



Ecuador 2002: Municipal Study

Technical Information

<i>Country</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Size of Sample</i>	<i>Weighted/Unweighted</i>
Ecuador	2002	4500	Unweighted

This was a special study focused on municipal government. It was carried out to assist ARD, Inc. in their project of support of local governments, conducted with funding from USAID.

The sample was representative of 15 municipalities in Ecuador, with each sample of identical size, not related to the population size of the municipality. If PPs criteria had been used, some samples would have been far too small for the confidence intervals to have been reasonable.

For this municipal study, a sample of adults (18 years and over) was selected as follows: fifteen municipalities (out of 215) were selected, and from those 300 households from each of those were randomly selected, for a total of 4500 face-to-face interviews. Each municipality was first stratified into rural and urban, and the sample *within* each municipality was proportional to the size of the rural and urban populations. The result was a stratified, multistage, self-weighted sample, with a margin of error of $\pm 4.6\%$ and a 95% confidence level. This study was repeated in 2004 so that comparisons could be made with this baseline.

The study went beyond the 15 cantons and compared, in many respects, those 15 cantons to the nation as a whole, which was made possible by the existence of the LAPOP national sample of Ecuador, drawn the year before (2001).

Authored by Mitchell A. Seligson, an individual report, *Municipal Development in Ecuador: 2002 Baseline Survey*, based on this survey was published in 2002. The reader should consult that report for a full understanding of the method and theory in this municipal study. It is available on www.lapopsurveys.org. The reader should also consult the follow-up 2004 study.