

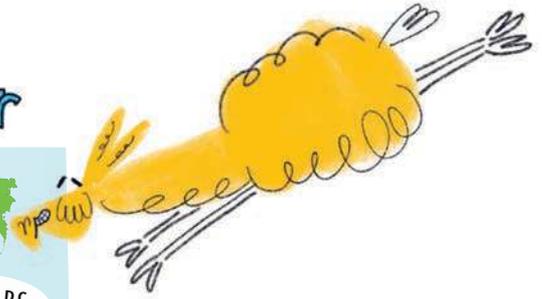
the flag ↷



Money: U.S. dollar



DISCOVER El Salvador



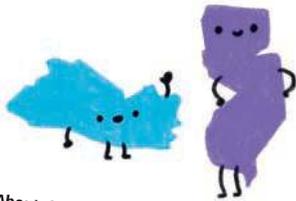
The country's name is Spanish for "The Savior," in honor of Jesus.

Has two seasons: rainy and dry



Wild Residents: jaguars, spider monkeys, anteaters, green toucans

The people are called Salvadorans.



About the same size as New Jersey



Known as the Land of Volcanoes

Favorite:

sports: soccer, basketball

foods: beans, rice, chicken, pupusas (recipe on page 10)

celebrations: Easter, Day of the Dead, Independence Day (Sept. 15)

Stats

El Salvador

United States

Population

6,187,271

323,995,528

People Living Below Poverty Line

32.7%

15.1%

Languages

Spanish (official)
Nawat (among some Amerindians)

English, Spanish, other Indo-European and Asian

Religions

Roman Catholic 50%
Protestant 36%
none 12%
other 2%

Protestant 46.5%
Muslim 0.9%
Jehovah's Witness 0.8%
Buddhist 0.7%
Jewish 1.9%
Mormon 1.6%
Hindu 0.7%

Typical Family Income

\$8,000 per year

\$59,800 per year



Gangs, crime and violence are common.

Public schools are crowded and don't have enough skilled teachers.

Many dads leave their families to work in countries where jobs pay more.



Compassion centers are safe places for sponsored kids to learn about Jesus' love and peaceful message.

Tutors teach sponsored children lessons they might not learn in public schools.

Sponsorship helps meet children's needs, which can keep families together.