

HONDURAS

MEET A CHILD

Wedy (15) was 13 years old when she first started making branded clothing for a multinational company. "What it's like to live in a one-room hovel with 11 others, earning only 31 cents an hour, going to bed hungry because there isn't enough money for food; what it's like when the factory foreman throws a garment in your face and curses you, how humiliated you feel when you need to go to the bathroom and they won't let you, and what it's like to come out of work at 9 p.m. in the dark in a neighborhood where there's no public transportation home". She said that she and the other kids run home together whistling and singing so they won't be raped & they are often asked to meet the company officials in the church.

TOTAL POPULATION 7,028,000
CHILD POPULATION 2,881,480

Population Reference Bureau -
2004

TOTAL CHILD LABOUR

In 2002, the Multiple-Purpose Household Survey reported that 15.4 percent of children ages 5 to 17 years in Honduras were working.

The US Dept. of Labor's 2003
Findings on the Worst Forms of
Child Labour

ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE POPULATION

There would be an estimated 2,971,000 economically active people in 2010. Of them 14,000 are estimated to be children in the age group 10-14 accounting for 1.53% of children in that age group

ILO, Bureau of Statistics,
Economically Active Population.

GENDER RATIO

990 females for 1000 males

CIA, factbook-2005 (Fig is an
estimate for 2005)

CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL

In 2001, there were 132,300 children in the primary school age group 7-12 who were out of school

UNESCO's EFA Global Monitoring
Report 2005

PROGRESS ON PRIMARY EDUCATION MDG

No confirmed data

CHILD SLAVERY

No confirmed data

CHILD TRAFFICKING

Honduras is a source and transit country for women and children trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation.

US Dept. of State, Trafficking in Persons Report 2005

CHILD PROSTITUTION

Casa Alianza estimated in December 2003 that there are approximately 8,335 child victims of commercial sexual exploitation.

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CHILDREN USED IN CRIME

Children are used to sell drugs in Olancho and Comayagua.

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CHILD SOLDIERS**CHILDREN IN UNORGANISED SECTOR**

According to the Multiple-Purpose Household Survey, 56.2 percent of all working children are employed in agriculture, forestry, hunting, or fishing. Working children are also employed in cattle farming, manufacturing, mining, electricity, gas, construction, commerce, transportation, finance, or service industries (including domestic service).

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