

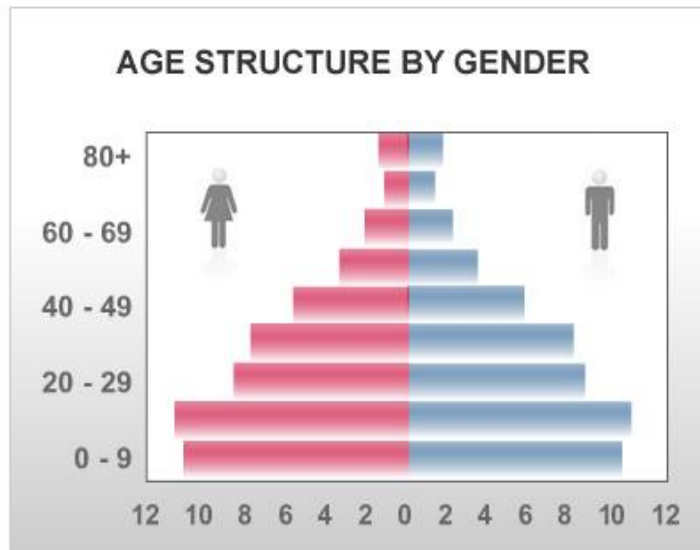


Costa Rica's Workforce

Data Sheet

CINDE, July 2009

Workforce and Population – key information



Source: National Institute of Statistics and Census.

* Year-end estimates

■ Population as of July 2008:

- 4.54 million
- 34.2% of the population is 15 to 35 years old
- Annual population growth: 2.0%
- GDP / Capita: \$6,520 (2008)

■ Labor force 2008: 2.05 million

- Unemployment, 2008*: 6.0%
- Underemployment, 2008*: 7.8%
- Annual labor pool growth: 2.7%

