

REPUBLIC OF NICARAGUA

Capital: Managua

GEODATA

Area

148,000 km²

Population

4.27 million (1994)

Population growth

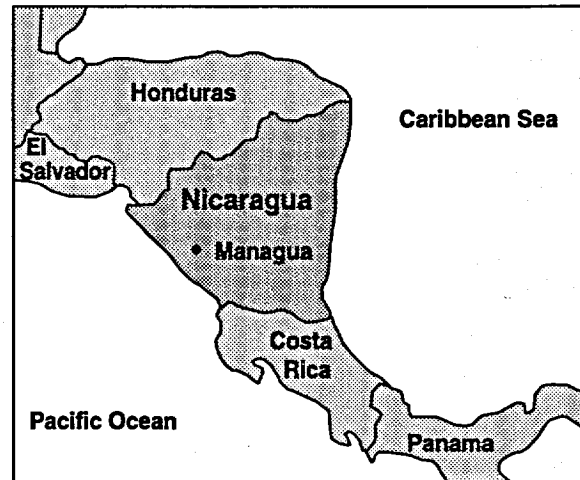
2.8% (1994)

Major language

Spanish (official)

Major religions

Roman Catholic (95%), Protestant (5%)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Republic

Head of state and of government

President Violeta Barrios Torres de Chamorro

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Ernesto Leal Sánchez

Democratic institutions

Unicameral national assembly

UN Human Development Index

Nicaragua ranks 109th among 174 countries

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ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$1.81 billion US (1994)

GDP growth rate

2.5% (1994)

GDP per capita

\$424 US (1994)

Inflation rate

8% (1994)

Unemployment rate

35% (1994)

Main exports

Meat, coffee, cotton, sugar, seafood, gold, bananas

Main imports

Consumer goods, machinery and equipment, petroleum products

Main exports to Canada

\$10.5 million (1995), including gold, coffee

Main imports from Canada

\$8 million (1995), including plastics, machinery

Canadian overseas development assistance

\$15.51 million (1994-95)

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