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El Salvador

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EL SALVADOR

as a business destination





Why El Salvador?



Preferential access to
key markets



Young and committed
human talent



Cost-Effective
location



Favorable business
environment



Competitive
infrastructure



We support investors and exporters



Personalized Assistance

We offer customized services designed to meet your needs and deliver high-impact solutions.



Strategic Information

Updated information on the investment climate, key sectors, opportunities, and the products best suited to your needs.



Business Networking Support

Access a wide network of key contacts, including government officials, local businesses, chambers of commerce, business associations, and suppliers, to boost your opportunities.



Virtual Business Networking

We help your company connect with top Salvadoran suppliers through customized virtual matchmaking sessions.



Advisory Services

Specialized technical guidance and tailored evaluations to support your investment decisions.



Customized Business Agendas

We design a personalized schedule of high-value meetings and appointments to help you achieve your goals.

PREFERENTIAL ACCESS TO KEY MARKETS

Our strategic location provides short travel times to major cities in the Americas

Shipping companies operating in El Salvador



Passenger airlines operating in El Salvador

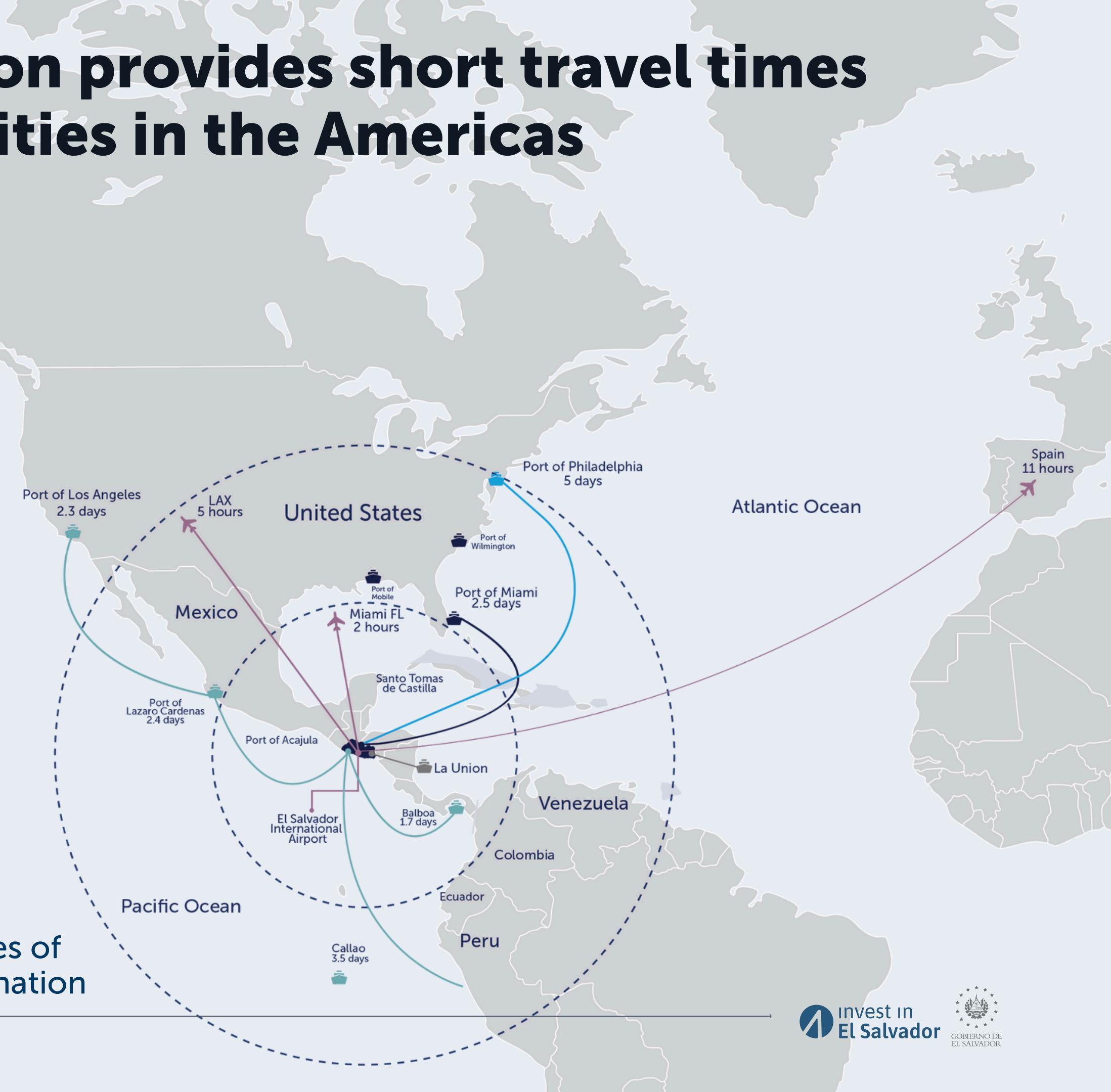


Cargo airlines operating in El Salvador



34

direct air routes of
origin and destination



We offer preferential access to 1.2 billion consumers across 41 countries

General Treaty of Central American Economic Integration

- Guatemala
- Honduras
- Nicaragua
- Costa Rica
- Panama

Partial Scope Agreements

- Cuba
- Ecuador

Free Trade Agreements

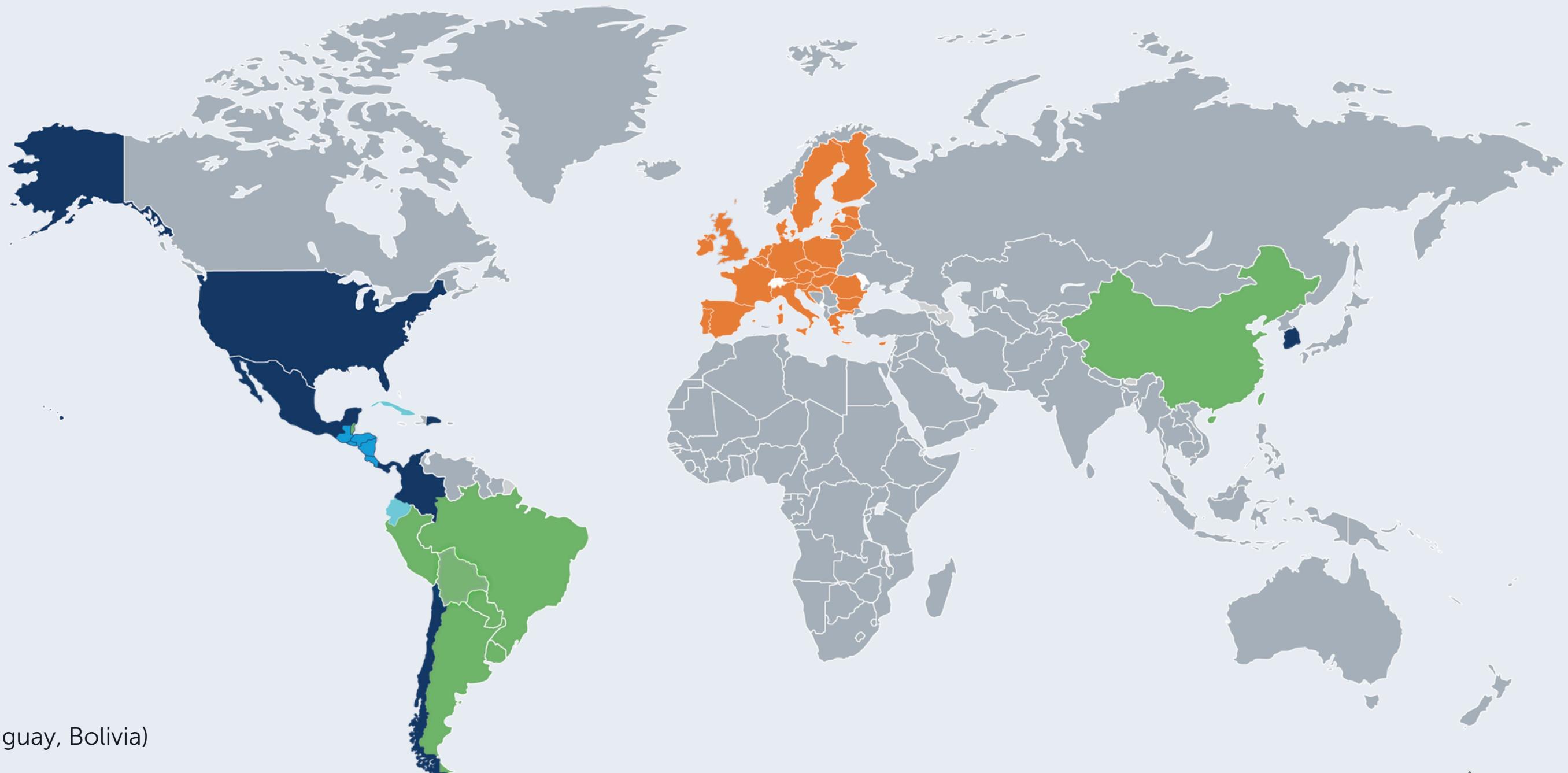
- Dominican Republic
- Chile
- United States
- Mexico
- Panama
- Colombia
- South Korea

Association Agreements

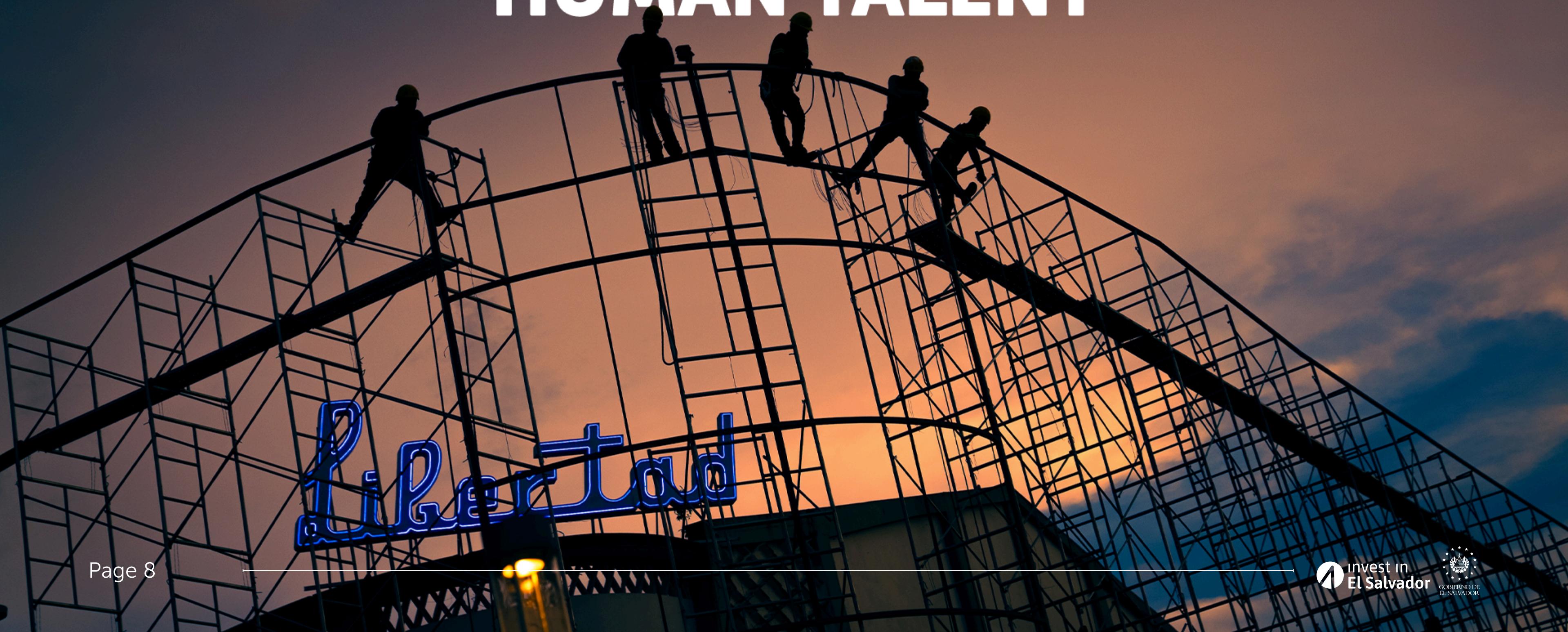
- European Union
- United Kingdom and Northern Ireland

Agreements under negotiation

- China
- Belize
- Peru
- Mercosur (Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay, Bolivia)



YOUNG AND COMMITTED HUMAN TALENT





We have a young and talented workforce, internationally recognized for its diligence, efficiency, and strong work ethic



5.1 millones

Working-Age
Population (WAP)



53%

Women



47%

Men



2.6 millones

Laboral force
(EAP)



41%

Women



59%

Men



53%

Under 40 years old
(EAP)

Salvadoran talent: a solid educational foundation for innovation and growth

According to the results of the First Labor Demand Survey, the top positions and vacancies in demand are as follows



