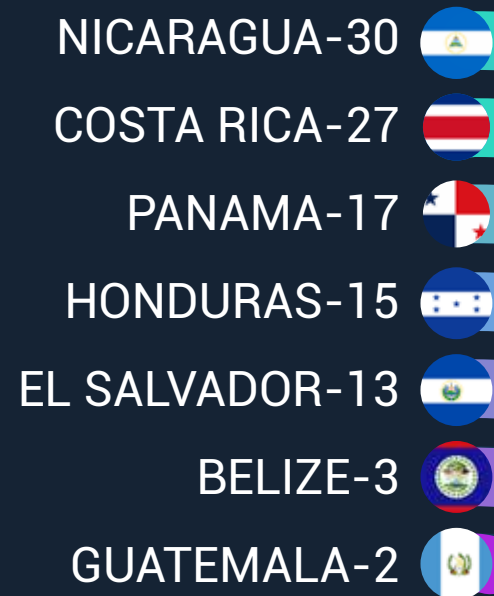
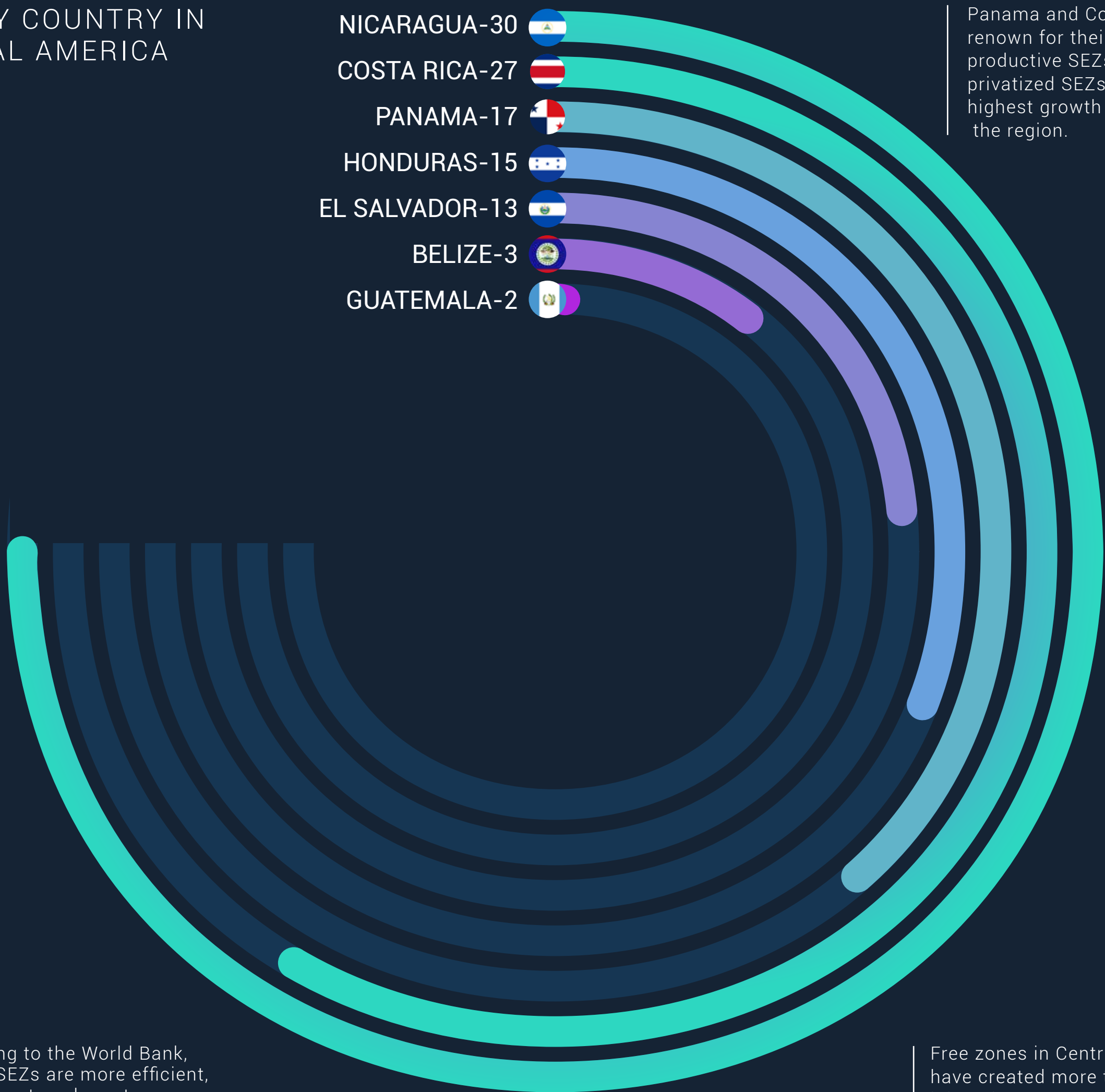


SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES IN CENTRAL AMERICA

SEZs BY COUNTRY IN CENTRAL AMERICA



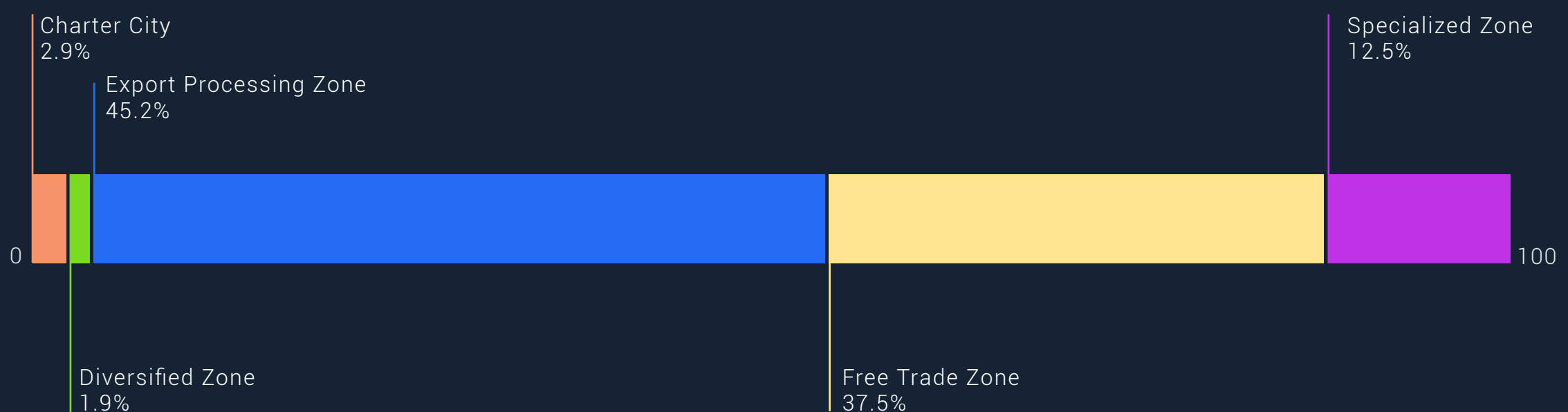
Panama and Costa Rica are renowned for their prosperous and productive SEZs. Their mostly privatized SEZs have the highest growth rates in the region.



