

Costa Rica

Imports: CIF, by origin

Exports: FOB, by last known destination

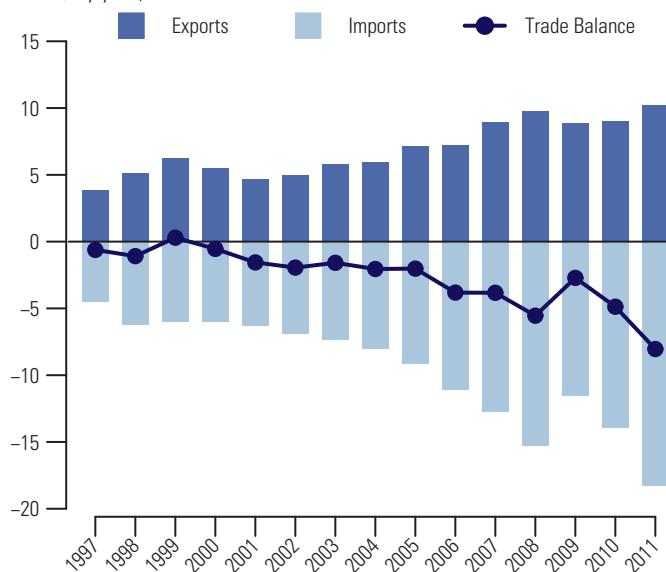
Trade System: Special

Overview:

From 2007 to 2011, Costa Rica's exports increased on average by 3.4 percent each year and amounted to 10.2 bln US\$ in 2011 (see table 1 and graph 1). Imports increased on average by 9.4 percent each year and reached 18.3 bln US\$ (see table 2 and graph 1). This resulted in a trade deficit of 8.0 bln US\$ (see graph 1). This deficit was accounted for largely by trade with Developed North America which recorded a deficit of 4.5 bln US\$ (see graph 2). Other deficits were recorded with Latin America and the Caribbean (-1.4 bln US\$) and Eastern Asia (-1.0 bln US\$). In 2011, both exports and imports were relatively diversified across partners: 12 major partners accounted for 80 percent of both exports and imports (see graph 3).

Graph 1: Total imports, exports and trade balance

(Bln US\$ by year)



Exports Profile:

In 2011, exports of food, live animals, beverages and tobacco (SITC sections 0+1) accounted for 32.4 percent of exported goods (see table 1). Other major commodity groups included machinery and transport equipment (SITC section 7) and miscellaneous manufactured articles (SITC section 8) respectively with 27.0 and 16.2 percent of exports. Major partners for exports were USA, the Netherlands and Panama (see table 4). From 2009 to 2011, top products for exports were electronic integrated circuits (HS code 8542), instruments and appliances used in medical, surgical, dental or veterinary (HS code 9018) and bananas, including plantains, fresh or dried (HS code 0803) (see table 3).

Table 1: Exports by SITC sections

(Value in million US\$, growth and shares in percentage)

SITC	2011	Avg. Growth rates (%)		2011 share
		2007-2011	2010-2011	
Total	10222.2	3.4	13.0	100.0
0+1	3313.9	7.2	11.7	32.4
2+4	620.9	9.8	32.8	6.1
3	33.3	-10.3	-34.8	0.3
5	814.9	9.4	17.8	8.0
6	986.1	6.1	17.9	9.6
7	2755.6	-2.9	12.3	27.0
8	1654.5	8.1	7.0	16.2
9	43.1	-37.6	39.9	0.4

Table 2: Imports by SITC sections

(Value in million US\$, growth and shares in percentage)

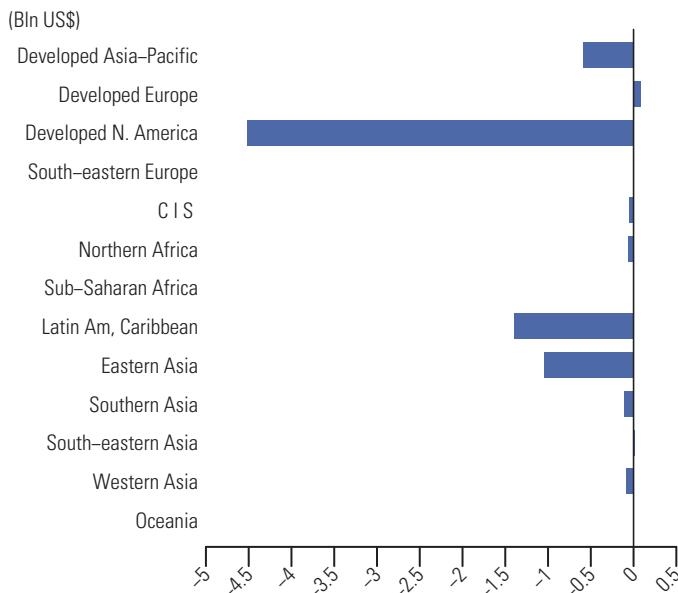
SITC	2011	Avg. Growth rates (%)		2011 share
		2007-2011	2010-2011	
Total	18263.8	9.4	31.2	100.0
0+1	1407.3	12.5	28.8	7.7
2+4	454.6	9.7	25.8	2.5
3	2272.9	10.6	34.7	12.4
5	2414.8	7.9	14.2	13.2
6	2915.5	8.2	31.2	16.0
7	6754.8	9.8	44.4	37.0
8	2033.0	14.9	50.6	11.1
9	10.9	-57.0	-97.4	0.1

Table 3: Top 10 export commodities 2009 to 2011

(Value in million US\$)

