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Nicaragua

Census Results

1950-05-31 1,057,023
1963-04-25 1,535,588
1971-04-20 1,877,952
1995-04-25 4,357,099
2005-05-28 5,142,098

General Information

Official name	the Republic of Nicaragua
Official name [native]	la República de Nicaragua «Spanish»
Capital	Managua
Capital [native]	Managua «Spanish»
Region	Central America
ISO code	NI
Statistical agency	INIDE

Name in Chinese

Name in Arabic جمهورية نيكاراغوا

Name in Spanish la República de Nicaragua

Name in Russian Республика Никарагуа

Name in French la République du Nicaragua

Administrative units

zona departamento	capital	area (sq.km.)	population 1995-04-25 census	population 2005-05-28 census	population 2012-06-30 estimate
Zona Central y Norte		41,654.31	1,424,389	1,743,201	2,061,714
Boaco	Boaco	4,176.68	136,949	150,636	174,682
Chontales	Juigalpa	6,481.27	144,635	153,932	182,838
Estelí	Estelí	2,229.69	174,894	201,548	220,703
Jinotega	Jinotega	9,222.40	257,933	331,335	417,372
Madriz	Somoto	1,708.23	107,567	132,459	158,020
Matagalpa	Matagalpa	6,803.86	383,776	469,172	542,419
Nueva Segovia	Ocotal	3,491.28	148,492	208,523	243,014
Río San Juan	San Carlos	7,540.90	70,143	95,596	122,666
Zona del Atlántico		60,366.00	464,968	620,640	822,795
Región Autónoma Atlántico Norte	Puerto Cabezas	33,105.98	192,716	314,130	453,541
Región Autónoma Atlántico Sur	Bluefields	27,260.02	272,252	306,510	369,254
Zona del Pacífico		18,319.23	2,467,742	2,778,257	3,186,536
Carazo	Jinotepe	1,081.40	149,407	166,073	186,898
Chinandega	Chinandega	4,822.42	350,212	378,970	423,062
Granada	Granada	1,039.68	155,683	168,186	200,991
León	León	5,138.03	336,894	355,779	404,471
Managua	Managua	3,465.10	1,093,760	1,262,978	1,448,271
Masaya	Masaya	610.78	241,354	289,988	348,254
Rivas	Rivas	2,161.82	140,432	156,283	174,589
total		120,339.54	4,357,099	5,142,098	6,071,045

source: INIDE, Nicaragua.

source: 2012 - Sistema Nacional de Estadísticas Vitales (SINEVI), Registros Administrativos, MINSA y CSE.

note: area concerns land area; total area is 130,373.47 sq.km.

Expanded administrative units

zona departamento municipio	capital	area (sq.km.)	population 1995-04-25 census	population 2005-05-28 census	population 2012-06-30 estimate
Zona Central y Norte		41,654.31	1,424,389	1,743,201	2,061,714
Boaco	Boaco	4,176.68	136,949	150,636	174,682
Boaco	Boaco	1,086.81	45,188	49,839	58,496
Camoapa	Camoapa	1,483.29	32,297	34,962	38,758

source: INIDE, Nicaragua.

source: 2012 - Sistema Nacional de Estadísticas Vitales (SINEVI), Registros Administrativos, MINSA y CSE.

note: area concerns land area; total area is 130,373.47 sq.km.

