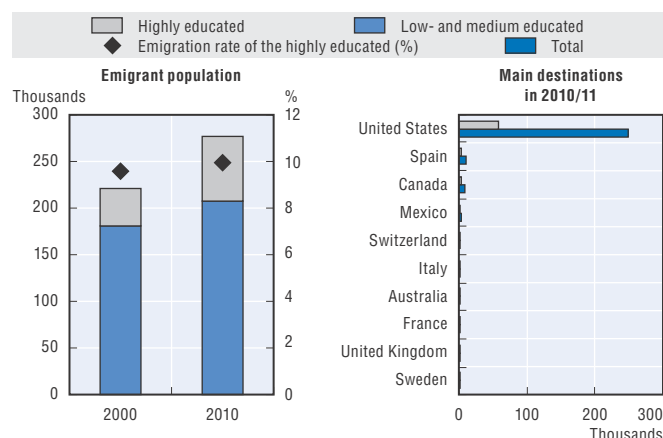


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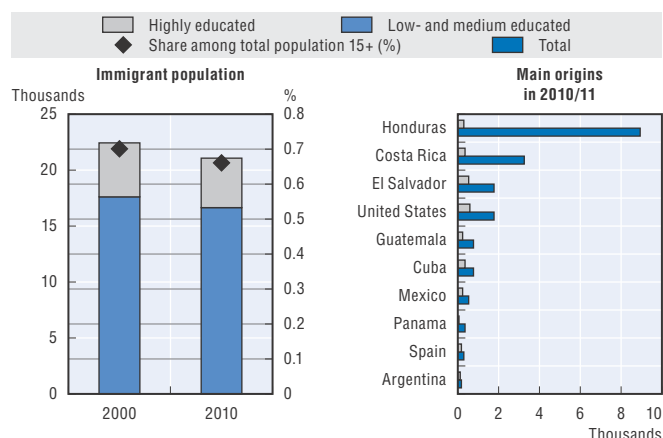
Total population 2013 (millions)	6.1	<b>Nicaragua compared to:</b>	World	Region
Population growth 2013 (annual, in %)	1.5	Human Development Index (HDI)	132/187	30/31
GDP per capita 2013 (current USD)	1 851	GDP per capita	139/209	29/40
GDP growth 2013 (annual, in %)	4.6	Emigration rate	81/203	27/37
Poverty rate 2009 (USD PPP 2 a day, in %)	20.77	Emigration rate of the highly educated	71/144	14/23

Age structure of the population (2013): "0-14": 33%; "15-64": 63%; "65+": 5%

### Emigrant population (15+) living in OECD countries



### Immigrant population (15+)



### Emigrant population: Persons born in Nicaragua living abroad

	2010/11									2000/01
	OECD and selected non-OECD destinations			OECD destinations			Intra-regional (15/35 countries)			OECD destinations
	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Total
Population 15+										
Emigrant population (thousands)	257.0	299.0	556.0	126.5	150.9	277.4	130.4	148.1	278.5	221.2
Recent emigrants (thousands)	..	..	..	8.4	13.4	21.8	..	..	..	24.0
15-24 (%)	16.8	15.3	16.0	9.8	7.9	8.8	23.5	22.8	23.1	19.6
25-64 (%)	76.9	76.1	76.5	82.6	79.8	81.1	71.5	72.3	71.9	73.2
65+ (%)	6.3	8.6	7.6	7.6	12.3	10.1	5.1	4.9	5.0	7.3
Low educated (%)	53.8	52.0	52.8	27.8	29.2	28.6	78.9	75.2	76.9	40.7
Highly educated (%)	15.3	16.3	15.8	24.3	25.7	25.1	6.5	6.7	6.6	18.1
Total emigration rates (%)	12.0	13.4	12.7	6.3	7.3	6.8	6.5	7.1	6.8	6.8
Emigration rates of the highly educated (%)	9.2	16.6	12.3	7.4	13.7	9.9	2.2	3.9	2.8	9.6

### Main OECD and selected non-OECD destinations in 2010/11

	Total		Recent emigrants	Women	Highly educated	15-24	Total in 2000/01
	Thousands	%					
Population 15+							
Costa Rica	262.0	47.1	..	53.0	6.1	23.3	184.9
United States	248.6	44.7	5.3	53.4	23.7	8.2	205.9
Spain	11.4	2.0	66.2	73.1	26.3	16.5	1.0
Panama	9.0	1.6	..	61.9	13.9	15.0	4.6
Canada	8.6	1.5	4.9	54.0	48.8	5.0	9.1
El Salvador	6.2	1.1	..	47.6	5.2	29.6	6.3
Mexico	4.1	0.7	23.9	47.3	34.2	15.6	2.4
Switzerland	0.9	0.2	48.6	91.4	58.5	42.3	0.2
Italy	0.8	0.2	25.3	69.1	22.5	13.4	0.5
Australia	0.7	0.1	4.1	52.1	34.3	4.2	0.5

