Costa Rica

Costa Rica is scored against 188 of 193 other countries. At the UN it votes most alike with Cabo Verde, Peru, Seychelles; least alike with North Korea, Russia, Syria.

Groups: GRULAC

WHERE COSTA RICA STANDS IN UN VOTES, 2025

Voting position 0.0 (90% range -0.14 to 0.13), among 191 countries. Distance from Russia 0.08, China 0.37, United States 2.89.



Nearest voting positions: Ecuador (0.03, ranges overlap), Samoa (0.03, ranges overlap), Panama (0.06, ranges overlap), Cameroon (0.08, ranges overlap), India (0.08, ranges overlap), Russia (0.08, ranges overlap).

WHO IT VOTES WITH

Votes most alike at the UN		Votes least alike at the UN	
Cabo Verde	97% vote agreement	North Korea	56% vote agreement
Peru	96% vote agreement	Russia	52% vote agreement
Seychelles	97% vote agreement	Syria	62% vote agreement
Chile	96% vote agreement	China	67% vote agreement
Dominican Republic	96% vote agreement	Belarus	68% vote agreement
Uruguay	96% vote agreement	Iran	68% vote agreement

THE BIG THREE

United States: index +7 (Neutral), votes -37, trade $19 billion a year
China: index -5 (Distant), votes -60, trade $3.7 billion a year
Russia: index -20 (Distant), votes -61, trade $70 million a year

COSTA RICA IN NUMBERS (CONTEXT, NOT SCORED)

Population	5.2 m (2025)	Inflation	-0.1% (2025)
Economy (GDP)	$102.9 bn (2025)	Electoral democracy	0.86 (2025)
Income per person	$15,669 (2025)		
Government debt	60% (2025)		

TRADE, SECURITY AND CLUBS

Biggest trade ties	
United States	$19 billion
China	$3.7 billion
Netherlands	$2.0 billion
Guatemala	$1.6 billion
Mexico	$1.5 billion
Belgium	$1.1 billion

Opposite sides in armed conflict (latest year)

none recorded

SOURCES AND LIMITS

Votes: UN General Assembly roll calls (Voeten et al.; UN Digital Library) via Nations on Record. Trade: IMF via Nations on Record. Conflict: Uppsala Conflict Data Program 26.1. Context numbers: World Bank, IMF, SIPRI, V-Dem. Voting positions: Bailey, Strezhnev and Voeten. A vote shows how a government voted on a text, not why. Scores are not predictions and not advice. Rules and checks: https://nationsrelations.org/method

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