44%

Customer service personnel



27%

Operating agents



13%

Sales agents



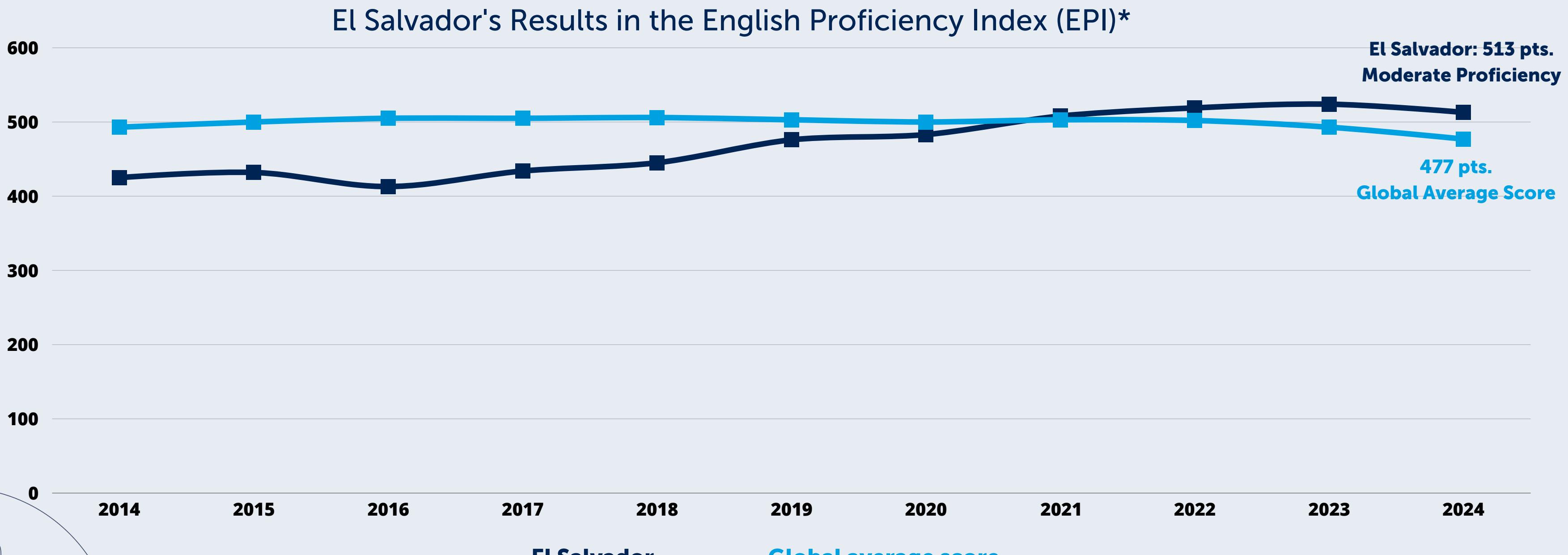
+26,000

Technical and professional graduates in 2023

In careers such as:

- Information and Communications
- Technology engineers or technicians.
- Business administration or management
- Marketing and sales
- Industrial engineers
- Health personnel

El Salvador has made significant progress in its english proficiency



Source: EF, EPI. Based on studies conducted on 2.1 million adults from 116 countries and regions. Scores based on an 800-point scale.

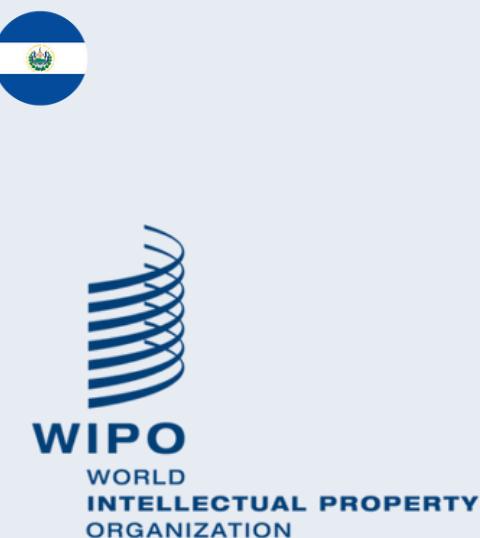
*World's largest ranking of English language skills by country

COST-EFFECTIVE LOCATION



El Salvador is the most cost-effective location in the Americas

Cost - efectiveness ranking



- According to the World Intellectual Property Organization, El Salvador rose from 100th place in 2022 to 95th place in 2023 in the Global Innovation Index.
- In the innovation outcomes component, the country advanced from 95th place in 2022 to 89th place in 2024, reflecting a greater tangible impact of its innovative initiatives.

Source: fDi Intelligence del Financial Times.

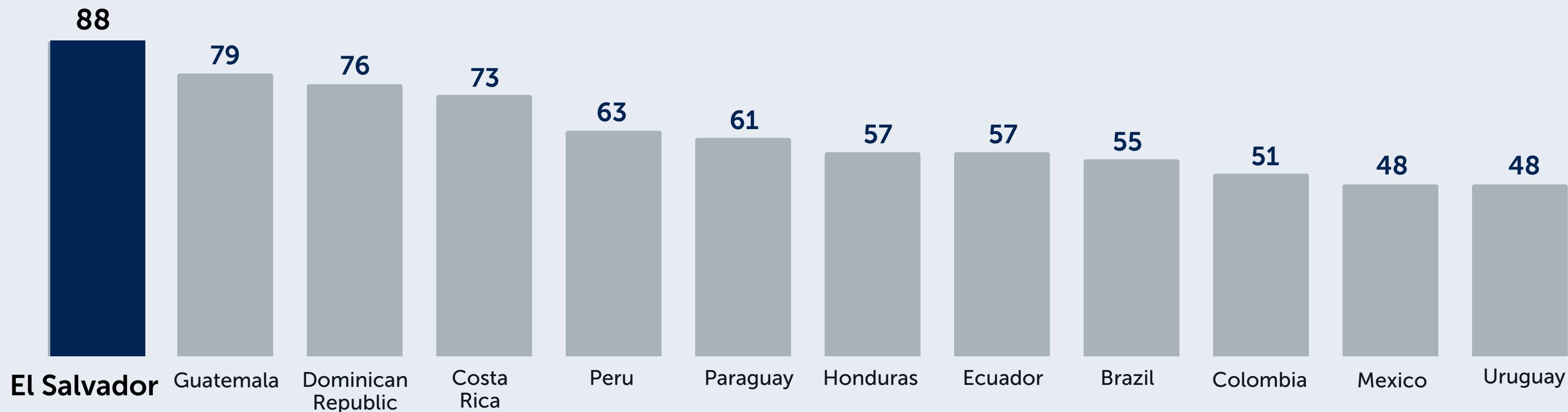
El Salvador is a regional leader in trade facilitation

#1

in trade facilitation In
Latin America

88
100

Position in the sustainability
indicator of the Trade Facilitation
Committees (UNCTAD)



Source: UNCTAD

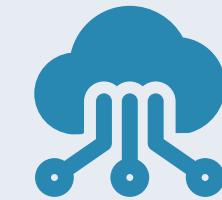
Our Labor Costs Are Highly Competitive

Minimum Wages (USD/Month)

