



HONDURAS



INTRODUCTION

Once part of Spain's vast empire in the New World, Honduras became an independent nation in 1821. After two and a half decades of mostly military rule, a freely elected civilian government came to power in 1982. Honduras has only a short Pacific coast but a long Caribbean shoreline, including the virtually uninhabited eastern Mosquito Coast.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Juan Orlando HERNANDEZ Alvarado

Head of Government

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Government Type

presidential republic

Capital

Tegucigalpa

Legislature

unicameral National Congress or Congreso Nacional (128 seats)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 112,090 sq km

Land: 111,890 sq km

Water: 200 sq km

Climate

subtropical in lowlands, temperate in mountains

Natural Resources

timber, gold, silver, copper, lead, zinc, iron ore, antimony, coal, fish, hydropower

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

second-fastest-growing Central American economy; COVID-19 and two hurricanes crippled activity; high poverty and inequality; declining-but-still-high violent crime disruption; systemic corruption; coffee and banana exporter; enormous remittances

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$50.89 billion (2020 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$5,100 (2020 est.)

Industries - sugar processing, coffee, woven and knit apparel, wood products, cigars

Agricultural products - sugarcane, oil palm fruit, milk, bananas, maize, coffee, melons, oranges, poultry, beans

Exports \$8.68 billion (2017 est.)

Clothing, apparel, coffee, insulated wiring, bananas, palm oil (2019)

partners: US 53%, El Salvador 8%, Guatemala 5%, Nicaragua 5% (2019)

Imports \$11.32 billion (2017 est.)

refined petroleum, clothing and apparel, packaged medicines, broadcasting equipment, insulated wiring (2019)

partners: US 42%, China 10%, Guatemala 8%, El Salvador 8%, Mexico 6% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

9.3 million (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth

1.22% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity

Mestizo (mixed Amerindian and European) 90%, Amerindian 7%, African descent 2%, White 1%

Language

Spanish (official), Amerindian dialects

Religion

Roman Catholic 46%, Protestant 41%, atheist 1%, other 2%, none 9% (2014 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 59% of total population (2021)

rate of urbanization: 2.48% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)