■ Universal Health Care and Education System

- Pillars of the national stability
- 6% of the GDP is allocated to education

Percentages of Population living in the Greater Metropolitan Area



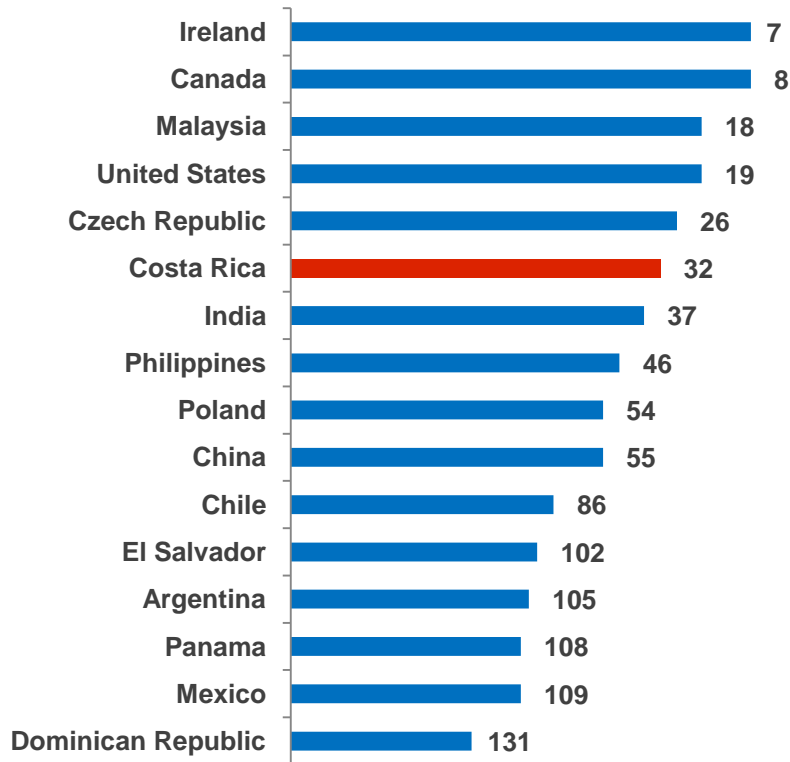
58% of the total population

62% of the total labor force

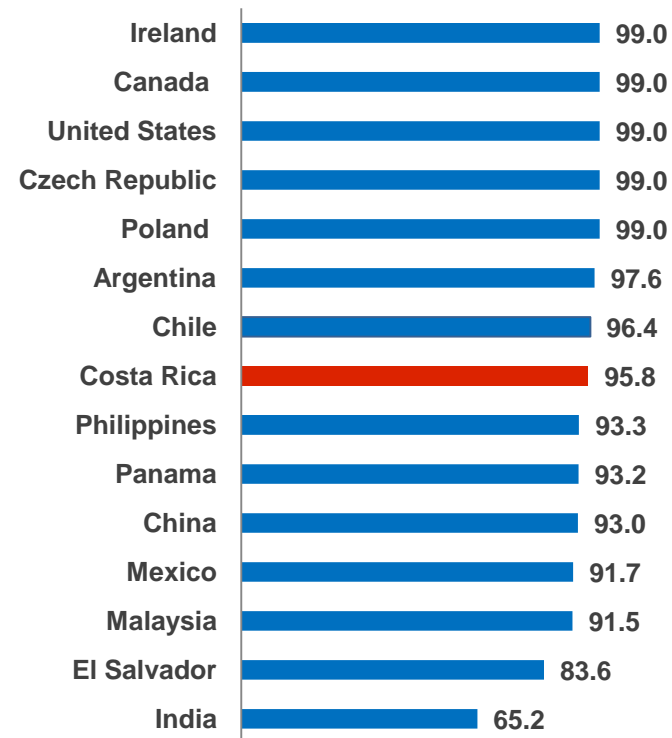
Source: National Institute for Census and Statistics, 2008

Educational System and Literacy Rate Rankings

Quality of the Educational System
(Rank)



Adult Literacy Rate
Rate (%)