Minimum salary (USD/month), starting from June 1st, 2025



USD \$408.80
Industry



USD \$408.80
Commerce and service



USD \$402.32
Textile and apparel maquila



USD \$304.10
Agroindustry

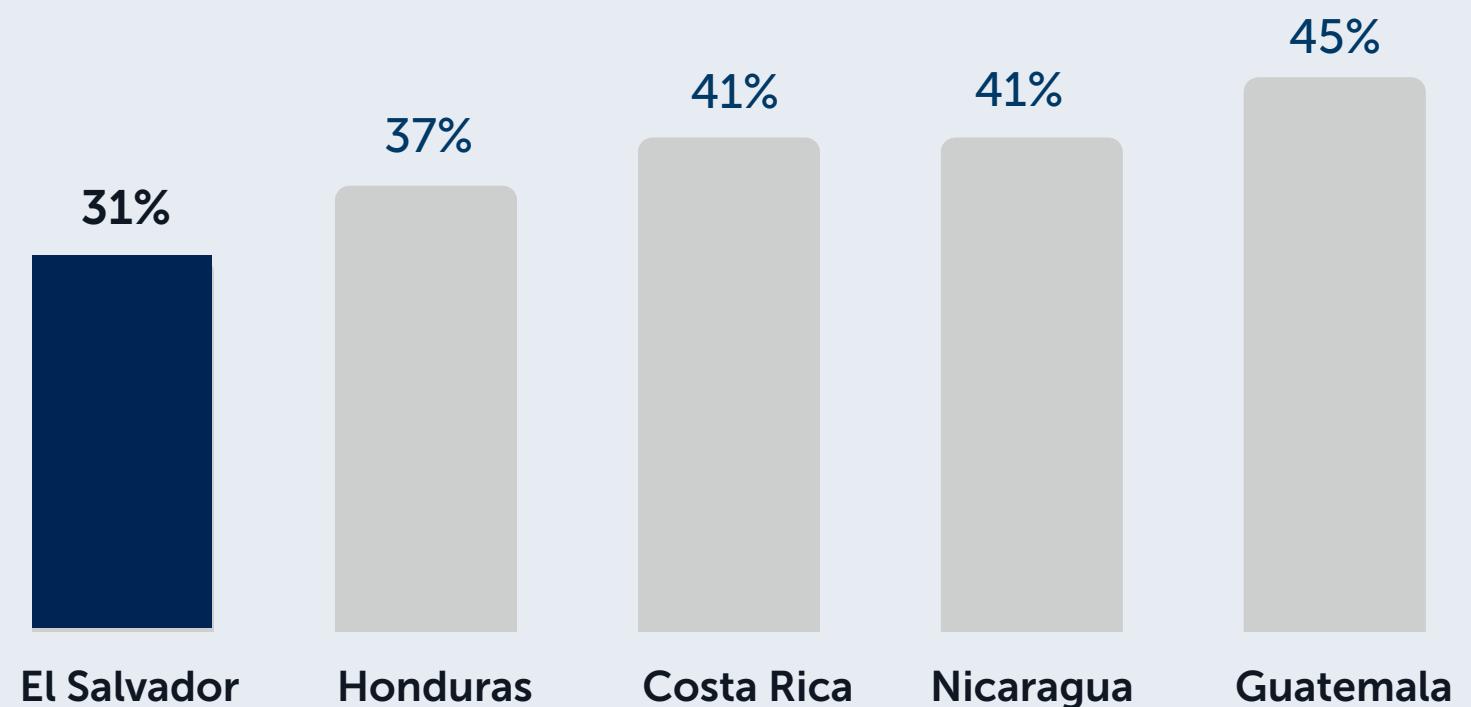
Salary comparison

Minimum wage for companies in the industrial sector
(El Salvador's base = 100)



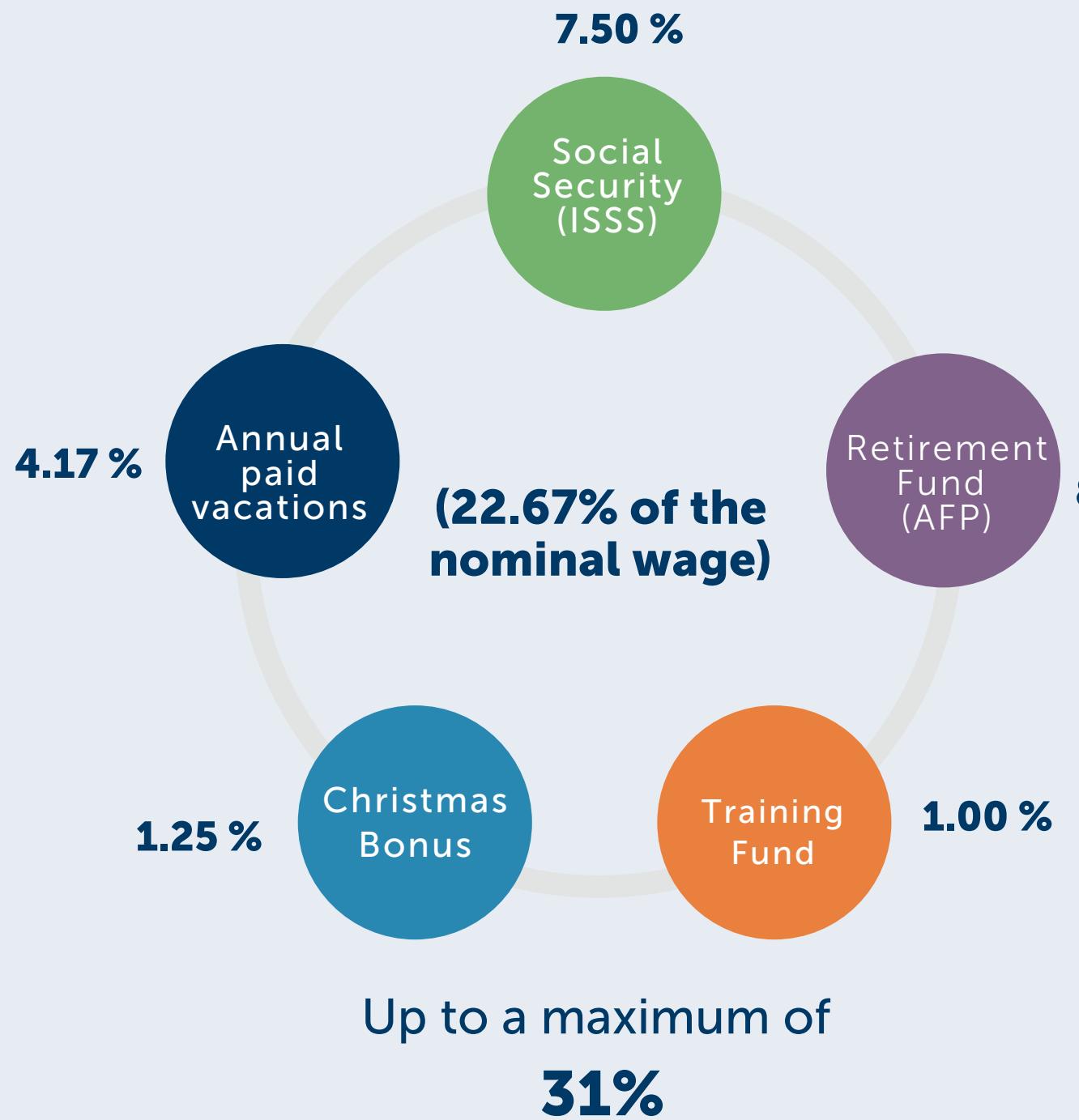
Comparison of benefits

(% of nominal wage)

