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

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
9.5 million (2022 est.)

Population Growth
1.19% (2022 est.)

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

Language
Spanish (official), Amerindian dialects

Religion
Evangelical/Protestant 48%, Roman Catholic 34%, other 1%, none 17% (2020 est.)

Urbanization
urban population: 59% of total population (2021)
rate of urbanization: 2.48% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)

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 $7.16 billion (2019 est.)
Clothing, apparel, coffee, insulated wiring, bananas, palm oil (2019)
partners: US 53%, El Salvador 8%, Guatemala 5%, Nicaragua 5% (2019)

Imports $11.5 billion (2019 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)