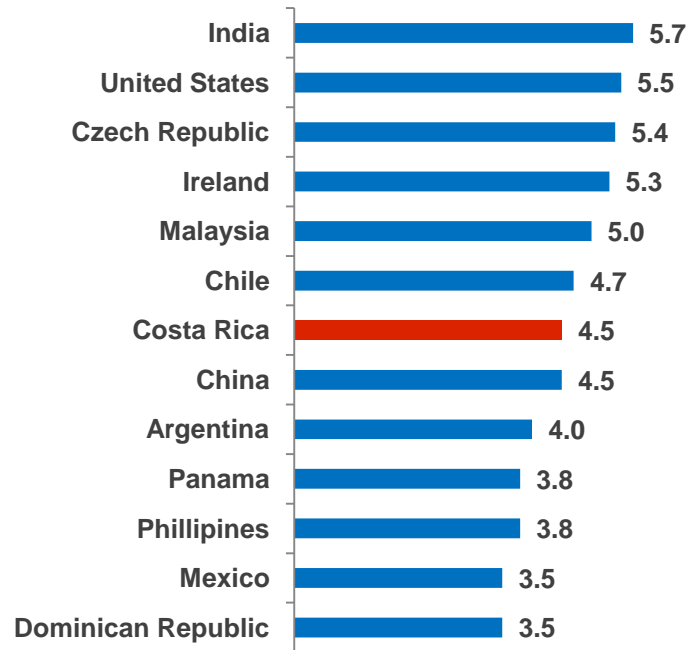


Source: World Economic Forum. The Global Competitiveness Report 2008 - 2009

Source: United Nations. Human Development Report 2007 -2008

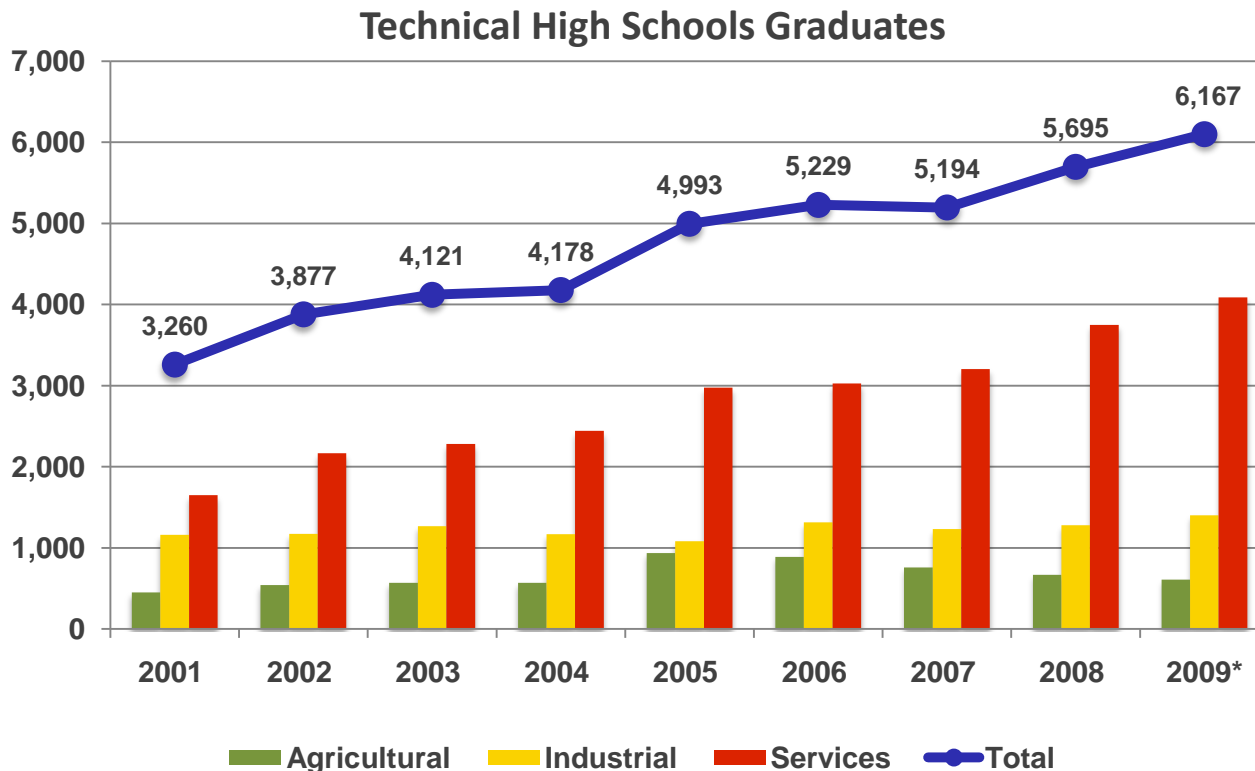
Availability of Scientists and Engineers Ranking

