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The present study examines the affect of conflicting cultural values on emerging adults in San Pedro de Montes de Oca, Costa Rica. Three assumptions are addressed: the presence of emerging adulthood in San Pedro, the variation of emerging adulthood across the three locations within San Pedro, and the affect of changing and conflicting cultural values on emerging adults. Thirty oral interviews and demographic written surveys were conducted at three locations in San Pedro: the University of Costa Rica, call centers, and *El Centro Cultural Norteamericano*. Additionally, ten interviews and surveys were conducted in Pejibaye, Costa Rica in order to investigate the variation of emerging adulthood between rural and urban locations. Specifically, globalization, family, education, and identity exploration are discussed in relation to emerging adults in Costa Rica.