

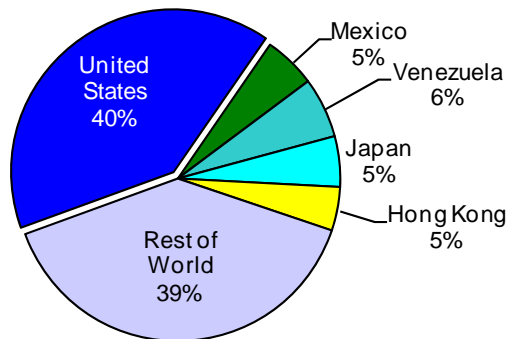


# The United States Contributes to Economic Prosperity in Costa Rica

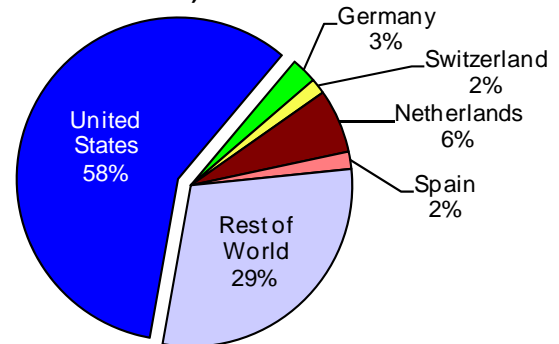


- In 2007, U.S. direct investment in Costa Rica reached \$3.5 billion (BEA, *Survey of Current Business*, July 2008); this is equivalent to 13.4 percent of Costa Rica's GDP of \$26.2 billion (World Bank, *World Development Indicators*).
- The Costa Rican affiliates of U.S. direct investors employed 37,100 people in 2006, and their value added contributed 5.7 percent to Costa Rica's GDP (BEA, *Survey of Current Business*, Nov. 2008).
- The Peace Corps currently has approximately 94 volunteers working throughout Costa Rica; since 1963, 3,148 volunteers have aided communities in Costa Rica.
- The Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) provided \$15 million in finance and insurance funds in 2007.
- The United States purchased nearly 38 percent of Costa Rica's total merchandise exports in 2007 (World Trade Atlas).
- U.S. merchandise exports to Costa Rica grew from \$2 billion in 1997 to \$4.6 billion in 2007, an increase of approximately 126% (U.S. Census Bureau).
- In 2007 over \$560 million in remittance money was sent by Costa Ricans living abroad (Inter-American Development Bank).

**Total Market Share the United States Represents for Costa Rica's Merchandise Exports - 2007**



**Net Inflows of Foreign Investment in Costa Rica (as % of total) 1998-2007**



**United States Trade in Goods with Costa Rica**