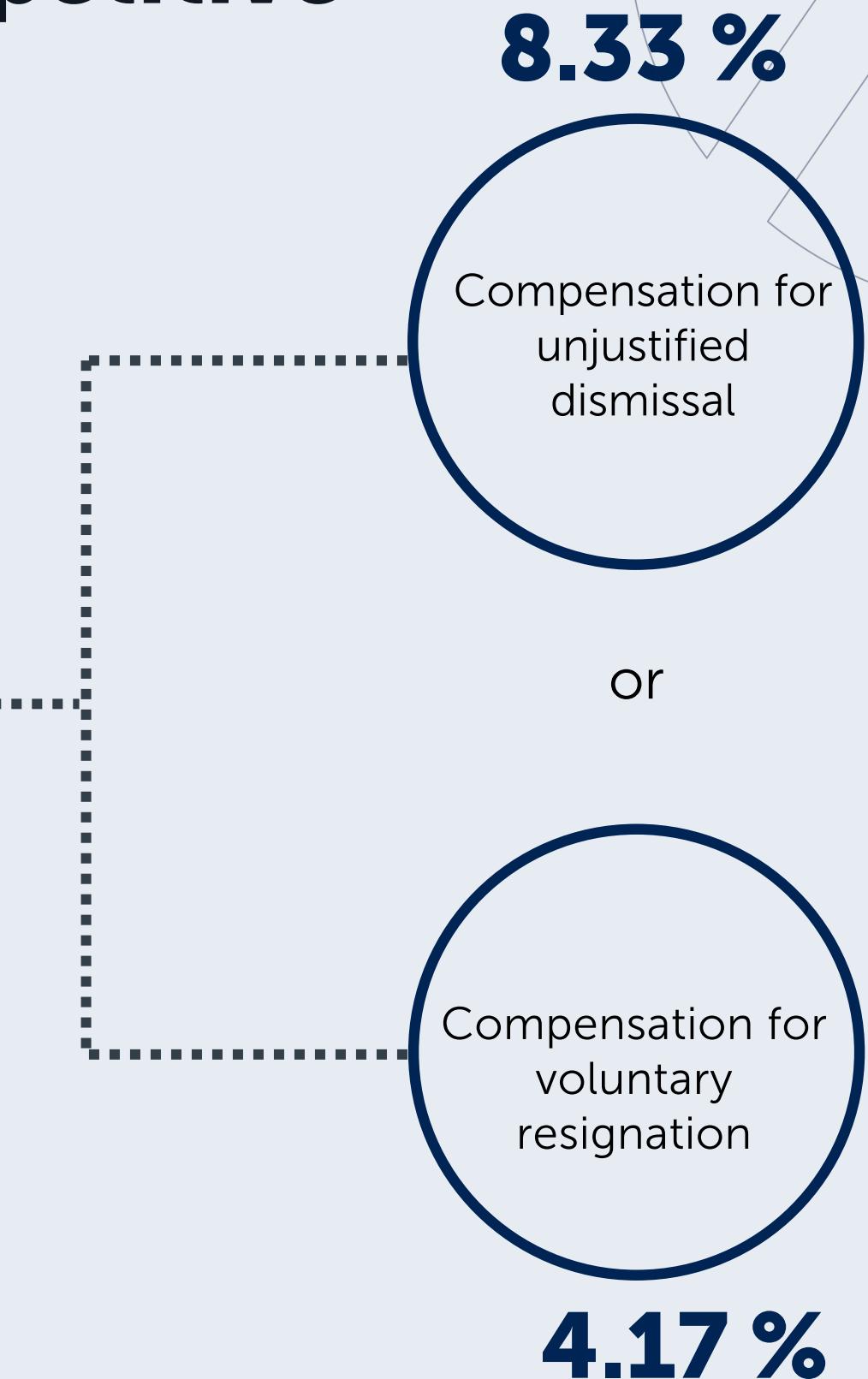


Our Labor Costs Are Highly Competitive

Salvadoran legislation establishes the following benefits for employees:



Total benefits paid by employer including compensation for unjustified dismissal or compensation for voluntary resignation



El Salvador registers one of the lowest inflation rates in Latin America

3rd

Country with the lowest average inflation rate in the past decade

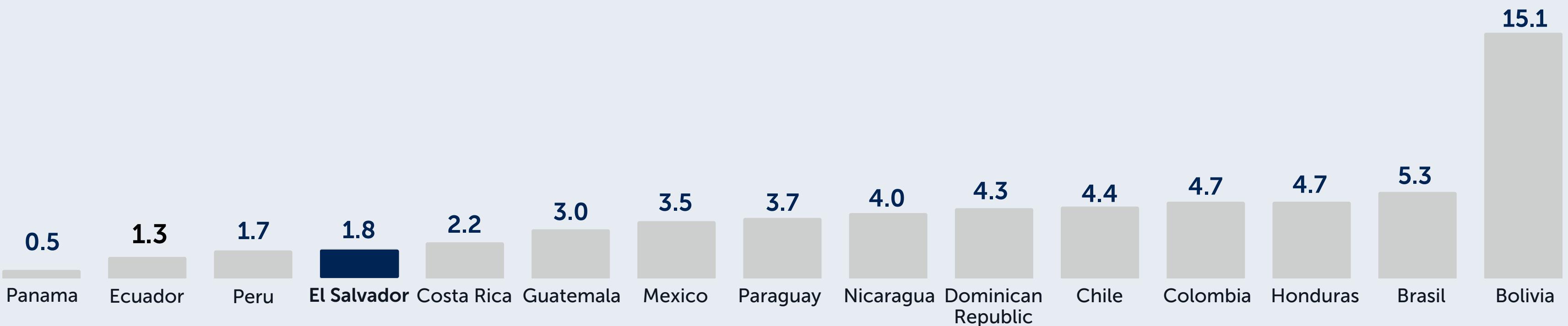
4th

Country with the lowest forecasted inflation rate for Latin America (2025)

2nd

Country with the lowest forecasted inflation rate for Central America (2025)

Projected inflation Top 15 LATAM 2025 (%)



Source: IMF, End-of-period inflation, average rate

COMPANIES THAT TRUST EL SALVADOR



Canada



PERFORMATEL
ABOVE & BEYOND THE CALL

Dollarcity

TELUS®

Colliers

United States

AVX **Google** **Walmart** **aes**

Microsoft **RULESWARE**

3M

THEOFFICEGURUS
CALL CENTER SOLUTIONS

W Wallenius
Wilhelmsen

UNIFI

CBXGlobal **Kimberly-Clark** **SYKES**

Ria **HANES** **Brands Inc** **aec** **FRUITMOON**
Apparelwear

GEORGE C. MOORE

HARDON PLASTIC

AMERICAN COMPANY

:ubiquity **BLACKHAWK** **NETWORK** **cognizant**

PriceSmart **CROWLEY** **People Who Know**
CONCENTRIX



Map of North America

Central America

cbc **ApplaudoStudios** **CMI** **GRUPO POMA**

TERNOVA **aeroman**

GASPRO **UASSIST.** **ME** **sigmaQ**

Map of Central America

Mexico

BIMBO **Sigma Claro'**

PROWORK **GYEEMSA**

imperquimia

Perú

QUÍMICA NAVIA SAC
RANS **OppFilm**

EL SALVADOR

Bolivia

esapp **QUANTUM**
datec

Uruguay

Brazil

Pettenati

INovação Nós move, Qualidade Nós definimos

SOFIS
SAÚDE

Map of South America

Map of the World

Germany



Netherlands

DUMMEN ORANGE

France

Quipu
part of the Inditex Group

Spain

ticō **Calvo**

Colombia

Avianca **DAVIVIENDA**
DECAMERON PROCAPS
DELSUR **Grupo epm**

Switzerland

Holcim

Colombia

YAZAKI

South Korea

YOUNGONE

Taiwán

SOLUNAR

India

FUSION
TIME OF HUMAN CONNECT

Australia

amcor

Australian

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GOBIERNO DE
EL SALVADOR

A large aircraft engine, likely a Pratt & Whitney PW4000, is shown in a hangar. A worker in a dark t-shirt and pants is kneeling and working on the engine's interior. The engine is mounted on a red support structure. The background shows the interior of a hangar with various equipment and structures.

