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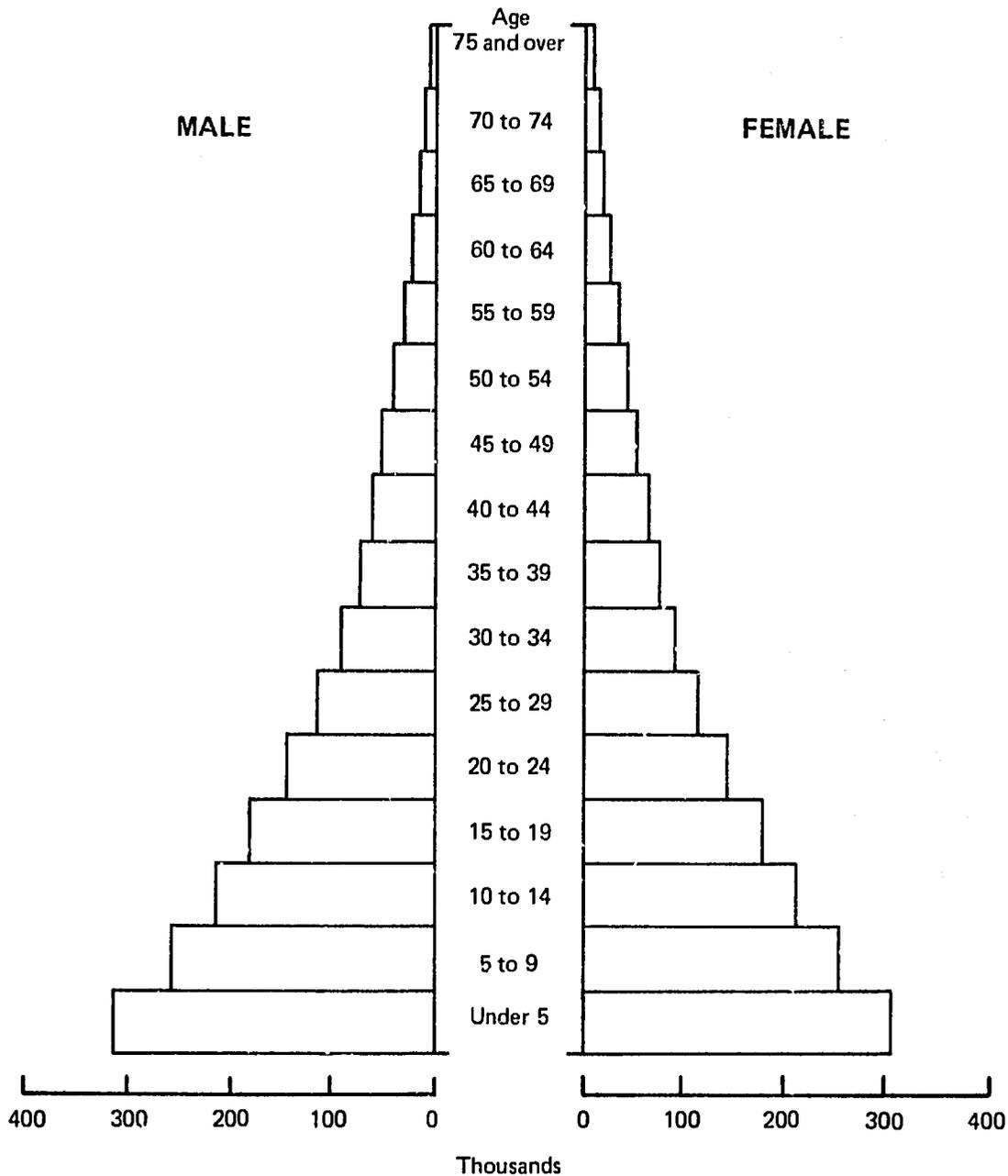
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INTRODUCTION

This profile of the population of Honduras contains tables of selected demographic information, including size of population, and estimates of fertility and mortality. Specifically, annual estimates of total population are shown beginning in 1950. An adjusted distribution of the population by age and sex is given for the latest census year, as well as for 1976. Projections of the number of women of childbearing age are shown for each year to 1985.

Fertility measures shown in the profile include crude birth rates, age-specific fertility rates, and gross and net reproduction rates. Mortality is shown in terms of crude death rates, life expectancy at birth, infant mortality rates, and selected life table values by age and sex.

Also presented is summary information on family planning, urban population, marital status, and some data from which past migration can be inferred. Other related items are included that are not strictly demographic, such as number and size of households; educational attainment; school enrollment; labor force by industry, occupation, and status; and some other selected indicators.