Availability of scientists and engineers



Source: World Economic Forum. The Global Competitiveness Report 2008 - 2009

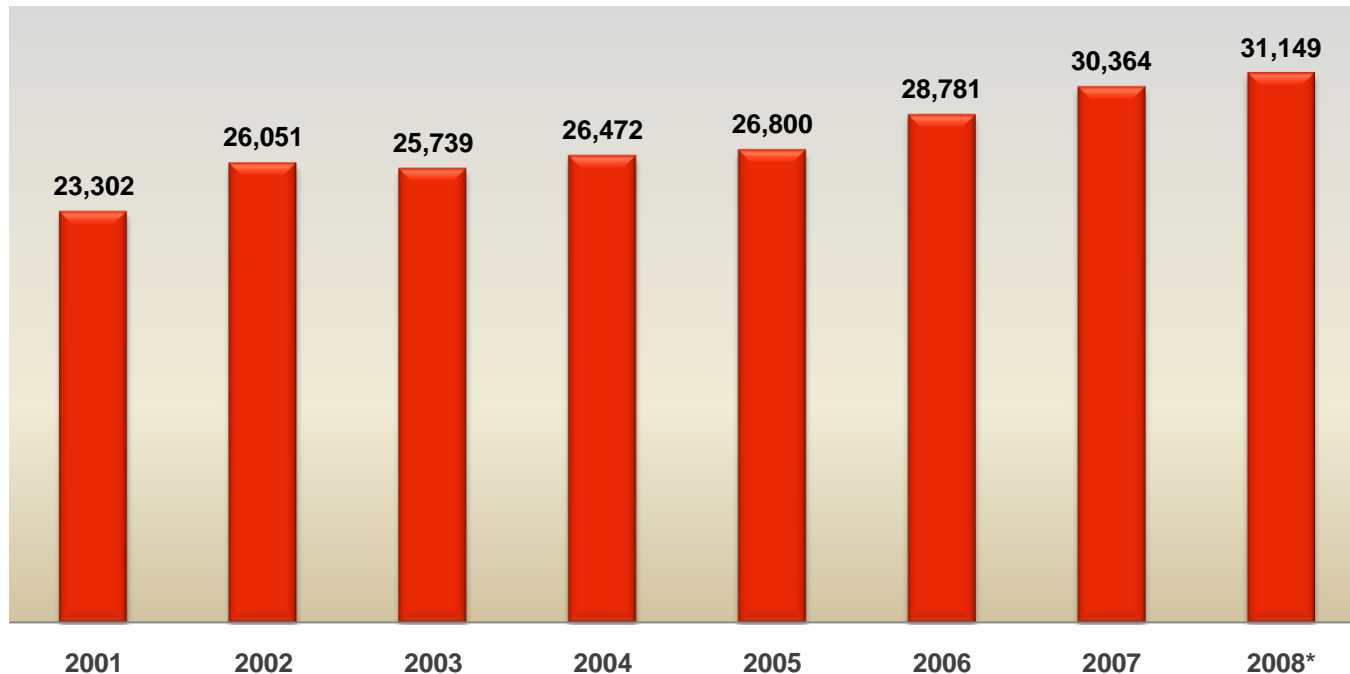
Graduates from Technical High Schools



Growing since 2001 at a rate of 8.3 %

Source: Ministry of Public Education
 * CINDE's estimates

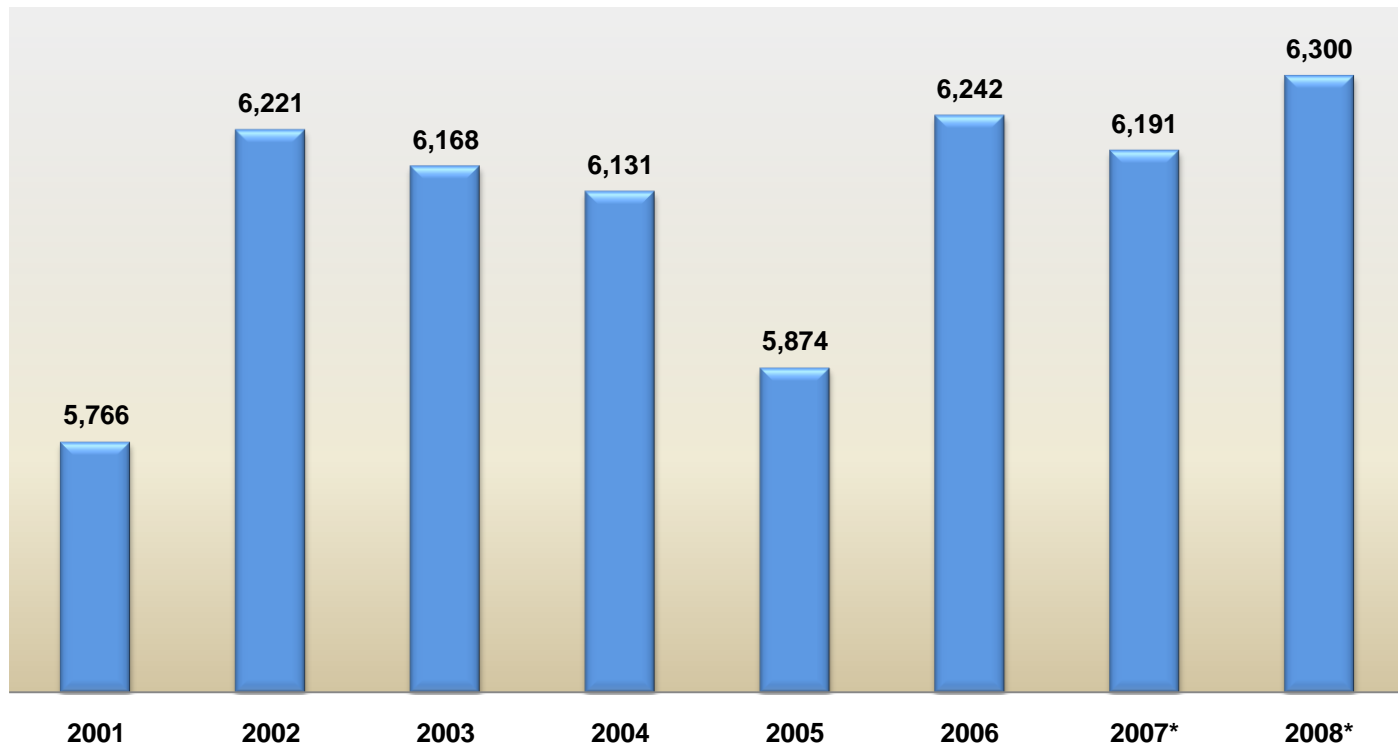
