

PUBLIC OPINION POLLS ON RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION IN COSTA RICA, 1983-2007

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POLL	DATE	CATHOLIC	PROTESTANT	OTHER	*NONE/NA
ICCR	JUNE 1983	84.9	8.6	2.0	4.5
CID-GALLUP	JULY 1989	81.7	8.9	2.3	7.1
CID-GALLUP	JULY 1991	82.8	10.6	1.6	5.0
CID-GALLUP	JUNE 1994	81.2	10.0	3.4	5.4
DEMOSCOPIA	NOV 1995	78.9	12.2	**8.9	--
BORGE	JULY 1997	77.9	17.9	2.8	1.4
CID-GALLUP	SEPT 1997	76.0	14.0	2.0	8.0
UNIMER	JAN 1999	72.7	--	***15.8	11.5
CID-GALLUP	JULY 1999	74.0	16.0	3.0	7.0
DEMOSCOPIA	APRIL 2000	73.7	15.1	2.9	8.3
IDESPO	APRIL 2001	70.0	--	***19.0	11.0
DEMOSCOPIA	NOV 2001	70.1	18.1	**11.8	--
CID-GALLUP	SEPT 2003	69.0	18.0	1.0	12.0
UCR-EM	JUNE 2006	74.7	12.8	3.3	9.2
UCR-EM	JUNE 2007	68.6	16.7	5.6	9.1

*The category "none/na" includes "no religion" and "no answer."

**The category "other" includes "other religions" as well as "no religion" and "no answer."

***Here, the category "other" includes all other religious groups, including Protestants.

NOTE: Obviously, there is a problem with the consistency of these polls (+ or – 2.5-3.0%), but also the methodology of each one needs to be clarified, the sample size and geographical distribution, the definitions used for each category, as well as the possibility of sampling errors, etc. The UCR-EM poll in 2006 probably has a sampling error, as there is no indication that the size of the Protestant population declined between 2003 and 2007. Also, the Borge poll in 1997 appears to have a sampling error that inflated the size of the Protestant population.

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