SOURCES AND QUALITY OF DATA

Data for this profile were obtained primarily from the April 17, 1961, and March 6, 1974, population censuses, and the 1970-72 National Demographic Survey of Honduras. The 1974 age-sex distribution used for analysis in this profile was based on a sample tabulation of approximately 10 percent. The quality of the age-sex distributions from the population census would be described as fairly unreliable based on scores of the United Nations Age-Sex Accuracy Index of 24 and 25 for 1961 and 1974, respectively. Limitations of this index include the failure to take account of the expected decline in the sex ratios with increasing age, of real fluctuations due to migration, war, and epidemic, and of normal fluctuations in births and deaths. The U.N. Age-Sex Accuracy Index is primarily a measure of net age misreporting and, for the most part, does not measure net coverage error. However, by using the 1961 Post Enumeration Survey and by applying selected

analytical techniques to the age-sex data, the census distributions were adjusted for possible age misreporting and net coverage error (see table 2 for 1974 adjusted census). The estimated net (percent) underenumeration for the total population and the population under age 10, by sex, in 1961 and 1974 is shown below:

Year and sex	All ages	Under age 10
1961		
Both sexes.....	6.0	5.9
Male.....	6.8	5.9
Female.....	5.1	5.8
1974		
Both sexes.....	12.5	13.9
Male.....	13.7	13.0
Female.....	11.3	14.8

While Honduras has had a compulsory vital registration system since 1882, registration is considered to be incomplete. Births and deaths are tabulated by year of registration. Based on the results of the 1970-72 National Demographic Survey of Honduras, births for recent years have been adjusted for about 13 percent underregistration and registration of deaths has been judged to be about 50 percent complete.

The user should recognize that in many instances, although the estimates are the best that can be provided on the basis of available information, they are only tentative and new observations may well lead to different conclusions. The user is urged to consider all data in the context of the source notes which describe how the figures were derived. Complete documentation, including worksheets and other notes on all sources considered, is maintained in the Population Division. The user who has special interest in the data is invited to correspond with the Population Division for further details as well as to offer comments.

Glossary

(Following are definitions of terms as used in the tables and the notes of this profile)

Active users. Persons using methods of contraception at a given point in time.

Age pattern of fertility. The percent distribution of a set of age-specific fertility rates. It expresses the relative contribution of each age group to total fertility.

Age-specific fertility rate. The number of births during 1 year to women in a given 5-year age group per 1,000 women in the same age group (based on midyear population).

Age-specific marital fertility rate. The number of births to married women in a given age group per 1,000 married women in the same age group.

Birth rate. The number of births during 1 year per 1,000 persons (based on midyear population). Also called crude birth rate.

Children ever born. The number of live births a woman has had, regardless of the woman's present or past marital status and regardless of whether the children are now living or dead, or living with or away from the mother.

Cohort. A group of individuals who experience the same event in the same calendar period, such as the same year of birth or marriage.

Component method. A method of projecting the size of a population by age and sex, in which separate assumptions are made concerning the future fertility, mortality, and migration rates of the population.

Crude birth rate. See birth rate.

Crude death rate. See death rate.

Death rate. The number of deaths during 1 year per 1,000 persons (based on midyear population). Also called crude death rate.

Ever-married women. All women who are now, or who have been, married. The category includes the currently married, those living in consensual unions, and the widowed, divorced, or separated.

Gross reproduction rate. The average number of daughters born per woman in a group of women passing through the childbearing years and experiencing a given set of age-specific fertility rates. This rate implicitly assumes that all the women live to the end of the childbearing years. (See also net reproduction rate.)

Growth rate. The annual increase (or decrease) to the population resulting from a surplus or deficit of births over deaths and a surplus or deficit of migrants into or out of the country, expressed as a percentage of the base population.

Infant mortality rate. The number of deaths of children under 1 year of age per 1,000 live births in a calendar year.

Life expectancy at birth. The average number of years to be lived by persons born in a certain year if mortality rates for each age group remain constant in the future.

Median age of childbearing. The midpoint age that separates the younger half of all women giving birth in a given year from the older half.

Net reproduction rate. A refinement of the gross reproduction rate that allows for mortality of women from birth to the end of their reproductive years.

New acceptors. Persons accepting methods of contraception from family planning systems, including clients accepting contraceptive services for the first time; clients changing to another service organization; clients changing to a different contraceptive method; and clients resuming acceptance of contraceptive services after a lapse of 1 year.

Rate of natural increase. The annual increase (or decrease) to the population resulting from a surplus or deficit of births over deaths, expressed as a percentage of the midyear population. The natural increase of the population does not include the migration of persons into or out of the country.

Sex ratio at birth. The number of male births for each female birth.

Total fertility rate (TFR). The average number of children that would be born per woman if all women lived to the end of their childbearing years and bore children according to a given set of age-specific fertility rates. It is five times the sum of the age-specific fertility rates, divided by 1,000.

United Nations Age-Sex Accuracy Index. An index developed by the United Nations to measure irregularities in age distributions in 5-year age groups. Index values of less than 20 usually describe "reasonably reliable" age distributions, values between 20 and 40 "fairly unreliable" age distributions, and values over 40 "quite unreliable" age distributions. The United Nations states that although high test scores may reflect actual irregularities in the age data caused by past demographic fluctuations or international migrations, usually, to a larger extent, they reflect errors in the age data.