Total diplomas granted at the private and public universities



Growing since 2001 at a rate of 4.6%

Source: CONARE & Universities' Registry Departments
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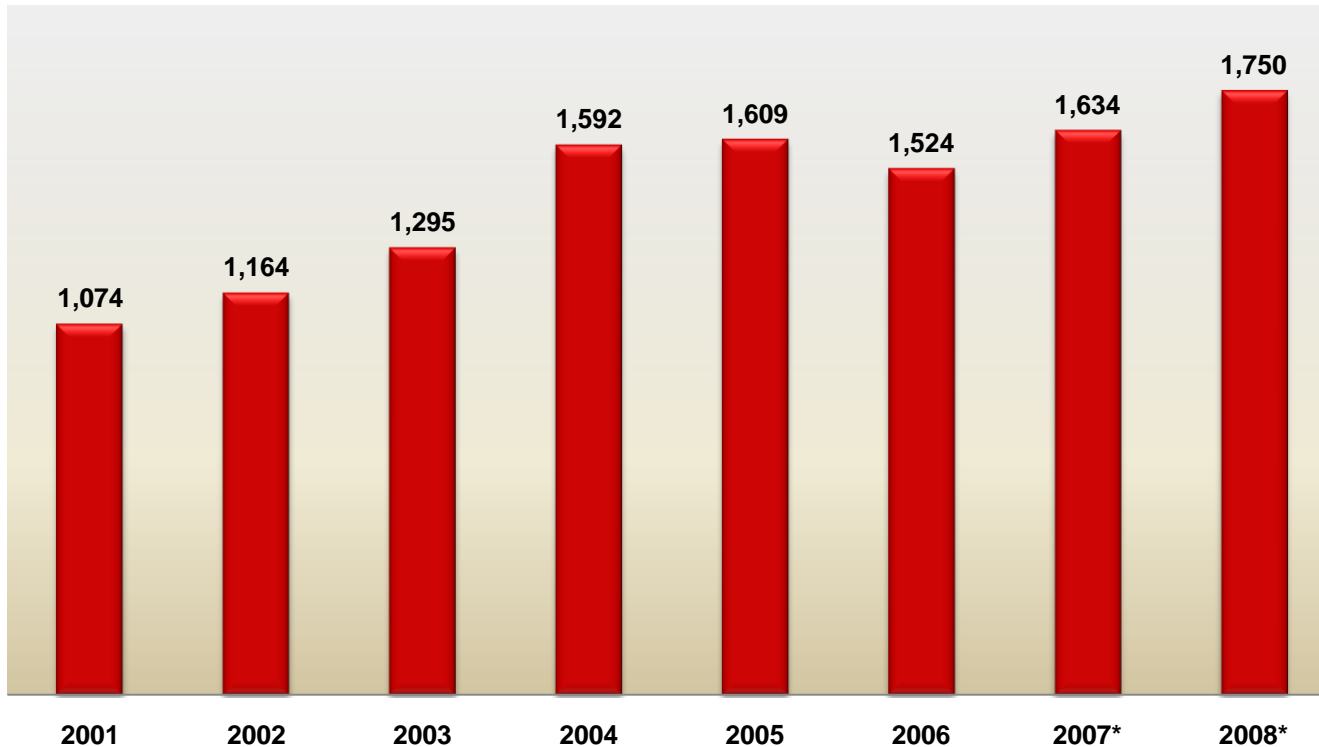
University graduates in Business, Economics and Accounting