HS code	4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2007	Value (million US\$)			Unit value			SITC code
		2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011	
All Commodities.....		8836.3	9044.8	10222.2				
8542 Electronic integrated circuits.....		661.0	930.7	1888.8				776
9999 Commodities not specified according to kind.....		2293.1	0.1	...				931
9018 Instruments and appliances used in medical, surgical, dental or veterinary.....		538.0	750.8	837.6				872
0803 Bananas, including plantains, fresh or dried.....		448.2	702.0	722.1	0.4	0.4	0.4	057
0804 Dates, figs, pineapples, avocados and mangosteens, fresh or dried.....		454.6	682.0	727.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	057
8473 Parts and accessories for use with machines of heading 84.69 to 84.72.....		856.8	810.3	20.9822.4472.9	98.8			759
0901 Coffee, whether or not roasted or decaffeinated.....		218.3	265.5	379.4	3.0	3.5	4.9	071
9021 Orthopaedic appliances, including crutches, surgical belts and trusses.....		186.9	299.8	289.3				899
3004 Medicaments (excluding goods of heading 30.02, 30.05 or 30.06).....		256.5	280.9	232.1	72.4	43.4	37.0	542
2106 Food preparations not elsewhere specified or included.....		167.9	277.0	295.9	12.4	13.2	6.3	098

Graph 2: Trade Balance by MDG Regions in 2011



Graph 3: Partner concentration of trade in 2011

(Cumulative share by ranked partners)

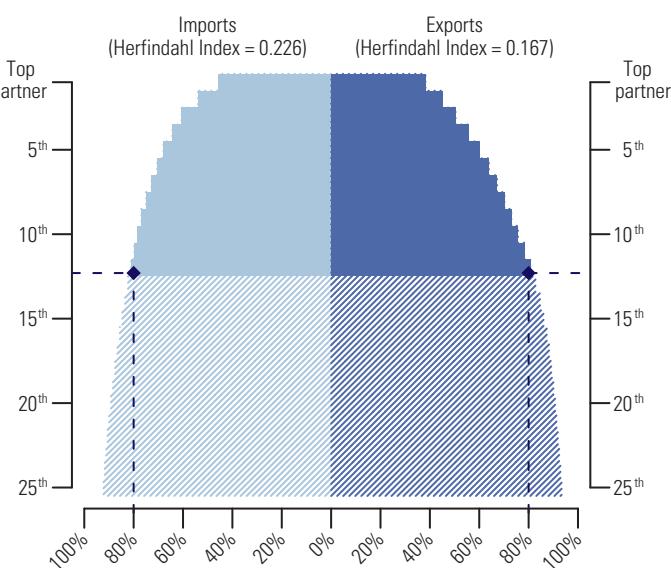


Table 4: Exports by principal countries and SITC sections in 2011

(Value in million US\$, percentages of country total)

Country	Total	Shares by SITC sections (%)									
		0 + 1	2 + 4	3	5	6	7	8	9	Total	
World.....	10222.2	32.4	6.1	0.3	8.0	9.6	27.0	16.2	0.4	100	
USA.....	3911.3	32.8	3.0	0.0	1.9	5.8	25.4	30.2	1.0	100	
Netherlands.....	686.2	29.3	8.9	0.0	2.1	0.5	54.3	5.0	...	100	
Panama.....	559.9	20.6	3.3	0.5	41.4	17.3	9.5	7.3	...	100	
China, Hong Kong SAR....	517.0	2.7	1.0	0.0	0.5	0.6	94.6	0.6	...	100	
Nicaragua.....	455.8	32.3	6.9	0.2	18.2	27.2	8.6	6.6	0.0	100	
Guatemala.....	407.5	37.6	1.5	0.0	18.6	25.3	11.1	5.9	...	100	
Honduras.....	336.2	32.4	3.4	0.0	25.6	17.7	14.3	6.6	0.0	100	
Mexico.....	307.1	12.7	55.5	0.0	4.1	14.5	6.0	7.1	0.0	100	
El Salvador.....	285.8	32.1	3.8	0.0	16.7	29.3	12.3	5.7	...	100	
Belgium.....	274.3	74.1	8.7	0.0	0.2	0.2	1.4	15.2	0.2	100	

Imports Profile:

In 2011, Costa Rica's imports were mainly composed of 37.0 percent machinery and transport equipment (SITC section 7), 16.0 percent manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (SITC section 6) and 13.2 percent chemicals and related products, n.e.s. (SITC section 5) (see table 2). From 2009 to 2011, top imported products were petroleum oils, other than crude (HS code 2710), electronic integrated circuits (HS code 8542) and printed circuits (HS code 8534) (see table 5).

Table 5: Top 10 import commodities 2009 to 2011

(Value in million US\$)

HS code	4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2007	Value (million US\$)			Unit value			SITC code
		2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011	
All Commodities.....		11550.5	13920.2	18263.8				
2710 Petroleum oils, other than crude.....		792.7	1291.6	1991.2	0.6	0.7	1.0	US\$/kg 334
8542 Electronic integrated circuits.....		1018.6	1164.9	1297.0				776
9999 Commodities not specified according to kind.....		2593.0	390.9	...				931
8534 Printed circuits.....		370.4	406.8	604.5	420.8	281.2	347.2	US\$/kg 772
8703 Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport.....		172.2	399.0	739.9	17.9	thsd US\$/unit	781	
3004 Medicaments (excluding goods of heading 30.02, 30.05 or 30.06).....		347.4	450.6	432.5	78.8	55.3	56.4	US\$/kg 542
8517 Electrical apparatus for line telephony or line telegraphy.....		151.6	216.6	472.0				764
8471 Automatic data processing machines and units thereof.....		136.8	196.6	390.0				752
2709 Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude.....		115.1	300.8	160.4	0.5	0.6	0.8	US\$/kg 333
8473 Parts and accessories for use with machines of heading 84.69 to 84.72.....		143.0	212.7	174.5	86.0	96.4	70.2	US\$/kg 759