Table 1. ESTIMATES AND PROJECTIONS OF MIDYEAR POPULATION: 1950 TO 1976

(In thousands)

Year	Population	Year	Population	Year	Population
ESTIMATES		ESTIMATES--Con.		ESTIMATES--Con.	
1950.....	1,431	1960.....	1,952	1970.....	2,683
1951.....	1,474	1961.....	2,017	1971.....	2,767
1952.....	1,517	1962.....	2,082	1972.....	2,864
1953.....	1,562	1963.....	2,151	1973.....	2,964
1954.....	1,611	1964.....	2,224	1974.....	3,066
1955.....	1,662	1965.....	2,299		
1956.....	1,715	1966.....	2,375	PROJECTIONS	
1957.....	1,770	1967.....	2,453		
1958.....	1,829	1968.....	2,534	1975.....	3,174
1959.....	1,889	1969.....	2,618	1976.....	3,285

Source: The 1950 to 1974 estimates are based on the 1950, 1961, and 1974 population censuses adjusted for estimated net underenumeration of 4.3 percent, 6.0 percent, and 12.5 percent, respectively, and estimated fertility, mortality, and migration trends from 1950 to 1974. The 1950 census was adjusted by the Dirección General de Censo y Estadística (Honduras DGCE, 1952, p.7). The 1961 population census, by age and sex, was adjusted at the Bureau of the Census as follows: 1) the distributions were smoothed for age misreporting, 2) the smoothed distributions were adjusted to an expected pattern of sex ratios by age, and 3) the total population was adjusted for an overall underenumeration of 5.3 percent as estimated by the 1961 Post Enumeration Survey (Honduras, 1962b). An additional adjustment for underenumeration was made to the population ages 0 to 4 years based on estimated fertility and mortality levels for the period 1956 to 1961. The 1974 census was adjusted based on a cohort analysis of the 1961 and 1974 censuses, by age and sex, using the sample age and sex distribution from the 1974 census, adjusted registered births and estimated intercensal mortality (see table 4) and migration (based on the number of immigrants from Honduras as reported in census and immigration statistics for neighboring countries and the United States). Births for each year 1961 to 1974 were adjusted for 13 percent underregistration (see table 3).

The 1975 to 1976 population figures were projected by the component method. The base of the projections was the 1974 adjusted census population, by age and sex. Assumptions were as follows:

Fertility: The total fertility rate of 7.02 in 1974 was assumed to decrease to 6.80 in 1976, a drop of 3 percent. This assumes a continuation of the rate of decline of the total fertility rate between the 1971 to 1972 period and 1974 (from 7.30 to 7.02). See Appendix table A-2 for age-specific fertility rates.

Mortality: Life expectancies at birth (e_0) increased from 52 years to 54 years for males and from 57 years to 58 years for females from 1974 to 1976. The 1976 levels for males and females were obtained by graphical extrapolation of the trends exhibited by life expectancies at birth from life tables for 1961, the 1971 to 1972 period, and 1974 (see table 4 and Appendix table A-3 for e_0 values).

Migration: Net international migration was nil during the projection period.

**Table 2. ESTIMATED AND PROJECTED POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX:
MARCH 1974 AND MIDYEAR 1976**

(In thousands. Figures may not add to totals due to rounding)

Age	Adjusted census, March 1974 ¹			Projected population, midyear 1976		
	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female
All ages.....	3,032.3	1,522.8	1,509.5	3,285.2	1,649.4	1,635.9
0 to 4 years.....	582.4	296.1	286.3	625.9	318.8	308.1
5 to 9 years.....	475.2	240.4	234.8	512.4	259.4	253.0
10 to 14 years.....	397.9	200.7	197.2	429.3	216.6	212.7
15 to 19 years.....	330.2	166.3	163.9	359.0	180.7	178.3
20 to 24 years.....	264.6	133.2	131.4	291.3	146.4	144.8
25 to 29 years.....	208.9	105.0	103.9	229.8	115.4	114.4
30 to 34 years.....	169.1	84.9	84.3	183.5	91.9	91.6
35 to 39 years.....	138.9	69.5	69.4	149.9	74.9	75.0
40 to 44 years.....	115.1	57.2	57.9	123.7	61.5	62.2
45 to 49 years.....	94.9	46.7	48.2	102.2	50.4	51.8
50 to 54 years.....	76.5	37.4	39.1	82.8	40.5	42.4
55 to 59 years.....	60.2	29.2	31.0	65.2	31.6	33.6
60 to 64 years.....	47.1	22.7	24.4	50.6	24.4	26.2
65 to 69 years.....	34.2	16.4	17.9	37.0	17.7	19.4
70 to 74 years.....	23.6	11.0	12.6	24.9	11.6	13.3
75 years and over.....	13.4	6.0	7.4	16.7	7.4	9.3

¹For unadjusted census figures see Appendix table A-1.

Source: See note to table 1.

Table 3. ESTIMATED AND PROJECTED VITAL RATES FOR SELECTED YEARS: 1961 TO 1976

Year	Births per 1,000 population	Deaths per 1,000 population	Rate of natural increase (percent)	Growth rate (percent)
1961.....	49	16	3.3	3.2
1971 to 1972.....	49	14	3.5	3.3
1974.....	48	12	3.5	3.4
1976.....	45-47	12	3.3-3.5	3.3-3.5

Source: The 1961 and 1974 crude birth rates were estimated at the Bureau of the Census, based on the adjusted census populations and registered births, adjusted for 13 percent under-registration. The adjustment was based on a comparison of the reported 1971 to 1972 crude birth rate from the 1970 to 1972 National Demographic Survey of Honduras and the registered crude birth rate for the 1971 to 1972 period. The percent adjustment implied for the 1971 to 1972 period was held constant for 1961 and 1974. The 1971 to 1972 crude birth rate is the reported survey rate (Centro Latinoamericano de Demografía, 1975b, table 14).