Indicators of the labour market situation of persons born in Nicaragua living in OECD countries

	2000/01			2010/11		
	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total
Population 15-64						
Employment rate (%)	66.9	52.7	59.4	79.5	64.8	71.7
Unemployment rate (%)	7.0	10.4	8.6	9.0	10.7	9.9
Participation rate (%)	72.0	58.8	65.0	87.4	72.6	79.6
<b>Total employed (thousands)</b>	<b>64.5</b>	<b>57.3</b>	<b>121.8</b>	<b>92.8</b>	<b>85.5</b>	<b>178.3</b>
Employment rate of the highly educated (%)	78.4	66.9	72.6	84.2	72.6	77.7
Unemployment rate of the highly educated (%)	4.4	5.8	5.1	7.9	8.9	8.4
Highly educated in low-and medium-skilled jobs (%)	..	..	53.1	..	..	54.8
<b>Highly educated employed (thousands)</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>26.0</b>	<b>49.5</b>
<b>Distribution of employment by occupation (%), population 15+</b>						
Highly skilled occupations	..	..	18.5	18.0	22.5	20.3
<i>Of which: Health professionals</i>	..	..	..	..	..	10.0
<i>Of which: Teaching professionals</i>	..	..	..	..	..	12.7
Medium-skilled occupations	..	..	80.1	80.7	74.2	77.5
Low-skilled occupations	..	..	1.4	1.3	3.2	2.3

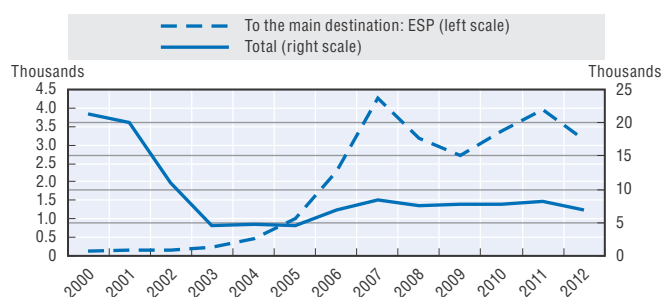
Main OECD destinations by education level in 2010/11 (population 15+)

Highly educated emigrants (thousands)	Change since 2000/01 (%)	Low educated emigrants (thousands)	Change since 2000/01 (%)		
United States	58.9	+70.6	United States	70.4	-17.8
Canada	4.2	+48.2	Spain	4.7	+1 866.7
Spain	3.0	+383.9	Mexico	1.7	+172.8
Mexico	1.4	+23.6	Canada	1.4	-45.9
Switzerland	0.5	+755.6	Italy	0.3	+48.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>69.4</b>	<b>+73.5</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>79.1</b>	<b>-12.0</b>

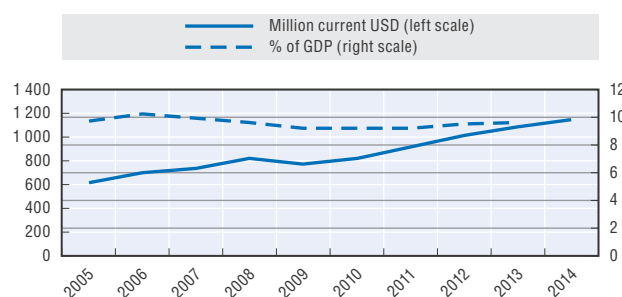
International students from Nicaragua in OECD countries

Five main destinations	2008	2010	2012
United States	389	380	352
Spain	25	113	146
Germany	29	54	44
France	35	38	43
Chile	49	57	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>730</b>

Legal migrant flows to the OECD



Remittance flows



Ten main OECD countries of destination for legal migrants in 2012 (numbers, % of the total flows to the country): ESP (3 126, 0%), USA (3 046, 0%), MEX (134, 0%), CAN (105, 0%), JPN (101, 0%), DEU (92, 0%), CHL (81, 0%), ITA (66, 0%), SWE (49, 0%), CHE (36, 0%).

Desire to emigrate, 2007-13

	Women	15-24	Highly educated	Employed	Total
Persons who would move permanently, if they had the opportunity to do so (%)	32	44	39	30	33
<i>Of which: Persons who are planning to move permanently in the next 12 months (%)</i>					17
<i>Of which: Persons who have already made any preparations for this move (e.g. visa application) (%)</i>					43

Three main desired countries of destination: United States (43%), Costa Rica (16%), Spain (16%).



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