

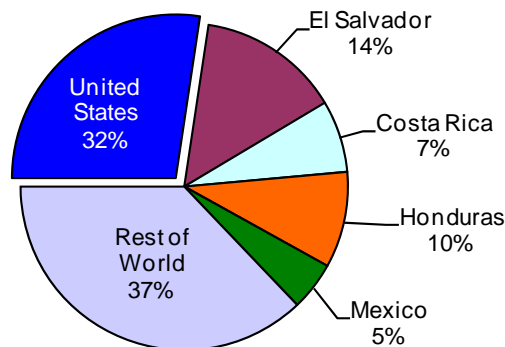


The United States Contributes to Economic Prosperity in Nicaragua



- In 2007, U.S. direct investment in Nicaragua reached \$203 billion (BEA, *Survey of Current Business*, Sept. 2008); this is equivalent to 3.6 percent of Nicaragua's GDP of \$5.7 billion (World Bank, *World Development Indicators*).
- The Peace Corps currently has approximately 212 volunteers working in Nicaragua; since 1968, 1,619 volunteers have aided communities in Nicaragua.
- The Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) provided over \$77.7 million in finance and insurance funds in 2007.
- The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) provided over \$29.3 million in aid to Nicaragua in 2008.
- The Millennium Challenge Corporation has committed over \$175 million to Nicaragua for development projects.
- The United States purchased 27 percent of Nicaragua's total merchandise exports in 2007 (World Trade Atlas).
- U.S. merchandise exports to Nicaragua grew from \$289.8 million in 1997 to \$890 million in 2007, an increase of approximately 207 percent (U.S. Census Bureau).
- In 2007 over \$990 million in remittance money was sent by Nicaraguans living abroad (Inter-American Development Bank).

Total Market Share the United States Represents for Nicaragua's Merchandise Exports - 2007



United States Trade in Goods with Nicaragua