Growing since 2001 at a rate of 1.3 %

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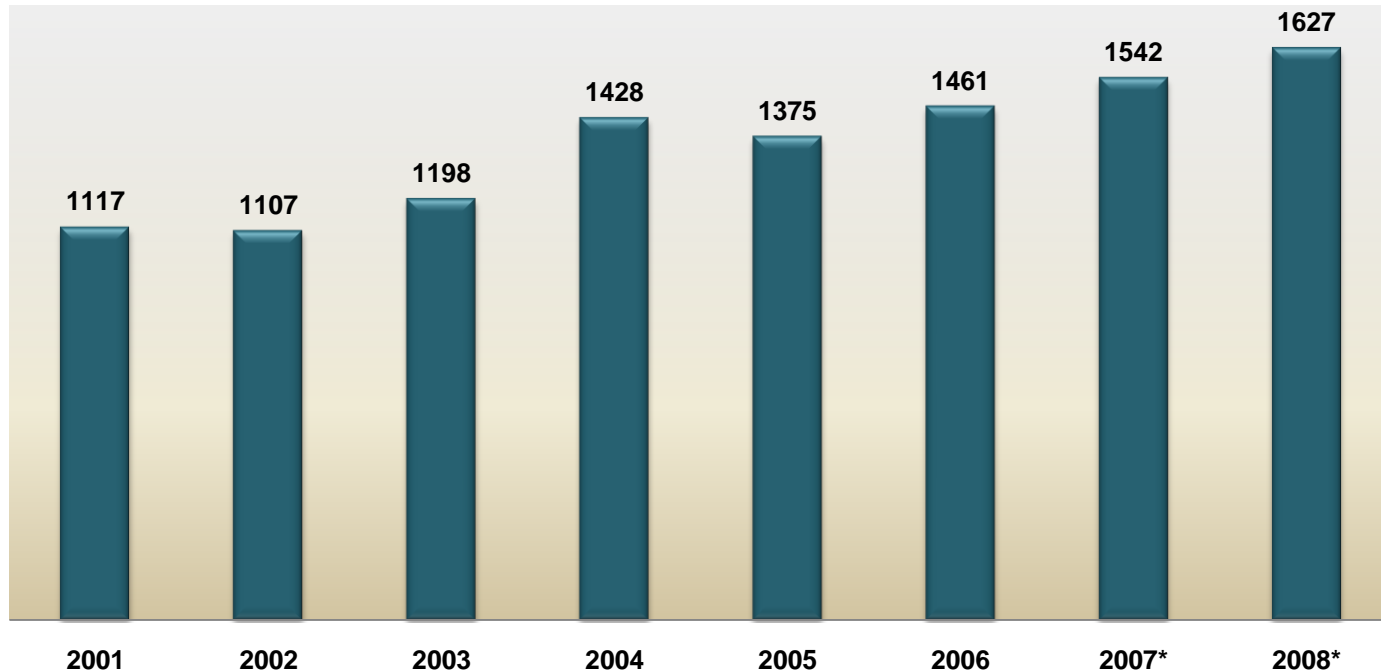
University graduates in Software and Informatics