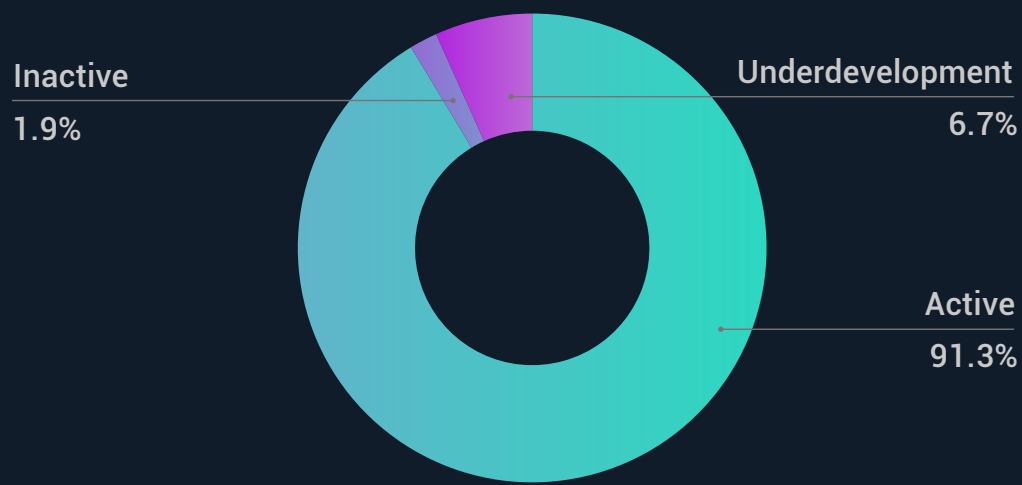
According to the World Bank, private SEZs are more efficient, less corrupt, and create more jobs

Free zones in Central America have created more than 1 million jobs. They account for roughly one third of all FDI in the region.

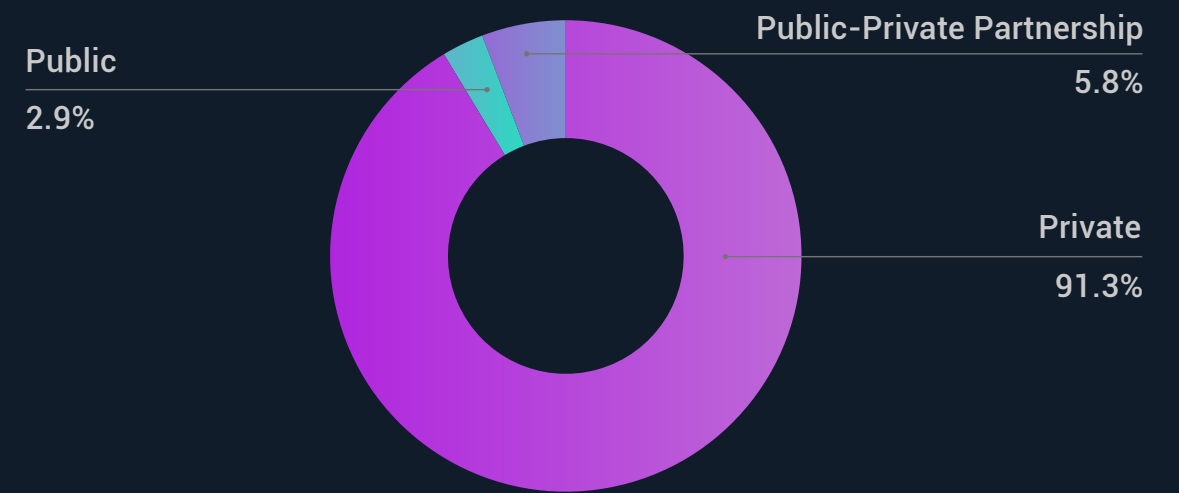
BREAKDOWN OF SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES IN CENTRAL AMERICA BY ZONE TYPE



CENTRAL AMERICAN SEZS BY ZONE ACTIVITY STATUS



CENTRAL AMERICAN SEZS BY MANAGEMENT TYPE



GUATEMALA

The Guatemalan Association of Exporters indicated that in 2015, 70% of the companies located in the country's Free Trade Zones were foreign. They generated 15,322 direct jobs and 32,000 indirect jobs across the 258 established companies.



COSTA RICA

In 2019, there were 394 companies located in Costa Rica's Free Zones, employing over 187,000 staff and supporting internal wealth creation.



HONDURAS

Honduran free zones are traditionally focused on the apparel, garment, and automobile parts industry. Free zones employ more than 160,000 people. Last year, Honduras launched its ZEDE program which will partially privatize dispute resolution in certain zones.



PANAMA

According to the General Directorate of Free Zones, as well as Panama's Ministry of Commerce and Industries, in 2015 the Colon Free Zone alone contributed 5.6% to Panama's GDP. The country's economy is strongly linked to the success of free zones in recent years.

Number of Zones