zona departamento municipio	capital	area (sq.km.)	population 1995-04-25 census	population 2005-05-28 census	population 2012-06-30 estimate
San José de los Remates	San José de los Remates	280.46	7,646	7,650	8,271
San Lorenzo	San Lorenzo	559.61	22,346	23,666	30,054
Santa Lucía	Santa Lucía	120.78	8,173	8,254	8,871
Teustepe	Teustepe	645.73	21,299	26,265	30,232
Chontales	Juigalpa	6,481.27	144,635	153,932	182,838
Acoyapa	Acoyapa	1,381.79	16,882	16,946	19,792
Comalapa	Comalapa	643.86	10,940	11,785	17,584
El Coral	El Coral	306.00		7,039	7,909
Juigalpa	Juigalpa	726.75	50,791	51,838	59,545
La Libertad	La Libertad	774.55	9,814	11,429	13,569
San Francisco de Cuapa	Cuapa	277.00		5,507	7,941
San Pedro de Lóvago	San Pedro de Lóvago	466.50	7,125	7,650	9,071
Santo Domingo	Santo Domingo	681.71	12,543	12,182	13,984
Santo Tomás	Santo Tomás	546.60	15,997	16,404	18,754
Villa Sandino	Villa Sandino	676.51	20,543	13,152	14,689
Estelí	Estelí	2,229.69	174,894	201,548	220,703
Condega	Condega	370.84	25,155	28,481	30,307
Estelí	Estelí	795.67	92,988	112,084	122,924
La Trinidad	La Trinidad	269.99	18,518	20,140	21,957
Pueblo Nuevo	Pueblo Nuevo	202.62	19,532	20,620	23,410
San Juan de Limay	San Juan de Limay	427.57	12,501	13,455	14,694
San Nicolás	San Nicolás	163.00	6,200	6,768	7,411
Jinotega	Jinotega	9,222.40	257,933	331,335	417,372
El Cuá	El Cuá	636.91	57,599	43,305	56,897
Jinotega	Jinotega	880.34	77,222	99,382	123,548
La Concordia	La Concordia	151.02	7,049	6,486	7,200
San José de Bocay	San José de Bocay	3,990.40		42,029	54,664
San Rafael del Norte	San Rafael del Norte	232.84	14,066	17,789	20,722
San Sebastián de Yalí	San Sebastián de Yalí	400.86	20,277	26,979	32,441
Santa María de Pantasma	Las Praderas	559.95	29,735	37,880	50,057
Wiwilí de Jinotega	Wiwilí de Jinotega	2,370.08	51,985	57,485	71,843
Madriz	Somoto	1,708.23	107,567	132,459	158,020

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source: 2012 - Sistema Nacional de Estadísticas Vitales (SINEVI), Registros Administrativos, MINSA y CSE.

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Las Sabanas	Las Sabanas	64.54	4,063	4,136	4,896
Palacagüina	Palacagüina	156.53	11,843	12,825	15,003
San José de Cusmapa	San José de Cusmapa	129.92	5,705	7,072	7,785
San Juan de Río Coco	San Juan de Río Coco	181.65	15,261	21,114	30,080
San Lucas	San Lucas	152.08	10,464	12,975	14,881
Somoto	Somoto	466.18	28,821	33,788	37,741
Telpaneca	Telpaneca	353.28	15,113	19,025	21,892
Totogalpa	Totogalpa	133.13	8,796	11,927	14,157
Yalagüina	Yalagüina	70.92	7,501	9,597	11,585
Matagalpa	Matagalpa	6,803.86	383,776	469,172	542,419
Ciudad Darío	Ciudad Darío	735.31	35,871	41,014	50,030
El Tuma - La Dalia	La Dalia	651.66	43,887	56,681	67,510
Esquipulas	Esquipulas	218.58	14,746	15,877	17,568
Matagalpa	Matagalpa	619.36	104,381	133,416	150,643
Matiguás	Matiguás	1,532.25	38,584	41,127	50,230
Muy Muy	Muy Muy	375.06	13,069	14,721	16,366
Rancho Grande	Rancho Grande	598.23	17,077	26,223	33,646
Río Blanco	Río Blanco	662.51	26,203	30,785	34,422
San Dionisio	San Dionisio	165.50	16,003	16,273	18,094
San Isidro	San Isidro	282.70	15,353	17,412	19,185
San Ramón	San Ramón	424.00	23,061	30,682	35,474
Sébaco	Sébaco	289.81	24,936	32,221	35,321
Terrabona	Terrabona	248.89	10,605	12,740	13,931
Nueva Segovia	Ocotal	3,491.28	148,492	208,523	243,014
Ciudad Antigua	Ciudad Antigua	147.22	3,421	4,868	5,790
Dipilto	Dipilto	104.90	3,879	5,207	6,006
El Jícaro	Ciudad Sandino	428.78	22,000	25,901	30,449
Jalapa	Jalapa	686.88	41,756	54,491	64,419
Macuelizo	Macuelizo	254.59	4,768	6,076	6,570
Mozonte	Mozonte	218.00	5,186	6,795	7,886
Murra	Murra	429.13	11,017	14,847	17,118
Ocotal	Ocotal	85.23	26,076	34,580	41,875
Quilalí	Quilalí	345.02	20,741	26,461	30,418
San Fernando	San Fernando	236.00	5,950	8,549	10,291
Santa María	Santa María	157.53	3,698	4,404	4,753
Wiwilí de Nueva Segovia	Wiwilí	398.00		16,344	17,439
Río San Juan	San Carlos	7,540.90	70,143	95,596	122,666