FAVORABLE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

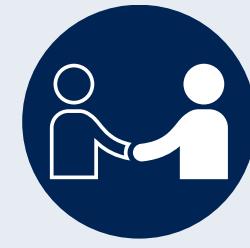
El Salvador offers an open and welcoming business environment where success stories are made



The US dollar as legal tender



Legal stability for investments



The safest country in the region



Access to local financing



Unrestricted transfer of funds abroad

Tax Incentives and benefits



Free Trade Zones Law

Tax exemptions (income, municipal taxes, and real estate transfers) and import duties for industrial activities.



International Services Law

Tax exemptions on income, municipal taxes, and import duties for strategic sectors such as BPOs, contact centers, aircraft maintenance and repair, logistics, and others.



Renewable Energy Incentives Law

Full income tax exemptions and customs duty relief on select imports related to hydraulic, geothermal, wind, solar, biomass, and other renewable energy sources.



Innovation and Technology Manufacturing Promotion Law

A 15-year exemption period covering income tax, municipal taxes, capital gains, and import duties.

Tax Incentives and benefits



Law of Legal Stability for Investments

Ensures legal certainty for investors in areas such as taxation, customs, and immigration for a period of up to 20 years, based on the investment amount.



Value Added Tax exemption

VAT exemption on the import of machinery classified as fixed assets, intended for direct use in the production of goods and services not covered by Article 46 and exempt under Article 174 of this law.



Law of Income Tax

Exempts from taxation all income or capital—whether in cash or in-kind—received from abroad, including capital movements, remuneration, or returns generated (or not) by national or foreign investments. This applies to both residents and non-residents, regardless of the source of the foreign income.

Tax Incentives and benefits



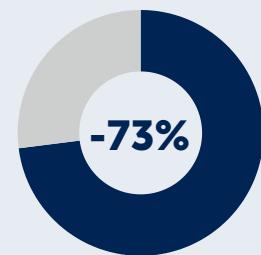
Law on Special Provisions for the Promotion and Granting of Tax Incentives for the Development of High-Rise Real Estate Projects

15-year income tax exemption starting from the first year of reported profits. These earnings are also exempt from capital gains tax.

This exemption applies to individuals, legal entities, and groups—whether domiciled in the country or not—who hold or own new investments in construction or real estate development projects of 35 floors or more.

El Salvador is making significant strides in streamlining and digitalizing processes to reduce bureaucracy

Sample of processes with reduced time (% reduction)



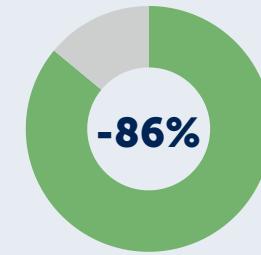
From 30 to 8 days
Time Required to Establish a Company or Branch



From 270 to 15 days
Free Trade Zone Operational Authorization Time



From 40 days to 3 hours
Imports via Simplified Goods Declarations



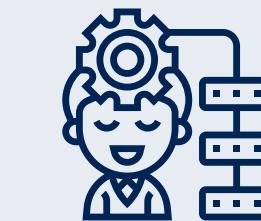
From 28 to 4 days
Timeframe for Registering New Pharmaceutical Products



692
Simplified procedures



222
Digitized 100% online



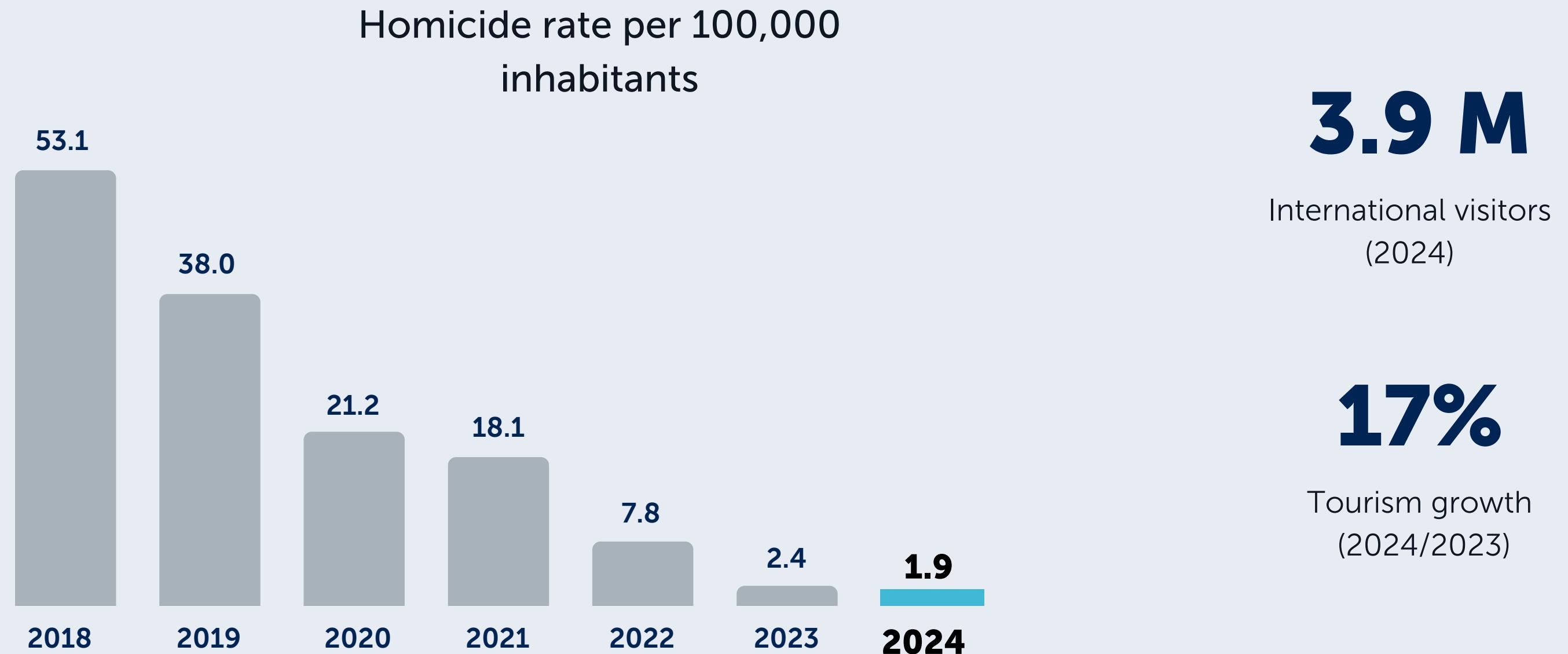
265
Procedures with resolution in one business day or less



60%
Overall time reduction

Source: MINEC, January 2025

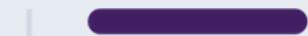
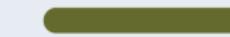
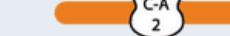
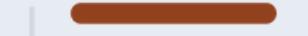
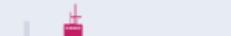
El Salvador has made remarkable progress in improving safety and reducing violence

