

Honduras 2001 Survey: Governance and Transparency in Honduras After Hurricane Mitch

Technical Information

Countries	Year	Sample Size	Weighted/Unweighted
Honduras	2001	National: 3,000	Weighted

This survey was carried out in 2001 as part of the LAPOP Project, with a focus on corruption. The University of Pittsburgh and Casals and Associates supported this study. The sample is a national probability design, with a total N of 3,000. The sample was stratified by department and the by urban/rural, and respondents were selected in PSUs of 25 respondents.

The complete sample of 3,000 respondents (50.6% male, 49.4% female) represents all 18 of Honduran departments. In order for the sample to be representative of the population, a weight factor must be applied. The sample has an estimated margin of error, which is of $\pm 1.7\%$. Samples of 150 respondents per 16 departments were designed to provide equal confidence intervals for each one of them, with a department-level sampling error of $\pm 8.2\%$. An exception to this design rule is constituted by the samples of the Francisco Morazán and Cortés departments, where the two metropolitan areas (Tegucigalpa and San Pedro Sula) of the country are located. To increase the sample's accuracy at the level of these metropolitan areas, the samples for these two municipalities were raised to 300 respondents. Therefore, only for these two departments, the level of accuracy is $\pm 5.4\%$. To generalize the sample at the national level, post-hoc weights are included in the data set to properly represent the real contribution of each department.

The survey was conducted in the period immediately before and during Hurricane Mitch, which caused devastating effects in the country's infrastructure. This event allows the sample to be divided into pre and post hurricane sectors. Some sample sectors were "lost" as a result of the hurricane.

The full version of the report, as well as the complete questionnaire, can be found as "Governance and Transparency in Honduras after Hurricane Mitch," written by Mitchell Seligson and published by The University of Pittsburgh and Casals and Associates, with the support of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). Both the report and questionnaire are available at <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/lapop/honduras.php>. Containing data gathered in 2001, this national survey report analyzes the attitudes of Honduran governance, corruption and democracy.