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El Almendro	El Almendro	1,009.01	11,795	13,363	14,420
El Castillo	Boca de Sábalos	1,654.81	9,717	19,864	30,150
Morrito	Morrito	678.94	6,093	6,570	7,382
San Carlos	San Carlos	1,444.80	28,733	37,461	50,473
San Juan de Nicaragua	Greytown	1,656.75	271	1,307	1,955
San Miguel	San Miguel	1,096.59	13,534	17,031	18,286
Zona del Atlántico		60,366.00	464,968	620,640	822,795
Región Autónoma Atlántico Norte	Puerto Cabezas	33,105.98	192,716	314,130	453,541
Bonanzas	Bonanzas	1,897.94	11,810	18,633	24,715
Mulukukú	Mulukukú	1,904.53		29,838	42,032
Prinzapolka	Prinzapolka	7,020.48	5,312	16,105	32,490
Puerto Cabezas	Bilwi	5,984.81	39,771	66,169	101,216
Rosita	Rosita	2,205.42	14,599	22,723	30,552
Siuna	Siuna	3,421.58	53,218	64,092	101,770
Waslala	Waslala	1,329.51	32,924	49,339	63,445
Waspán (Waspam?)	Waspán	9,341.71	35,082	47,231	57,320
Región Autónoma Atlántico Sur	Bluefields	27,260.02	272,252	306,510	369,254
Bluefields	Bluefields	4,774.75	37,254	45,547	54,863
Corn Island	Corn Island	9.00	5,336	6,626	7,296
Desembocadura de Río Grande	Karawala	1,738.29	3,151	3,585	3,866
El Ayote	El Ayote	831.00	10,642	12,417	15,599
El Rama	El Rama	3,752.90	54,337	52,482	57,261
El Tortuguero	El Tortuguero	3,403.07	9,402	22,324	37,998
Kukra Hill	Kukra Hill	1,193.23	7,455	8,789	9,559
La Cruz de Río Grande	La Cruz de Río Grande	3,448.52	3,000	23,284	31,889
Laguna de Perlas	Laguna de Perlas	1,963.43	6,253	10,676	14,503
Muelle de los Bueyes	Muelle de los Bueyes	1,379.77	23,252	22,082	23,806
Nueva Guinea	Nueva Guinea	2,677.46	79,259	66,936	77,191
Paiwas	Bocana de Paiwas	2,088.60	32,911	31,762	35,423
Zona del Pacífico		18,319.23	2,467,742	2,778,257	3,186,536
Carazo	Jinotepe	1,081.40	149,407	166,073	186,898
Diriamba	Diriamba	348.88	51,191	57,542	62,631

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Dolores	Dolores	2.62	5,421	6,761	7,822
El Rosario	El Rosario	14.08	3,923	5,317	6,676
Jinotepe	Jinotepe	280.52	37,470	42,109	50,812
La Conquista	La Conquista	88.38	3,922	3,777	4,008
La Paz de Carazo	La Paz de Carazo	15.51	4,054	4,657	5,355
San Marcos	San Marcos	118.11	25,871	29,019	31,652
Santa Teresa	Santa Teresa	213.30	17,555	16,891	17,942
Chinandega	Chinandega	4,822.42	350,212	378,970	423,062
Chichigalpa	Chichigalpa	222.54	41,903	44,769	51,167
Chinandega	Chinandega	686.61	117,037	121,793	133,361
Cinco Pinos	Cinco Pinos	60.38	6,220	6,781	7,095
Corinto	Corinto	70.67	17,177	16,624	18,036
El Realejo	El Realejo	104.54	8,154	8,838	9,777
El Viejo	El Viejo	1,274.91	69,055	76,775	86,317
Posoltega	Posoltega	149.04	15,331	16,771	18,725
Puerto Morazán	Tonalá	517.34	11,411	13,328	15,490
San Francisco del Norte	San Francisco del Norte	120.31	5,980	6,758	7,171
San Pedro del Norte	San Pedro del Norte	71.50	4,048	4,719	5,060
Santo Tomás del Norte	Santo Tomás del Norte	39.99	6,788	7,124	8,140
Somotillo	Somotillo	724.71	24,767	29,030	32,262
Villanueva	Villanueva	779.88	22,341	25,660	30,461
Granada	Granada	1,039.68	155,683	168,186	200,991
Diriá	Diriá	25.52	6,075	6,375	7,040
Diriomo	Diriomo	50.08	20,102	22,352	30,477
Granada	Granada	592.07	96,996	105,171	123,697
Nandaime	Nandaime	372.01	32,510	34,288	39,777
León	León	5,138.03	336,894	355,779	404,471
Achuapa	Achuapa	416.24	13,186	13,797	14,784
El Jicaral	El Jicaral	431.48	10,036	10,326	11,537
El Sauce	El Sauce	692.97	25,973	27,900	30,785
La Paz Centro	La Paz Centro	691.57	27,509	28,118	31,623
Larreynaga	Malpaisillo	780.22	29,798	27,898	32,111
León	León	820.19	161,530	174,051	201,100
Nagarote	Nagarote	598.39	29,200	32,303	36,803
Quezalguaque	Quezalguaque	85.70	7,754	8,591	9,515

