

NICARAGUA



Total Population: 4,938,000

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Child Population: 2,490,000

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TOTAL CHILD LABOUR

The latest official figures estimate that approximately 161,000 children between the ages of 10 and 19 are employed while CENIDH estimates that there are approximately 322,000 working children.

For the year 2000, 79,330 children between the ages of 10 and 14 years were economically active.

For the year 2000, the ILO projected 70,000 economically active children, 15,000 girls and 55,000 boys between the ages of 10 and 14, representing 12% of this age group.

Out of 100,000 children illegally employed, 72,000 children were employed in the annual harvests of coffee, cotton, bananas, tobacco and rice. Others are forced by their parents to work in the streets of Managua as vendors or beggars.

CHILD SLAVERY

No confirmed data.

CHILD TRAFFICKING

Along the border, many children are brought into Guatemala from El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Honduras by organised rings, which force them into prostitution.

CHILD PROSTITUTION

There is increasing child prostitution along the Pan-American Highway.

CHILDREN USED IN CRIME

No information found.

CHILD SOLDIERS

Volunteers from 17 years of age are recruited in the armed forces.

CHILD SERVANTS

No information found.

OTHER HAZARDOUS CHILD LABOUR

Over 140,000 children are employed in rural areas at coffee, tobacco, rice, and banana plantations. In Managua over 6,000 children work on city streets, selling merchandise, cleaning automobile windows, or begging.

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