

1. General Information1.1 Geographic Codes

AID standard	522
State regional	ARA
FIPS	HO

1.2 Country Names

Official	Republic of Honduras
Local	Republica de Honduras
Short	Honduras

1.3 Official Holidays

New Years' Day	January 1
Day of the Americas	April 14
Labor Day	May 1
Independence Day	September 15
Birthday of Francisco Morazan	October 3
Columbus Day	October 12
Army Day	October 21
King Alfonso's Decision	December 18
Christmas	December 25
Year's End	December 30

Moveable religious holidays include Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

Fiscal year: January 1 - December 31

1.4 Currency (February 1982)

2.00 Lempiras = US \$1.00

1.5 Time Zones

EST -1

1.6 US Mission and Staff (September 1981)

Embassy:

Tegucigalpa Avenida la Paz,
APO, Miami 34022
Tel: 32-3121/22/23/24/27

Staff:

Ambassador.....	Jack R. Binns
Deputy Chief of Mission.....	William G. Walker
Economic/Commercial Officer.....	Paul H. Wackerbarth
Commercial Officer.....	Robert J. Higgins
Political Officer.....	David G. Shaw
Labor Officer.....	John D. Fernandez
Consular.....	Sarah Horsey
Administrative Officer.....	George W. Clift
Agricultural Officer.....	Harry C. Bryan (resi- dent in Guatemala City)
AID Mission Director.....	John R. Oleson
Public Affairs Officer.....	Cresencio S. Arcos
Office of the Defense Attache.....	Col. Dale Bollert, USAF

1.7 Sister Cities

Juticalpa - Postville, IA
San Pedro Sula - North Miami Beach, FL
Tegucigalpa - Gainesville, FL

1.8 Host Mission In US (November 1981)

4301 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 100
Washington, D.C. 20008
Tel: 966-7700, 7701, 7702

Staff:

Ambassador.....Col. Federico A. Poujol
Minister-Counselor.....F. Salomon Jimenez
Economic Counselor.....Mario A. Zea
Financial Counselor.....Mario Rietti
Defense & Armed Forces Attache.....Col. Ramon Reyes Sanchez
Asst. Armed Forces Attache.....Maj. Hector Rene Fonseca
Asst. Armed Forces Attache.....Maj. Ricardo Zuniga

Consulates General:

17 Battery Place	Aguilar, 904	Nine First Street, Rm. 704
New York	International Bldg.	San Francisco, Ca.
	New Orleans, La.	

Consulates:

Baltimore, Boston, Brownsville, Chicago, Dallas, Detroit, Fort Worth,
Galveston, Houston, Jacksonville, Los Angeles, Miami, Mobile, Norfolk,
Philadelphia, Port Arthur, St. Louis, San Antonio, San Mateo, and Tampa.

1.9 Treaties and Agreements

Agricultural commodities agreement
Agricultural cooperative agreements for the prevention of animal
crop diseases
Military air transit agreement
Military assistance agreements
Economic and technical cooperation
Investment guaranties
Arrangement for hydrographic and nautical mapping
Agreements establishing U.S. Air Force and U.S. Army missions to
Honduras
Peace Corps programs

Agreement concerning entry into Honduras of relief supplies and packages
Agreement relating to radio communications between amateur radio stations on behalf of third parties
Reciprocal authorization of licensed amateur operators in the other country
Treaties relating to trade and commerce
Visa fees waiver for non-immigrants
Weather stations

1.10 Travel and Visa Information

Passport required. Visa valid up to 3 months, no charge. Check Embassy/consulate for specific requirements. Yellow fever immunization required of travelers arriving from infected areas.

1.11 Ethnic and Soclocultural Groups

Mestizo (mixed Amerindian and European) element of the population predominates; Ladino value system has superseded Indian traditions in all but a few isolated groups. In the northeast, Miskito, Paya, and Sumo Indians retain much of their traditional culture; western Indians, e.g., Lenca, differ from Ladinos in specific traits of land use and religion but not in language or, in broad terms, social organization. On the Atlantic coast Black Caribs, descendants of runaway slaves and Carib Indians of St. Vincent who were deported by the British to one of the Bay Islands in 1796, still live there and also along north coast. They retain some Carib and some West African cultural traits, practice a variant of Catholicism, speak Carib, Spanish, and sometimes English. Most Bay Islanders, black and white, are descendants of Protestant English-speaking emigrants from the Antilles but are integrated into Honduran culture only in political terms.

1.12 Languages

Spanish is the official language and is spoken by most Hondurans, including many Indian groups. The major exception is the Bay Islanders, most of whom speak only English. Indian languages belong to both South and

Middle American families; Carib, Miskito, and Sumo languages are still in use.

1.13 Education

The educational system is seriously lacking in trained teachers, classrooms, and other resources. The problem is most severe in rural areas where enrollment of school age children is about 71% (and average attainment under 2 years) compared with 97% in urban areas. Actual attendance is estimated at 60%.

1.14 Religion

Religious freedom is guaranteed by the 1957 constitution. Over 90% of the population is nominally Catholic but few are regular church-goers. The Methodist denomination, the faith of the Bay Islanders, is the major Protestant church. Society of Friends, Mennonites, Church of God, and Seventh-Day Adventists are other minority sects.