source: INIDE, Nicaragua.

source: 2012 - Sistema Nacional de Estadísticas Vitales (SINEVI), Registros Administrativos, MINSA y CSE.

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Santa Rosa del Peñón	Santa Rosa del Peñón	227.60	9,129	9,529	10,674
Telica	Telica	393.67	22,779	23,266	25,539
Managua	Managua	3,465.10	1,093,760	1,262,978	1,448,271
Ciudad Sandino	Ciudad Sandino	51.11		75,083	101,929
El Crucero	El Crucero	225.72		13,656	15,033
Managua	Managua	267.17	903,100	937,489	1,028,808
Mateare	Mateare	297.40	17,804	28,775	42,073
San Francisco Libre	San Francisco Libre	668.30	8,777	9,416	10,810
San Rafael del Sur	San Rafael del Sur	357.30	37,062	42,417	50,991
Ticuantepé	Ticuantepé	60.79	19,979	27,008	34,227
Tipitapa	Tipitapa	975.30	82,808	101,685	130,627
Villa El Carmen	Villa El Carmen	562.01	24,230	27,449	33,773
Masaya	Masaya	610.78	241,354	289,988	348,254
Catarina	Catarina	11.49	7,108	7,524	8,406
La Concepción	La Concepción	65.67	27,728	31,950	39,226
Masatepe	Masatepe	59.40	25,538	31,583	36,297
Masaya	Masaya	146.62	117,523	139,582	166,588
Nandasmo	Nandasmo	17.63	7,879	10,732	13,207
Nindirí	Nindirí	142.91	29,026	38,355	50,138
Niquinohomo	Niquinohomo	31.69	13,458	14,847	16,218
San Juan de Oriente	San Juan de Oriente	9.20	3,101	4,734	6,131
Tisma	Tisma	126.17	9,993	10,681	12,043
Rivas	Rivas	2,161.82	140,432	156,283	174,589
Altagracia	Altagracia	211.21	17,616	19,955	22,088
Belén	Belén	246.26	15,967	16,428	18,121
Buenos Aires	Buenos Aires	75.22	4,835	5,420	5,677
Cárdenas	Cárdenas	226.63	4,636	6,990	7,416
Moyogalpa	Moyogalpa	65.96	8,758	9,729	10,284
Potosí	Potosí	143.59	10,720	11,904	12,982
Rivas	Rivas	280.54	37,817	41,080	50,684
San Jorge	San Jorge	24.83	7,064	8,024	8,644
San Juan del Sur	San Juan del Sur	411.05	13,125	14,741	15,553
Tola	Tola	476.53	19,894	22,012	23,140
total		120,339.54	4,357,099	5,142,098	6,071,045

source: INIDE, Nicaragua.

source: 2012 - Sistema Nacional de Estadísticas Vitales (SINEVI), Registros Administrativos, MINSA y CSE.

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Main cities

name	population 1995-04-25 census	population 2005-05-28 census	population 2012-06-30 estimate
Managua	903,100	937,489	1,028,808
León	161,530	174,051	201,100
Masaya	117,523	139,582	166,588
Matagalpa	104,381	133,416	150,643
Chinandega	117,037	121,793	133,361
Tipitapa	82,808	101,685	130,627
Granada	96,996	105,171	123,697
Jinotega	77,222	99,382	123,548
Estelí	92,988	112,084	122,924
Ciudad Sandino	..	75,083	101,929
Siuna	53,218	64,092	101,770
Bilwi (Puerto Cabezas)	39,771	66,169	101,216
El Viejo	69,055	76,775	86,317
Nueva Guinea	79,259	66,936	77,191

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note: based on municipalities.