Crude death rates for 1961 and 1974 were estimated based on the 1961 and 1974 adjusted populations and age-sex-specific life table central death rates (m_x values as defined in table 5). The life tables were derived at the Bureau of the Census (see table 4). The crude death rate for 1971 to 1972 is the reported survey rate (Centro Latinoamericano de Demografía, 1975b, table 14).

The range in vital rates for 1976 is implied by alternate component population projections. These projections assume that the total fertility rate (TFR) of 7.02 in 1974 declined to 6.94 in 1976 for the upper bound, a drop of about 1 percent. This change is based on the assumption that the rate of decline that occurred in the estimated TFR between 1973 and 1974 (from 7.05 to 7.02) would continue to 1976. The lower-bound projection assumes a decline of the total fertility rate to 6.60 in 1976, a drop of 6 percent under the 1974 level. This change is based on the rate of decline that occurred in the estimated TFR between 1972 and 1973 (from 7.27 to 7.05). Honduras' national family planning program has grown slowly since it was instituted in 1966 (see table 12). By 1976 the total number of current users was about 7 percent of total women in the childbearing ages. For mortality and migration assumptions, see table 1. A crude birth rate of 46 and a crude death rate of 12 for 1976 are consistent with the projection series shown in table 1.

Rates of natural increase were calculated from unrounded crude birth and death rates. They may not equal the difference between the crude birth and death rates shown due to rounding. Growth rates for 1961, 1971 to 1972, and 1974 include estimates of net international migration (see table 1).

**Table 4. ESTIMATED INFANT MORTALITY RATE
AND LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH: 1961,
1971 TO 1972, AND 1974**

Year	Infant deaths per 1,000 live births	Life expectancy at birth (years)
1961.....	130	50
1971 to 1972.....	117	53
1974.....	103	55

Source: The 1961 and 1974 infant mortality rates were calculated using the q_0 values from the 1961 and 1974 life tables and a sex ratio at birth of 1.05 (see below for details of 1961 and 1974 life tables). The infant mortality rate for 1971 to 1972 is the reported rate from the 1970 to 1972 National Demographic Survey of Honduras (Centro Latinoamericano de Demografía, 1975b, table 16).

Life expectancy at birth for 1971 to 1972 is estimated from the 1970 to 1972 survey data (Centro Latinoamericano de Demografía, 1975b, table 16). Life expectancies at birth for females for 1961 and 1974 were estimated by a graphic stable population technique which is based on a simultaneous comparison of population and death distributions by age from stable populations and from the census population and registered deaths. A 1974 life expectancy at birth was estimated for males by maintaining the sex differential in life expectancy that was observed in the 1970 to 1972 survey. The 1961 life expectancy at birth for males was estimated by graphical extrapolation of the 1971 to 1972 and 1974 values. The life expectancy for both sexes was estimated using a sex ratio at birth of 1.05. The 1961 and 1974 life tables were derived based on these estimated life expectancies at birth and adjusted patterns of mortality based on registered deaths, by age and sex.

Table 5. ESTIMATED LIFE TABLE VALUES, BY SEX: 1974

Age interval (x to x+n)	Annual number of deaths per 1,000 persons occurring between age x and age x + n ($1000 \frac{m_x}{n}$)	In stationary population		Average number of years of life remaining for those alive at exact age x (e_x)
		Number of persons living at exact age x (l_x)	Number of persons living between age x and age x + n (nL_x)	
MALE				
Under 1 year.....	115.1	100,000	92,841	52.3
1 to 4 years.....	16.0	89,315	342,113	57.5
5 to 9 years.....	5.1	83,849	413,996	57.2
10 to 14 years.....	2.3	81,750	406,435	53.6
15 to 19 years.....	3.6	80,824	400,527	49.2
20 to 24 years.....	5.0	79,386	392,052	45.0
25 to 29 years.....	6.4	77,434	381,071	41.1
30 to 34 years.....	7.0	74,994	368,546	37.3
35 to 39 years.....	7.7	72,424	355,298	33.6
40 to 44 years.....	8.5	69,695	341,234	29.8
45 to 49 years.....	10.0	66,799	325,808	26.0
50 to 54 years.....	12.5	63,524	308,000	22.2
55 to 59 years.....	17.4	59,676	285,968	18.4
60 to 64 years.....	24.3	54,711	257,864	14.9
65 to 69 years.....	42.0	48,434	219,171	11.5
70 to 74 years.....	71.8	39,234	166,305	8.6
75 to 79 years.....	121.9	27,288	104,564	6.3
80 years and over.....	215.8	14,538	67,363	4.6
FEMALE				
Under 1 year.....	105.8	100,000	93,538	57.0
1 to 4 years.....	12.7	90,108	348,215	62.3
5 to 9 years.....	4.1	85,680	424,063	61.4
10 to 14 years.....	1.9	83,945	417,772	57.6
15 to 19 years.....	2.4	83,164	413,292	53.2
20 to 24 years.....	3.0	82,153	407,659	48.8
25 to 29 years.....	3.8	80,911	400,725	44.5
30 to 34 years.....	4.5	79,379	392,450	40.3
35 to 39 years.....	5.3	77,601	382,913	36.2
40 to 44 years.....	6.1	75,565	372,158	32.1
45 to 49 years.....	7.2	73,298	360,007	28.0
50 to 54 years.....	9.4	70,704	345,423	23.9
55 to 59 years.....	14.5	67,465	325,495	20.0
60 to 64 years.....	21.4	62,733	297,741	16.3
65 to 69 years.....	35.0	56,363	259,129	12.8
70 to 74 years.....	57.0	47,289	206,928	9.8
75 to 79 years.....	92.8	35,483	144,008	7.2
80 years and over.....	195.8	22,121	112,982	5.1

