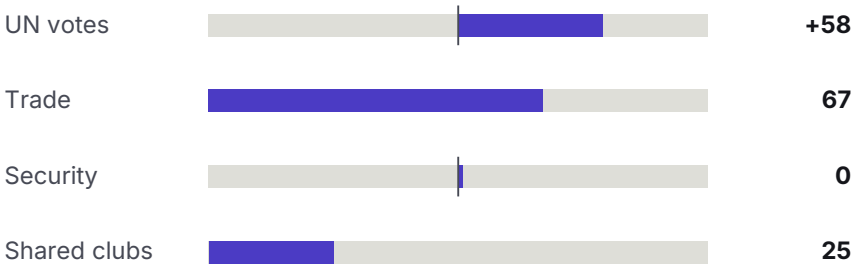
Costa Rica & El Salvador

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Close

Relationship index, −100 to +100. Votes and security run from −100 to +100; trade and shared clubs from 0 to 100.

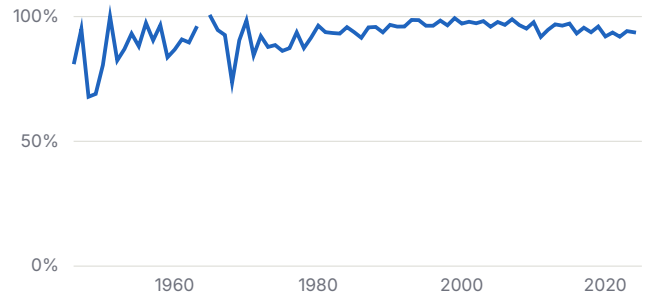


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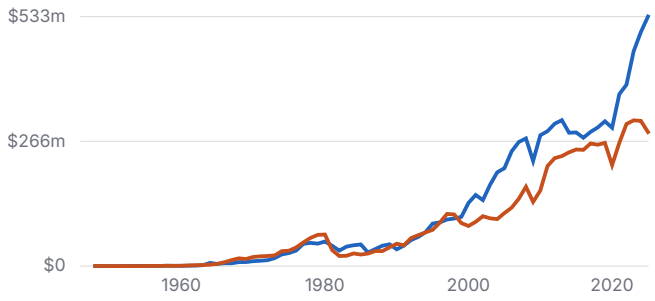
- At the UN their vote agreement is 93% (2022–2024), higher than either of them has with most countries.
- Trade in goods ($800 million a year) is important for El Salvador, less so for Costa Rica.
- At the UN they name each other about equally often (23 and 17 sentences).
- 20,000 people born in El Salvador live in Costa Rica (UN DESA counts place of birth, however long ago they moved).

OVER TIME

Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way

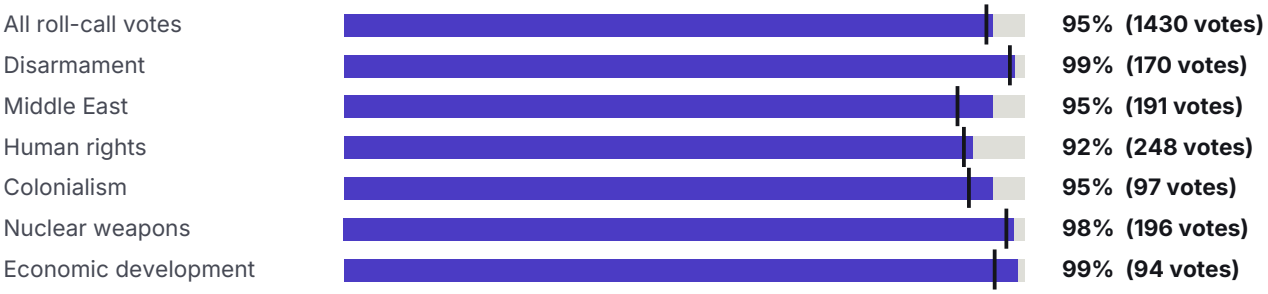


Goods exports each way (US dollars)



Costa Rica sells to El Salvador El Salvador sells to Costa Rica

VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)



Bar: since 2010. Mark: all years. Share of roll-call votes on whole texts cast the same way, counted vote by vote; an abstention against a yes counts as a difference. Disarmament, colonialism and economic development count votes up to 2018.

THE FACTS

UN votes At the UN, the vote agreement of Costa Rica and El Salvador was 93% in 2022–2024. For Costa Rica, El Salvador is the 37th closest voting partner out of 191; for El Salvador, Costa Rica is the 44th closest partner.

Trade Trade in goods between them averaged $800 million a year in 2023–2025: 1.9% of all Costa

	Rica's trade and 4.0% of El Salvador's. El Salvador is Costa Rica's 9th largest trading partner.
Words	Since 1946, Costa Rica has named El Salvador in 23 sentences of its General Debate speeches; El Salvador has named Costa Rica in 17.
Security	No armed conflict between the two governments is recorded since 1946 (UCDP, data to 2025).
People	901 people born in Costa Rica live in El Salvador and 20,000 born in El Salvador live in Costa Rica (2024, UN DESA).
People	Their national football teams have met 63 times.

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	267 shared votes on whole texts in 2022–2024, the years the headline share covers. With that many, a share is good to about ±6 points.
Trade	**High**	Goods trade is reported in 3 of the 3 years 2023–2025. Goods only, from customs data (IMF); services and energy pipelines are not in it.
Security	**High**	The Uppsala Conflict Data Program covers every state up to 2025. It counts only conflicts with at least 25 battle deaths a year.
Shared clubs	**High**	The list of tracked groups is fixed; membership is checked by hand.
Index	**High**	As sure as the weaker of its two required parts, votes and trade. Security and shared clubs add to it but never make it surer.

SOURCES AND HOW TO CITE

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