

# The World Factbook

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## Central America and Caribbean :: Honduras

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three equal horizontal bands of blue (top), white, and blue, with five blue, five-pointed stars arranged in an X pattern centered in the white band; the stars represent the members of the former Federal Republic of Central America - Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua; the blue bands symbolize the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean Sea; the white band represents the land between the two bodies of water and the peace and prosperity of its people

**note:** similar to the flag of El Salvador, which features a round emblem encircled by the words **REPUBLICA DE EL SALVADOR EN LA AMERICA CENTRAL** centered in the white band; also similar to the flag of Nicaragua, which features a triangle encircled by the words **REPUBLICA DE NICARAGUA** on top and **AMERICA CENTRAL** on the bottom, centered in the white band