

COUNTRY COMPARISON



Companies looking to relocate to Latin America find Panama an extremely beneficial location for global connectivity. In addition to political stability, Panama boasts one of the region's fastest growing Gross Domestic Products (GDPs) and a prime location in the center of the Americas – ideal for distribution, logistics and global business of all kinds. Five of the world's fiber-optic lines intersect Panama, making it the most connected location in the world.

	PANAMA	COSTA RICA	CHILE	BRAZIL	MEXICO
GDP growth from 2001-2009 > 5%	✓	✓	✓	—	—
Political Stability Index of 75 or better *	✓	—	—	N/A	—
Pro-business Government	✓	—	✓	—	—
Wages in line with Latin American Average	✓	N/A	✓	✓	—
Enrollment in higher education > 40% of population	✓	—	✓	—	—
Low internal logistics cost	✓	✓	—	—	—
Geographic location	✓	✓	—	—	✓
Low risk of natural disasters	✓	✓	—	—	—
Crime rate (under 1000 per 100,000)	✓	✓	✓	N/A	—

* July 2007 ranking from Political Risk Services (PRS) considering stability, socioeconomic conditions, investment profile, external conflicts, internal conflicts, corruption, military in politics, religious tensions, law and order, ethnic tensions, democratic accountability, bureaucracy quality 2.2006, World Bank analysis 3.2002, United Nations 4. Transparency international, 2006.

In comparison to other countries as demonstrated in the chart above, Panama is consistently one of the safest and fastest growing economies in Latin America. The advantages of consistent GDP growth, low crime rate and a stable political environment explain why Panama has become an attractive destination for companies, residents and visitors.

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