

CENTRAL AMERICA: PROTESTANT POPULATION GROWTH 1990-2010 COMPARED TO POVERTY LEVELS IN EACH COUNTRY

Produced by Clifton L. Holland, Director of PROLADES

15 November 2012

Poverty Level World Rank	Region	Country	Population below poverty line (%)	Protestant AAGR (%) 1990-2010
15	Central America	Honduras	60	4.07
17	Central America	Guatemala	54	2.67
35	Central America	Nicaragua	46.2	4.59
38	Central America	Belize	43	3.50
50	Central America	El Salvador	36.5	4.32
75	Central America	Panama	29	4.05
89	Central America	Costa Rica	24.2	4.13

Notes:

Definition: National estimates of the percentage of the population falling below the poverty line are based on surveys of sub-groups, with the results weighted by the number of people in each group. Definitions of poverty vary considerably among nations. For example, rich nations generally employ more generous standards of poverty than poor nations.

Poverty Level Source: CIA World Factbook - Unless otherwise noted, information in this chart is accurate as of January 1, 2012 - <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>

Comments:

1. It should be clear from this chart that Protestant population growth (AAGR = Average Annual Growth Rate) in each country of Central America between 1990 & 2010 is not directly related to the Poverty Level. However, among the many factors that contribute to Protestant population growth in Central America, the factor of poverty must be taken into consideration as we look at all the internal and external factors, both positive and negative, that combine to create the favorable conditions that have resulted in the growth of the Protestant population between 1990 and 2010 in this region.

2. The AAGR of the Protestant population in each country of Central America between 1990 and 2010 has been calculated based on a series of reliable public opinion polls on religious affiliation. See the following webpages for more information about these polls and the AAGR for

each country for various time frames between 1960 and 2010, based on research by PROLADES:

Protestant Population Growth in Central America, 1935-2012:
http://www.prolades.com/cra/regions/cam/table_protestant_1935_2012.htm

Census Documents & Public Opinion Polls
on Religious Affiliation by Country, 1950-2012:
<http://www.prolades.com/cra/regions/cam/campolls.htm>

Chart of Public Opinion Polls on Protestant Affiliation in
each Country of Central America, 1990-2012:
http://www.prolades.com/cra/regions/cam/cam_protestant_affiliation1990-2012.pdf

Chart of Population Growth in Central America compared to Protestant Population Growth
(AAGR) in each Country of Central America, 1990-2010:
http://www.prolades.com/cra/regions/cam/cam_aagr_pop_growth1990-2010.pdf

PROLADES

Programa Latinoamericano de Estudios Sociorreligiosos

Apartado 1524-2050, San Pedro, Montes de Oca, Costa Rica

Telephone: (506) 2283-8300; FAX 2234-7682

E-mail: prolades@ice.co.cr

Internet: www.prolades.com