

Ecuador 2004: Municipal Study

Technical Information

Countries	Year	Sample Size	Weighted/Unweighted
Ecuador	2004	4,500	Unweighted

This was a special study focused on municipal government. It was carried out to assist ARD, Inc. in their project in support of local governments, conducted with funding from USAID. This 2004 study was a follow-up to the 2002 study.

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 municipality study, a sample of adults (18 years and over) was selected as follow: fifteen municipalities (out of 215) were selected, and from those 300 households from each of those were randomly selected, for a total of 4,500 face-to-face interviews. Each municipality was first stratified into urban and rural, 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 is a follow up of the 2002 municipal government study, so that comparisons could be made with the 2002 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 in 2001.

Authored by Mitchel A. Seligson, an individual report, *Municipal Development in Ecuador: 2004 Survey with Comparisons with 2002*, based on this survey was published. 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 baseline 2002 study.