Source: See table 4 for detailed source note.

Table 6. PROJECTED NUMBER OF WOMEN OF CHILDBEARING AGE: 1974 TO 1985

(Midyear population in thousands. Figures may not add to totals due to rounding)

Year	All women, 15 to 49 years	15 to 19 years	20 to 24 years	25 to 29 years	30 to 34 years	35 to 39 years	40 to 44 years	45 to 49 years
1974.....	666	166	133	105	85	70	59	49
1975.....	692	172	139	110	88	73	60	50
1976.....	718	178	145	114	92	75	62	52
1977.....	745	185	151	120	95	78	64	53
1978.....	774	191	157	125	99	80	66	55
1979.....	803	197	164	131	103	83	68	57
1980.....	833	204	170	137	108	86	71	59
1981.....	865	211	176	143	112	90	73	60
1982.....	898	218	182	149	118	93	76	62
1983.....	931	225	189	155	123	97	78	64
1984.....	966	232	195	161	129	101	81	66
1985.....	1,002	240	202	168	134	105	84	69

Source: Projection based on the 1974 adjusted census population (see table 2). Assumptions were as follows:

- Fertility: Assumptions regarding fertility have no effect on the number of women in these ages.
Mortality: Life expectancy at birth for women was assumed to increase from 57 years in 1974 to 62 years in 1985.
Migration: Net international migration was assumed to be nil.

Table 7. ESTIMATED AGE-SPECIFIC FERTILITY RATES AND SELECTED DERIVED MEASURES: 1961, 1971 TO 1972, AND 1974

Age	Births per 1,000 women			Derived measures	1961	1971 to 1972	1974
	1961	1971 to 1972	1974				
15 to 19 years.....	155	165	159	Total fertility rate			
20 to 24 years.....	323	307	295	per woman.....	7.27	7.30	7.02
25 to 29 years.....	344	336	323	Gross reproduction			
30 to 34 years.....	295	295	283	rate per woman.....	3.54	3.56	3.42
35 to 39 years.....	220	218	209	Net reproduction rate			
40 to 44 years.....	93	123	118	per woman.....	2.63	2.77	2.71
45 to 49 years.....	23	18	17	Sex ratio at birth....	1.05	1.05	1.05

Source: The 1961 total and age-specific fertility rates are based on registered births, by age of mother, adjusted for 13 percent underregistration (see details in table 3), and adjusted female population, by age. Total and age-specific fertility rates for 1971 to 1972 are based on registered births adjusted for 13 percent underregistration (see details in table 3), the age pattern of fertility from the 1970 to 1972 survey, and estimated female population, by age. The 1970 to 1972 survey had a reported total fertility rate of 7.5. The 1974 total and age-specific fertility rates are based on registered births adjusted for 13 percent underregistration (see details in table 3), the pattern of fertility from the 1970 to 1972 survey, and adjusted female population by age.

The gross reproduction rates are based on the estimated total fertility rates and the sex ratios at birth.

The 1961 net reproduction rate is based on the 1961 estimated age-specific fertility rates, the sex ratio at birth, and L_x values from an estimated 1961 female life table (see table 4 and Appendix table A-3). For 1971 to 1972 the net reproduction rate was based on the estimated age-specific fertility rates, the sex ratio at birth, and the L_x values from the 1971 to 1972 female life table based on the 1970 to 1972 survey data (Centro Latinoamericano de Demografía, 1975c, table 1.8).

The 1974 net reproduction rate is based on the 1974 estimated age-specific fertility rates, the sex ratio at birth, and L_x values from an estimated 1974 female life table (see table 5).

The sex ratios at birth were assumed to be 1.05 (United Nations, 1967, p. 23).

**Table 8. AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN
EVER BORN BY AGE OF WOMAN: 1972**

Age	Average number of children per woman
All women, 15 to 49 years.....	3.5
15 to 19 years.....	0.3
20 to 24 years.....	1.7
25 to 29 years.....	3.4
30 to 34 years.....	5.0
35 to 39 years.....	6.3
40 to 44 years.....	7.2
45 to 49 years.....	7.3

Note: Data based on special retrospective questions incorporated in the fourth round of the 1970 to 1972 National Demographic Survey.

