.0
Gross domestic investment, of w: Private investment (% GDP) [1]	26.3	28.7	28.6	26.7	—	—
Inward FDI (% of GDP) [2]	5.3	7.2	7.2	6.9	—	—
Inward FDI, % of private investment [2]	24.3	30.0	NA	—	—	—



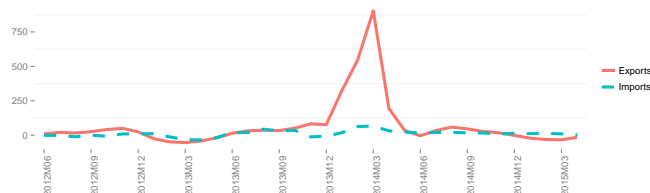
Trade Indicators

	Avg 2002-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total Trade in Goods and Services (% of GDP, real terms)	79.3	108.4	106.0	105.6	104.9	104.2
Trade balance (% GDP, real terms)	-25.3	-26.8	-25.2	-22.7	-22.0	-20.8
Exports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	9.0	16.2	3.5	7.5	3.9	4.5
Imports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	6.6	6.9	1.4	2.4	2.8	2.4
Total reserves in months of imports [1]	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.7	—	—



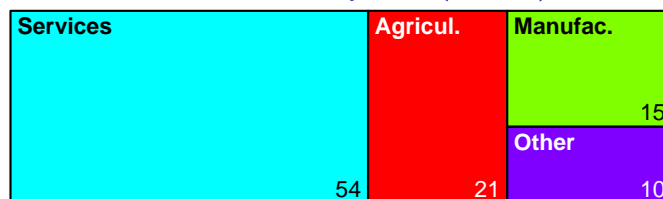
Sources: MFM note, [1] World Development Indicators (WDI), [2] UNCTADSTAT, [3] World Economic Outlook (WEO)

Goods Export and Import volume growth, 2012-2015



Source: Development Prospects Group (DECPG)

Gross Value Added by Economic Activity 2013 (% GDP)

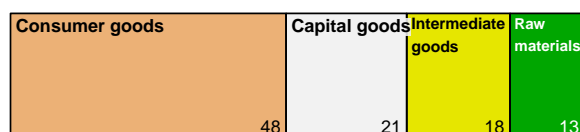


Source: World Development Indicators (WDI)

Top 5 Exports by % of Total Value, 2014

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Imports Categories by % of Total Value, 2014



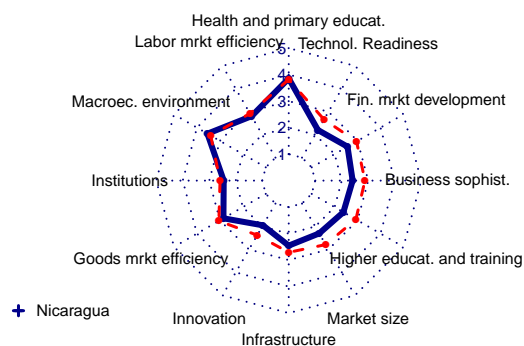
Source: World Integrated Trade Solution (WITS)

Doing Business 2015 Ranks (among all countries)

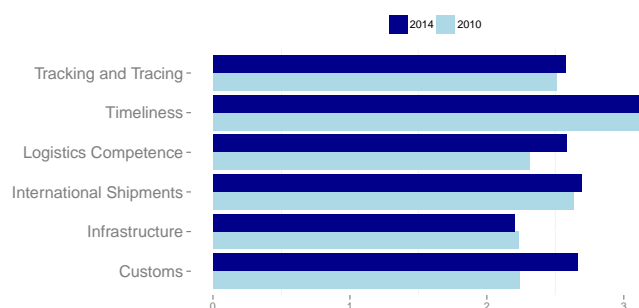
	DB 2015 Rank	DB 2016 Rank	Change in Rank
Dealing with Construction Permits	164	168	-4
Ease of Doing Business Rank	123	125	-2
Enforcing Contracts	94	94	0
Getting Credit	90	97	-7
Getting Electricity	90	94	-4
Paying Taxes	163	165	-2
Protecting Minority Investors	149	150	-1
Registering Property	147	147	0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

Source: Doing Business Report 2015

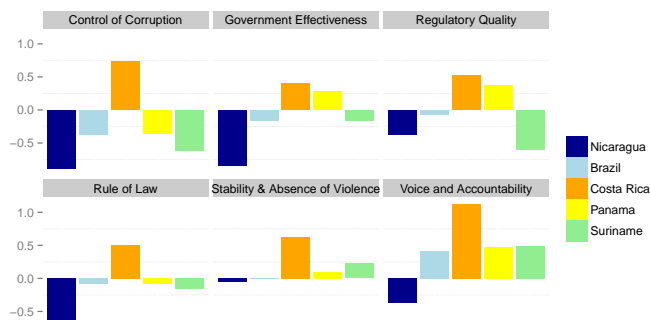
WEF Competitiveness Indicators (Scale 1-5, 5=best)



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



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



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

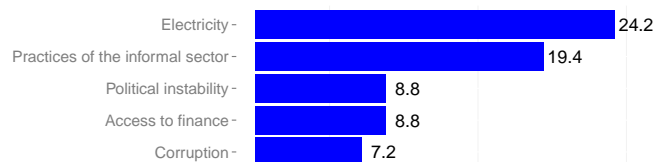
Private Sector's Views

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 (% respondents)



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