Growing since 2001 at a rate of 7.2 %

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University Graduates in Civil, Mechanical, Industrial, Electric, Electronic, Chemical and Agricultural Engineering

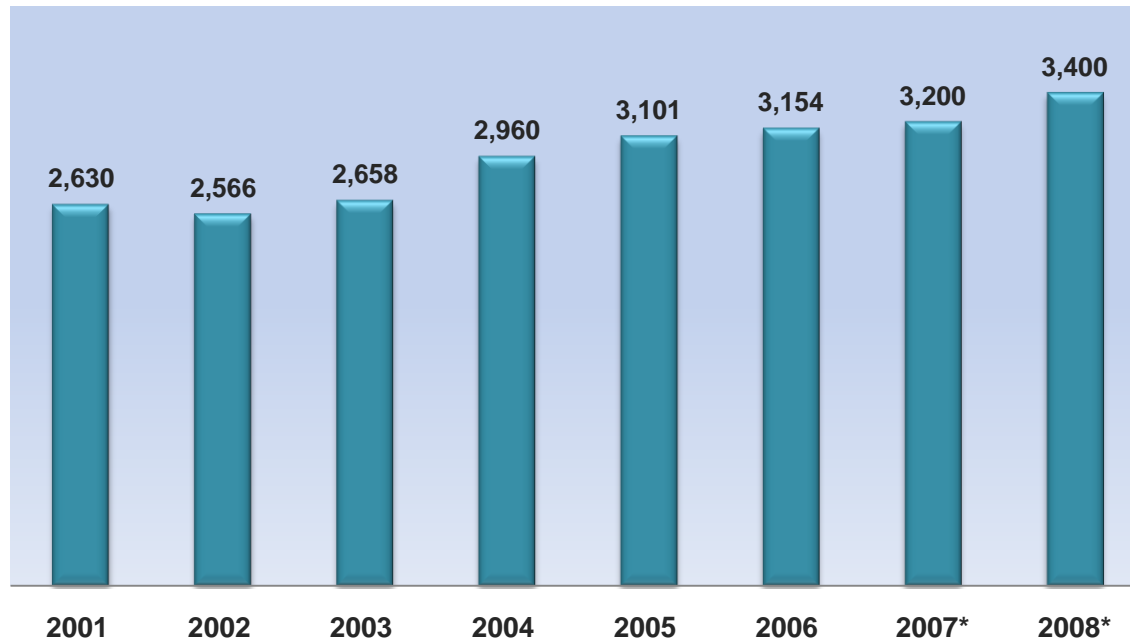


Growing since 2001 at a rate of 5.5 %

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University Graduates in Life Sciences

Costa Rica: Total diplomas granted in Human Health and Bio Sciences careers



Growing since 2001 at a rate of 1.5 %

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Other Qualifications

- Quality standards
 - ISO's: 13485, 9001:2003, 14000
 - GMP's (lean, six sigma, JIT, 5s)
- Experience working in a clean room environment (class 100/10.000/100.000)
- Capable of handling FDA approved Class III devices.
- Friendly and stable workforce
- Fast learning curve
- Multilingual