### Costa Rica

**Capital:** San Jose  
**Population (2010):** 4,660,000  
**Annual Population Growth Rate (2000-2010):** 1.7%  
**Population Gain (2000-2010):** 740,000  
**GDP Per Capita:** $10,180 (US)  
**Literacy:** 96.2% of adult population  
**Life Expectancy (2010):** 79.5  


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