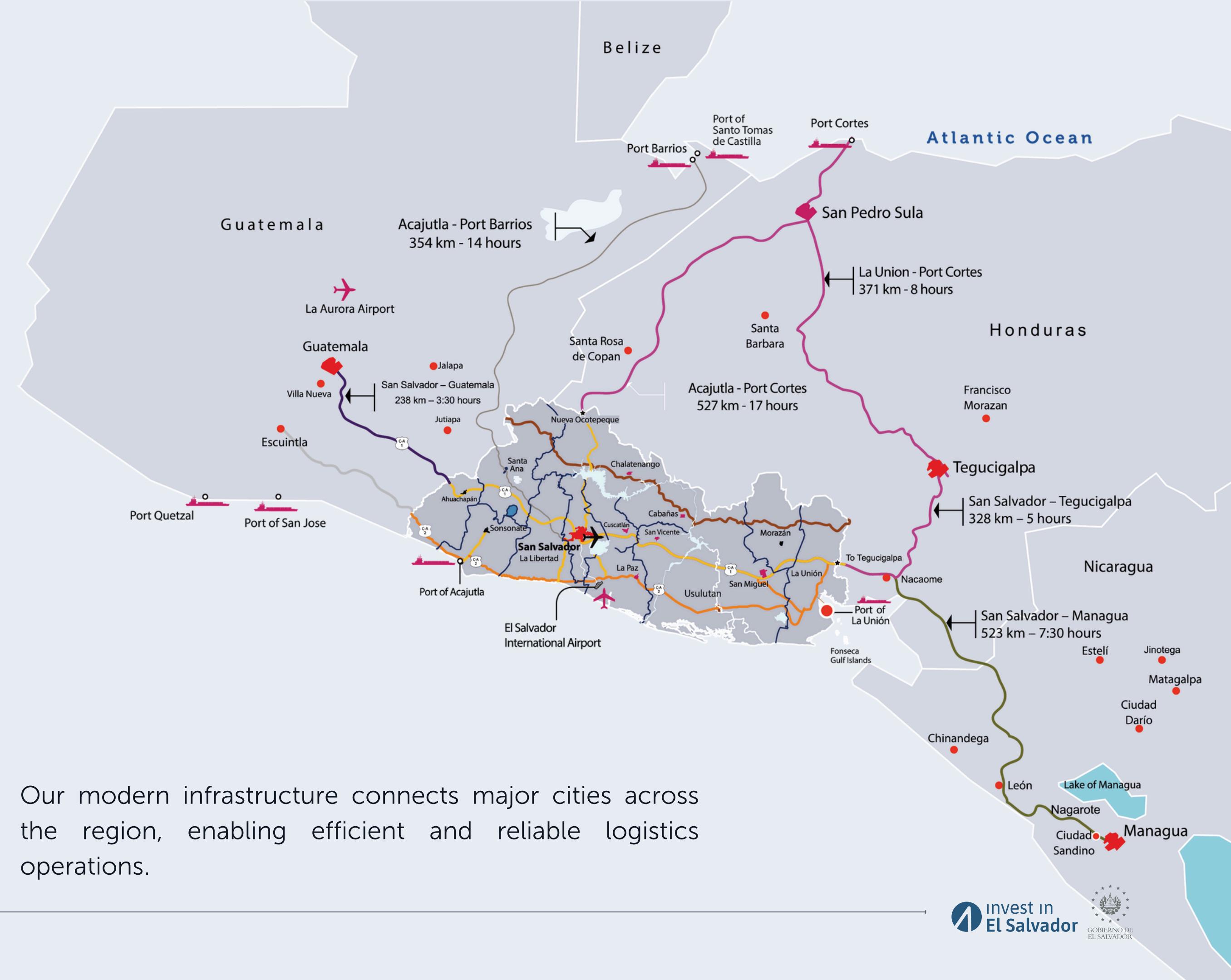


Source: [PNC](#), January 2025

COMPETITIVE INFRASTRUCTURE

Symbols

	
Interconnection Route El Salvador - Honduras	Interconnection Route El Salvador - Guatemala
	
Interconnection Route El Salvador - Nicaragua	Panamerican Highway
	
Litoral Highway	North Longitudinal Highway
	
Frontiers	Capital City
	
Main cities	Ports
	
Airports	



Our industrial spaces are distinguished by their strategic locations and convenient access to competitive infrastructure

334,275

sq.m of industrial space available
in our Free Trade Zone

Free Trade Zone

Industrial Parks

- ① Santa Ana Free Zone
- ② Las Mercedes Free Zone
- ③ Free Zone 10
- ④ ExportSalva Free Zone
- ⑤ Pipil Free Zone
- ⑥ Sam Li Free Zone
- ⑦ American Industrial Park

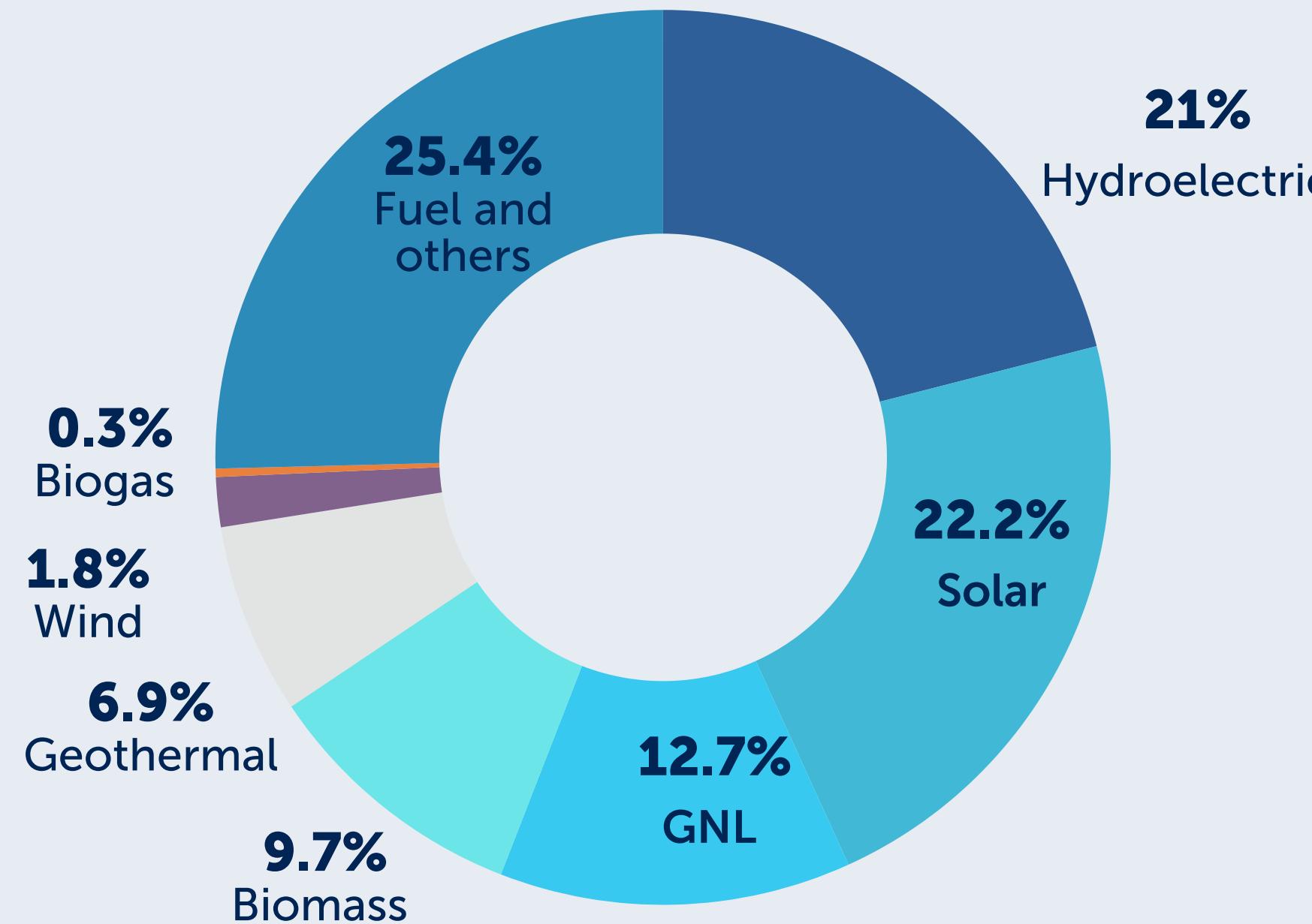
- ⑧ Zona Franca Santa Tecla
- ⑨ Zona Franca San José
- ⑩ Zona Franca San Marcos
- ⑪ Zona Franca San Bartolo
- ⑫ Zona Franca Santo Tomás
- ⑬ Zona Franca Internacional
- ⑭ Zona Franca Miramar
- ⑮ El Pedregal Free trade Zone
- ⑯ Concordia Industria Park and Free Zone
- ⑰ Calvo Conservas Free Zone
- ⑲ AirCity*
- ⑳ Orion Industrial Park*
- ㉑ Altius Tech Park*
- ㉒ Montforth Free Zone*
- ㉓ Parque Industrial El Progreso