Source: Centro Latinoamericano de Demografía, 1975a, table 1.1.

Table 9. PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF WOMEN AGES 15 TO 49 YEARS, BY MARITAL STATUS: 1971 TO 1972

(Figures may not add to totals due to rounding)

Age	Total	Single	Legally married	Consensually married	Divorced, separated or widowed
All women, 15 to 49 years.....	100.0	25.7	26.1	33.1	15.1
15 to 19 years.....	100.0	69.2	7.8	18.5	4.6
20 to 24 years.....	100.0	27.1	22.4	37.3	13.1
25 to 29 years.....	100.0	11.0	31.2	44.5	13.3
30 to 34 years.....	100.0	6.7	36.6	37.8	18.9
35 to 39 years.....	100.0	4.6	36.2	37.6	21.7
40 to 44 years.....	100.0	4.1	39.6	32.3	24.0
45 to 49 years.....	100.0	4.1	33.8	32.9	29.2

Note: The base of the percentages is the number of women of known marital status in each age group.

Source: Centro Latinoamericano de Demografía, 1975a, table 2.1.

**Table 10. MEASURES OF AGE AT MARRIAGE
FOR WOMEN: 1971 TO 1972**

Minimum legal age at marriage	12 years
Age by which 25 percent have ever married.....	17 years
Age by which 50 percent have ever married.....	20 years
Age by which 75 percent have ever married.....	23 years

Source: Legal age at marriage from United Nations, 1974, table 20. Percent of women ever married from Centro Latinoamericano de Demografía, 1975a, table 2.1.

Table 11. PERCENT LITERATE, AGES 15 YEARS AND OVER, BY SEX: 1974

Age	Both sexes	Male	Female
Total, 15 years and over.	56.9	58.9	55.1
15 to 24 years.....	71.4	70.5	72.3
25 to 34 years.....	59.7	61.6	57.9
35 years and over.....	41.9	46.9	37.2

Note: Literacy is defined as the ability to read and write.

Source: Honduras DGEC, 1977, table 8.

Table 12. NUMBER OF NEW ACCEPTORS AND ACTIVE USERS OF CONTRACEPTION, AND USERS AS A PERCENT OF MARRIED WOMEN, AGES 15 TO 49 YEARS, BY METHOD, FOR SELECTED YEARS: 1966 TO 1976

(Figures may not add to totals due to rounding)

Method	New acceptors ¹									Active users			
	1966 to 1967	1968 to 1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976 ²	Number			Percent of married women, 1976 ³
										1974	1975	1976	
All methods.....	4.6	13.7	22.0	23.7	25.1	24.2	24.7	25.9	18.3	44.2	45.2	49.3	11.6
Oral contraceptives.....	(NA)	(NA)	15.7	16.7	18.0	17.2	20.5	22.5	15.0	33.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
IUDs.....	(NA)	(NA)	5.7	6.6	6.7	6.4	3.7	2.7	2.1	11.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other.....	(NA)	(NA)	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.7	1.2	0.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

NA Data not available.

¹Data for 1966 to 1967 refer to the private program, the Honduras Association for Family Planning. Beginning in 1968, the data also include a government program which comes under the Ministry of Public Health and Social Assistance. Data from the Honduras Institute of Social Security are not available.

²Includes data from the Ministry of Public Health and Social Assistance for only the first two quarters of 1976 and data from the Honduras Association for Family Planning for all quarters of 1976.

³Includes women in consensual unions.

Source: New acceptor data for 1966 to 1967 and 1968 to 1969 are unpublished data from Family Planning Evaluation Division, U.S. Center for Disease Control, and U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1975; for 1970 to 1975, from International Planned Parenthood Federation, various volumes (no date a, no date b, 1973, 1975, and 1976), and U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1975; for 1976, from Honduras Association for Family Planning, no date.

Active users data for 1974 are from U.S. Agency for International Development, no date; for 1975 and 1976, unpublished data from Family Planning Evaluation Division, U.S. Center for Disease Control.

Married women for 1976 were estimated at the U.S. Bureau of the Census by applying the percent of women, ages 15 to 49 years, who were legally and consensually married in 1971 to 1972 (table 9) to the projected number of total women in the same ages for 1976 (table 6).

Table 13. PERCENT OF POPULATION ENROLLED IN SCHOOL, BY SEX: 1961, AGES 7 TO 29 YEARS AND 1974, AGES 6 TO 29 YEARS

Age	Both sexes	Male	Female
1961			
Total, 7 to 29 years.....	23.1	23.9	22.4
7 to 9 years.....	38.4	37.8	39.0
10 to 14 years.....	47.4	47.0	47.8
15 to 19 years.....	11.5	12.3	10.8
20 to 29 years.....	1.5	2.2	0.8
1974			
Total, 6 to 29 years.....	38.1	39.6	36.7

Note: Enrollment is defined in 1961 as attendance at regular teaching establishments.

Source: Honduras DGEC, 1964b, table 12 and Honduras DGEC, 1975c, table 3.

