

Modern slavery in Nicaragua

Global Slavery Index 2023

Country Snapshot



Figure 1.
Prevalence of modern slavery across the Americas



KEY STATS

Population (2021) 6,624,554

GDP per capita, PPP (Current intl \$) \$5,574

7.3

PREVALENCE OF MODERN SLAVERY
per 1,000 people

49,000

NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING IN MODERN SLAVERY

54/100

VULNERABILITY TO MODERN SLAVERY

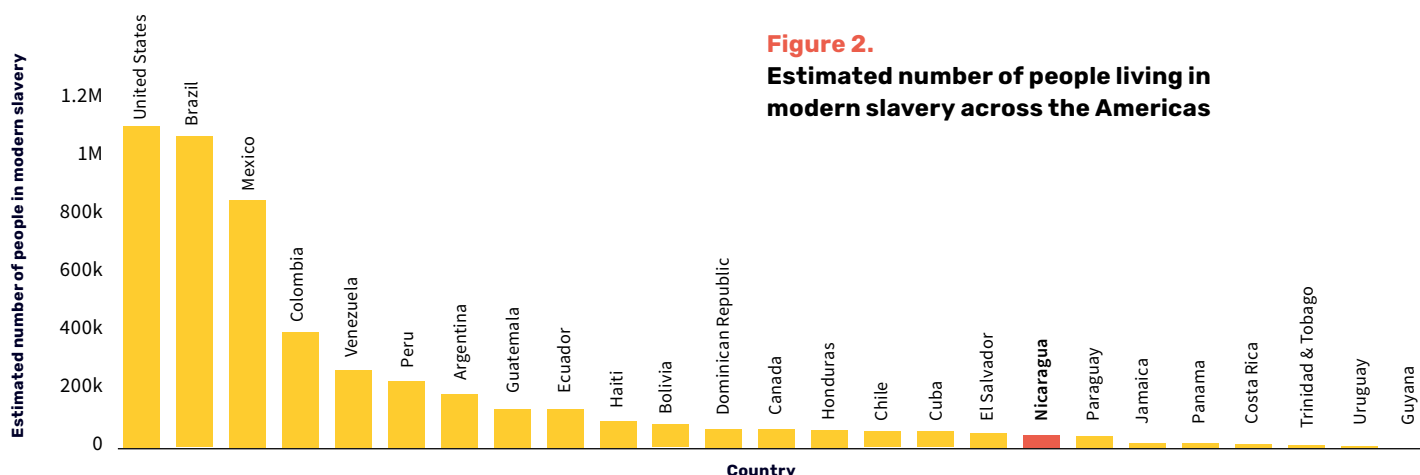
36/100

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO MODERN SLAVERY

The scale of modern slavery

According to the 2023 Global Slavery Index, an estimated 7.3 in every thousand people were in modern slavery in Nicaragua at any point in 2021. In other words, 49,000 people experienced forced labour or forced marriage in Nicaragua in 2021. In terms of prevalence of modern slavery, Nicaragua ranks 49th globally and 7th within the Americas.

Figure 2.
Estimated number of people living in modern slavery across the Americas



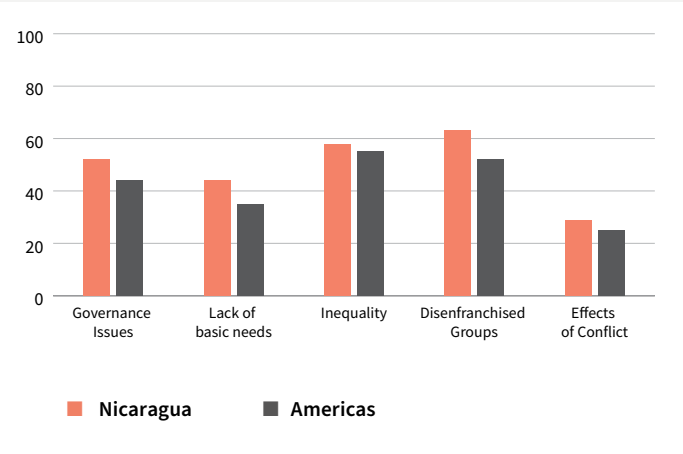
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Vulnerability to modern slavery

How vulnerable a country’s people are to modern slavery is dependent on a range of factors which reflect the strength of governance, access to basic needs, inequality, disenfranchised groups, and effects of conflict. On a scale of 0 to 100, with 100 being the highest vulnerability to modern slavery, Nicaragua is rated as 54 and has above average vulnerability for the region. Vulnerability is highest in terms of disenfranchised groups.

Figure 3.
Vulnerability of Nicaragua to modern slavery by dimension, compared to the regional average



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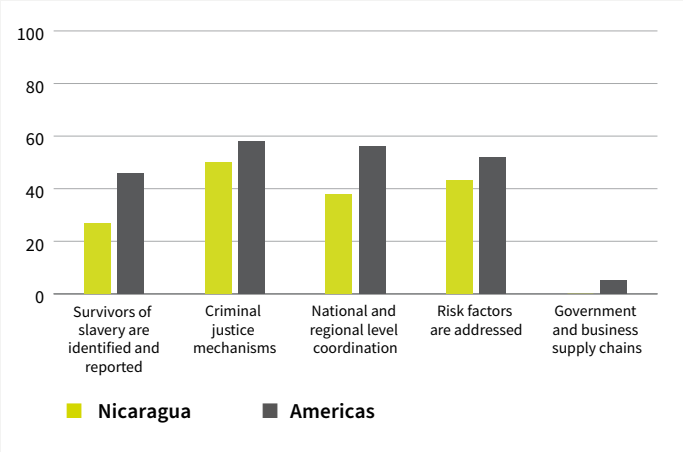
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For more information on modern slavery, visit the Global Slavery Index 2023 website.

Government response to modern slavery

The government of Nicaragua scored 36 out of 100 in their response to modern slavery. This places the government’s response below the average regional response. Of the five areas of response assessed (milestones), the government has taken most action on effective criminal justice mechanisms and least action on addressing risk in government and business supply chains.

Figure 4.
Government of Nicaragua’s responses to modern slavery by milestone, compared with the regional average



Priority Recommendations for the government of Nicaragua

- 1 Criminalise human trafficking in line with international conventions.
- 2 Increase the legal age of marriage for males and females to 18 years without exceptions.
- 3 Ensure support services are available for all victims of modern slavery, regardless of gender, age, nationality, or sexuality.