*Development projects



El Salvador is moving forward on its path to sustainability by expanding renewable energy generation

Installed capacity by energy source (2024)



3,040.8 MW

Installed capacity of El
Salvador (2024)

62%

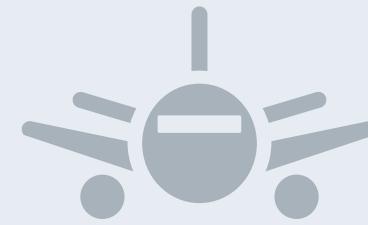
Energy generated through
renewable sources (2024)

Source: General Superintendence of Electricity and Telecommunications



INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

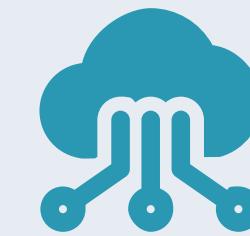
Explore investment opportunities in El Salvador



Aeronautics



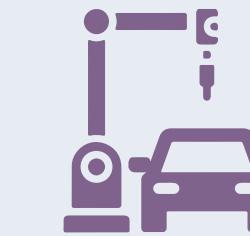
Food and
beverages



BTC and
digital
assets



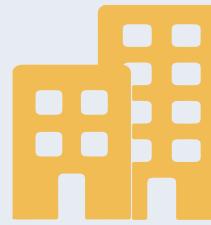
Software
Development
and digital
content



Electrical
equipment
and auto parts



Pharmaceutical
and
medical devices



Tourism
infrastructure



Aeronautics

El Salvador has established itself as an international benchmark in aircraft maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) services. It offers a reliable and specialized ecosystem that operates under the highest industry standards.

Investment opportunities:

- Commercial aircraft and helicopter maintenance operations.
- Finishing process operations.
- Painting and maintenance of commercial aircraft interiors.
- Engineering services.
- Aeronautical ground services.

\$283 M

Exports of
maintenance and
repair services (Q3
2024)

+16%

International Airport
Passenger Traffic
Growth, 2024

34

Direct air routes of origin
and destination



Food and beverages

El Salvador is consolidating its position as a key destination for food production and exports, thanks to its access to high-quality inputs grown under sustainable practices. Its strategic location in the heart of Central America facilitates access to international markets.

Investment opportunities:

- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverage processing
- Food processing
- Logistics infrastructure

\$1,506 M

Exports of the agroindustry, food and beverages sector (2024)

+30

Export destinations (2024)

+100

Exported products (2024)



Bitcoin and digital assets

El Salvador is a world leader in asset tokenization and is the second country in the world with the most favorable regulation towards cryptoassets. This recognition positions the country as a global strategic center for the development of digital assets, as well as opens doors for international collaborators and investors.

Investment opportunities:

- Blockchain infrastructure and technical services.
- Tokenization
- Decentralized Finance (DeFi)
- Digital Financial Services
- Consulting and compliance services

1st

In America with the most favorable regulation towards cryptoassets (2024)

2nd

In the world with the most favorable regulation towards cryptoassets (2024)

39

Digital asset service provider companies



Software development and digital content

El Salvador's innovation ecosystem is thriving, with active growth in fintech, e-commerce, blockchain, and AI.

Investment opportunities:

- Software development and digital services
- Software factories and IT services
- Digital content and entertainment
- Emerging technologies and cloud services
- Innovation and digital transformation centers

\$ 307 M

Telecommunications, IT,
and information services
exports (Q3 2024)

\$1,200M

Net FDI balance in the
information and
communications
sector (Q3 2024)

1er

Google Technology
Center in Central
America



Electrical equipment and auto parts

El Salvador represents a unique opportunity for auto parts manufacturing and exporting companies, especially in the context of nearshoring, by facilitating the manufacturing of intermediate components (Tier II and Tier III).

Investment opportunities:

- Electrical and electronic components for the automotive industry.
- Plastic components
- Textile parts for automotive interiors
- Metal-mechanical components

\$135 M

Total auto parts exports, 2024

\$114.5 M

Export of spark plug wiring harnesses, 2024

+80%

Of auto parts exports destined for North America in 2024



Pharmaceutical and medical devices

The pharmaceutical and medical devices industry in El Salvador is regarded as one of the main productive sectors with extensive use of cutting-edge technologies and high specialized employment. It is also internationally characterized as one of the countries with the greatest diversity of the highest quality products.

Investment opportunities:

- Research and development
- Drug manufacturing and packaging
- Medical devices

\$182.2 M

Pharmaceutical
sector exports
(2024)

\$7.2 M

Medical device
exports (2024)

35

Certified laboratories
by the pharmaceutical
industry



Tourism infrastructure

A true treasure in the heart of Central America, El Salvador offers an unrivaled environment for investment in tourism infrastructure. Its unique natural diversity includes stunning beaches, majestic volcanoes, and lush mountains. In addition, its rich history, vibrant culture, and Pacific Ocean coastline make it an attractive destination for both tourists and investors.

Investment opportunities:

- Hotels
- Convention Centers
- Theme Parks and restaurants

3.9 M

International visitor
arrivals (2024)

\$3,793 M

In foreign currency from
tourism at the end of
2023

17 %

Sector growth
(2024/2023)



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