Table 14. PERCENT OF POPULATION, AGES 10 YEARS AND OVER, WHO HAVE COMPLETED SCHOOL, BY LEVEL AND SEX: 1974

Level	Both sexes	Male	Female
Primary school.....	30.0	29.7	30.3
Secondary school.....	3.9	4.2	3.7
Higher levels.....	0.7	1.1	0.3

Note: Primary education is defined as completing 4 to 6 years of primary school; secondary as completing 4 to 6 years of secondary school; and higher as completing training at a university or higher technical school.

Source: Honduras DGEC, 1976h, table 10.

Table 15. PERCENT OF POPULATION ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE, BY AGE AND SEX: 1974

Age	Male	Female	Age	Male	Female
Total, 10 years and over...	75.2	13.4	35 to 39 years.....	95.9	17.7
10 to 14 years.....	28.9	2.6	40 to 44 years.....	95.8	15.7
15 to 19 years.....	74.7	14.2	45 to 49 years.....	95.4	14.7
20 to 24 years.....	90.3	20.2	50 to 54 years.....	93.7	13.3
25 to 29 years.....	94.6	19.9	55 to 59 years.....	92.0	12.4
30 to 34 years.....	95.5	18.7	60 to 64 years.....	86.5	10.3
			65 years and over.....	65.2	6.1

Source: Honduras DGEC, 1976b, table 11.

Table 16. DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR FORCE, BY SEX AND INDUSTRY: 1974

(Figures may not add to totals due to rounding)

Industry	Both sexes	Male	Female
PERCENT ¹			
All industries.....	100.0	100.0	100.0
Agriculture, forestry, hunting and fishing..	61.7	71.8	7.4
Mining and quarrying.....	0.3	0.4	(Z)
Manufacturing.....	11.3	8.3	27.3
Construction.....	3.3	3.8	0.2
Electricity, gas, water, and sanitary services.....	0.3	0.3	0.2
Commerce.....	7.9	5.7	20.0
Transport, storage, and communication.....	2.8	3.1	0.9
Services.....	11.7	6.0	42.5
Financial establishments.....	0.8	0.6	1.4
NUMBER (in thousands)			
Total classified workers.....	747	630	117
Workers not classified by industry.....	16	13	3
Total labor force.....	763	643	120

Z Represents less than 0.05 percent.

¹The base of the percentages is the total classified workers.

Source: Honduras DGEC, 1977, table 12.

Table 17. DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR FORCE, BY SEX AND OCCUPATION: 1974

(Figures may not add to totals due to rounding)

Occupation	Both sexes	Male	Female
PERCENT ¹			
All occupations.....	100.0	100.0	100.0
Professional, technical, and related workers.....	4.1	2.6	12.4
Administrative, executive, and managerial workers.....	0.9	0.9	1.4
Clerical workers.....	4.2	3.6	7.9
Sales workers.....	5.9	4.4	13.8
Farmers, fishermen, hunters, loggers, and related workers.....	60.6	70.9	5.1
Workers in transport and communication occupations.....	0.9	1.0	-
Craftsmen, production process workers and laborers not elsewhere classified.....	16.7	14.5	28.5
Service, sport and recreation workers.....	6.6	2.1	30.9
NUMBER (in thousands)			
Total classified workers.....	748	631	117
Workers not classified by occupation.....	15	13	2
Total labor force....	763	643	120

- Represents zero.

¹The base of the percentages is the total classified workers.

Source: Honduras DGEC, 1977, table 11.

Table 18. DISTRIBUTION OF THE LABOR FORCE, BY SEX AND STATUS: 1974

(Figures may not add to totals due to rounding)

Status	Both sexes	Male	Female
PERCENT¹			
Total labor force.....	100.0	100.0	100.0
Employers.....	6.7	7.3	4.0
Workers on own account.....	33.6	34.7	27.4
Salaried employees and wage earners.....	45.0	41.5	64.1
Unpaid family workers.....	14.7	16.6	4.4
NUMBER (in thousands)			
Total classified workers.....	748	631	117
Others and status unknown.....	14	12	2
Total labor force.....	763	643	120

¹The base of the percentages is the total classified workers.

Source: Honduras DGEC, 1977, table 13.

Table 19. PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF HOUSEHOLDS BY NUMBER OF PERSONS: 1974

Persons per household	Percent
All households.....	100.0
1 person.....	4.2
2 persons.....	7.9
3 persons.....	11.8
4 persons.....	13.7
5 persons.....	14.1
6 persons.....	13.1
7 persons.....	11.0
8 persons.....	8.6
9 persons or more.....	15.6
OTHER HOUSEHOLD MEASURES	
Number of households.....	463,004
Mean number of persons per household.....	5.7
Median number of persons per household.....	5.4

Note: These data refer to persons in occupied housing units. The dwelling units included are separate houses, apartments, inns or rooming houses, huts, and improvised houses.

Source: Honduras DGEC, 1976c, table 6 and Honduras DGEC, 1976b, table 26.

