252 women-owned businesses (self-registered or certified)

86 Trained women business owners in the skills and knowledge necessary to grow their business

310 Facilitated connections between women business owners and corporate buyers

2,454 Facilitated connection between women business owners

Industry Breakdown
By WEConnect International’s certified Costa Rican women-owned businesses

- Prof. services 26%
- Agriculture 15%
- Educ. services 4%
- Other 10%
- IT 3%
- Hospitality 7%
- Arts 3%
- Retail products 5%
- Facilities 8%
- Manufacturing 13%
- Architecture 4%
- Advertising 3%

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Key Economic Data – Costa Rica

GDP (billion $US)

GDP per capita (PPP)

$17,559
Annual median per capita income in 2018

77th
Worldwide ranking of GDP per capita

GDP growth rate (%)

The economy of Costa Rica is the 77th largest in the world measured by nominal GDP and 89th largest by purchasing power parity (PPP)

#67
in worldwide Ease of Doing Business ranking

Top Exports
- Bananas
- Pineapples
- Coffee
- Melons

Labor Force
2.23 million
- Agriculture: 14%
- Industry: 22%
- Services: 64%

Top Industries
- Medical equipment
- Food processing
- Textiles/clothing
- Construction materials

The minimum wage in Costa Rica is 10,061 Costa Rican colones per day, which translates to approximately $4,609 per year.
Practical Information on Doing Business in Costa Rica

Costa Rica’s worldwide ranking (out of 190 economies) in...

- Starting a business: #127
- Dealing with construction permits: #70
- Getting electricity: #21
- Registering property: #49
- Getting credit: #12
- Protecting minority investors: #119
- Paying taxes: #60
- Trading across borders: #73
- Enforcing contracts: #129
- Resolving insolvency: #131

Key information on Costa Rican women in business

- Female labor participation: 46%
- Costa Rica is one of the 12 economies worldwide that place restrictions on women’s work
- In Costa Rica, preschool is free and compulsory, starting from age four; this enables both parents to work

Industry Breakdown

Percentage of women-owned businesses per industry in Latin America and the Caribbean

Women, business and the law: key indicator scores

Scores are determined by criteria defined by the World Bank regarding whether a country’s legal framework prevents women from accessing certain rights, opportunities or protections. A perfect score is 100, indicating that women are not legally discriminated against and have the same rights and opportunities as men.

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