Table 20. SELECTED URBAN MEASURES: 1974

Urban areas ¹ :	
Population.....	833,179
Percent of country's total population.....	31.4
Cities with 100,000 inhabitants or more:	
Number of cities.....	2
Population.....	424,885
Percent of country's total population.....	16.0
Cities with 20,000 inhabitants or more:	
Number of cities.....	6
Population.....	543,747
Percent of country's total population.....	20.5

¹Urban areas are defined as all population centers with 2,000 or more inhabitants which have the following four services: running water, access routes, a complete elementary educational system (6 grades), and postal service or telecommunications, as well as at least one of the following - electricity, a sewage system, or a health center.

Source: Honduras DGEC, 1976b, table 5.

Table 21. DEPARTMENT POPULATION AND GROWTH RATES

Department	1961 population (in thousands)	1974 population (in thousands)	Annual growth rate 1961 to 1974 (percent) ¹
Atlántida.....	92.9	148.3	+3.6
Choluteca.....	149.2	193.3	+2.0
Colón.....	41.9	77.8	+4.8
Comayagua.....	96.4	136.6	+2.7
Copán.....	126.2	151.9	+1.4
Cortés.....	200.1	369.6	+4.8
El Paraíso.....	106.8	140.8	+2.1
Francisco Morazán.....	284.4	453.6	+3.6
Gracias a Dios.....	10.9	20.7	+5.0
Intibucá.....	73.1	81.8	+0.9
Islas de la Bahía.....	9.0	13.2	+3.0
La Paz.....	60.6	66.0	+0.7
Lempira.....	111.5	127.8	+1.1
Ocotepeque.....	52.5	51.0	-0.2
Olancho.....	110.7	151.4	+2.4
Santa Bárbara.....	146.9	186.1	+1.8
Valle.....	80.9	91.9	+1.0
Yoro.....	130.5	195.0	+3.1

¹A plus sign (+) denotes net increase, a minus sign (-) net decrease.

Source: Honduras DGEC, 1977, table 1.

**Table 22. PERSONS OF FOREIGN CITIZENSHIP,
BY COUNTRY: 1961**

Country of citizenship	Number
All countries.....	51,204
El Salvador.....	38,002
Guatemala.....	4,497
Nicaragua.....	3,553
United States.....	1,433
Mexico.....	379
Antilles.....	306
Costa Rica.....	294
Panama.....	159
Canada.....	82
All other.....	2,499
Alien population as percent of total population.....	2.7

Source: Honduras DGEC, 1964b, tables 1 and 7.

Table 23. SELECTED SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ITEMS

Item	Year	Number or rate
Total area.....	1963.....	11,209,000 hectares
Agricultural area ¹	1963.....	4,236,000 hectares
Daily newspaper circulation.....	1973.....	42 per 1,000 population
Radio receivers.....	1973.....	56 per 1,000 population
Television receivers.....	1971.....	9 per 1,000 population

¹Includes arable land, land under permanent crops, and permanent meadows and pastures.

Source: Total area and agricultural area from Food and Agricultural Organization, 1975, table 1. Other items from United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, 1975, tables 1.1, 12.1, 15.2, and 16.2.

Appendix

Table A-1. CENSUS POPULATION, BY AGE AND SEX: MARCH 1974

(In thousands. Figures may not add to totals due to rounding)

Age	Both sexes	Male	Female
All ages.....	2,656.9	1,317.3	1,339.6
0 to 4 years.....	485.6	246.0	239.6
5 to 9 years.....	424.6	215.7	208.9
10 to 14 years.....	367.1	186.9	180.2
15 to 19 years.....	288.7	139.8	149.0
20 to 24 years.....	228.4	108.5	120.0
25 to 29 years.....	167.5	79.5	88.0
30 to 34 years.....	138.3	67.8	70.5
35 to 39 years.....	128.1	62.0	66.2
40 to 44 years.....	103.8	50.8	53.0
45 to 49 years.....	87.5	43.2	44.3
50 to 54 years.....	69.5	34.2	35.3
55 to 59 years.....	48.9	24.2	24.7
60 to 64 years.....	45.4	23.1	22.4
65 to 69 years.....	28.4	13.9	14.4
70 years and over.....	45.0	21.7	23.3

Source: Honduras DGEC, 1977, table 6.

Table A-2. ESTIMATED AND PROJECTED TOTAL AND AGE-SPECIFIC FERTILITY RATES:
1971 TO 1972, 1974, AND 1976

Age	Estimated		Projected 1976		
	1971 to 1972	1974	Hig. series	Inter- mediate series	Low series
Age-specific fertility rates (per 1,000 women)					
15 to 19 years.....	165	159	157	154	149
20 to 24 years.....	307	295	291	285	277
25 to 29 years.....	336	323	319	313	304
30 to 34 years.....	295	283	280	274	267
35 to 39 years.....	218	209	207	202	197
40 to 44 years.....	123	118	117	114	111
45 to 49 years.....	18	17	17	16	16
Total fertility rate (per woman).....	7.30	7.02	6.94	6.80	6.60

Source: See notes to tables 1, 3, and 7.

**Table A-3. ESTIMATED AND PROJECTED LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH, BY SEX:
1961, 1971 TO 1972, 1974, AND 1976**

Year	Both sexes	Male	Female
Estimated			
1961.....	50	48	52
1971 to 1972.....	53	51	56
1974.....	55	52	57
Projected			
1976.....	56	54	58

Source: See notes to tables 1 and 4.

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