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Spotlight on Evaluations of National Economic Situations in Latin America and the Caribbean

Most in the Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) region do not believe their country's economic situation is improving

In almost all countries, less than 10% report an improving national economic situation

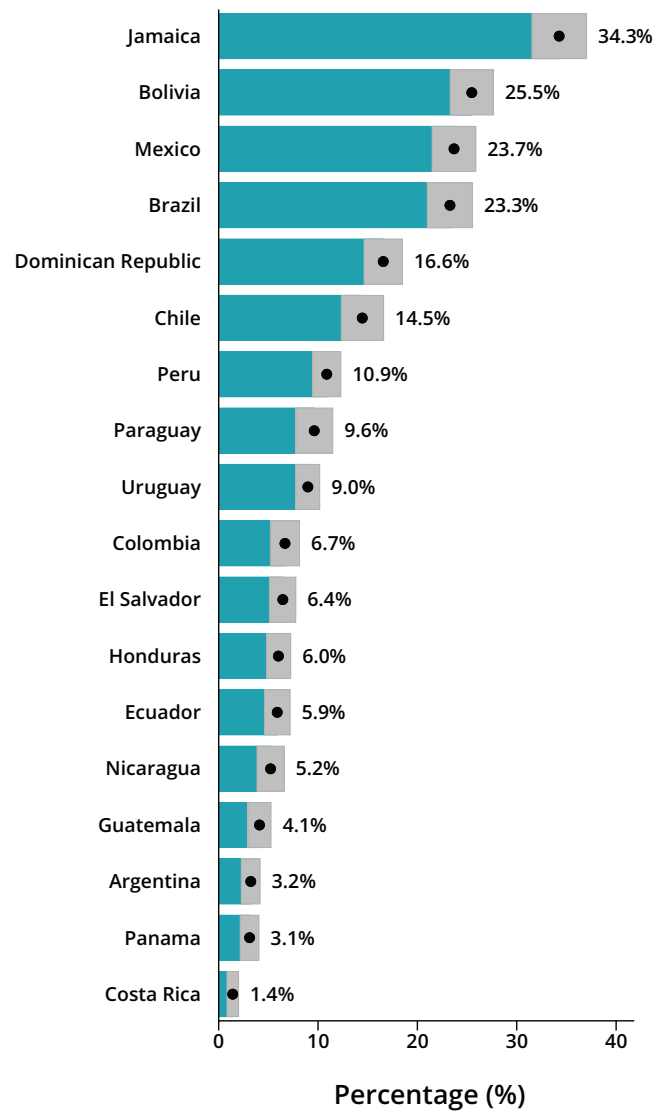
Since 2004, LAPOP's AmericasBarometer has measured people's evaluations of their country's economic situation by asking the following question:

SOCT2. Do you think that the country's current economic situation is better than, the same as or worse than it was 12 months ago?

In the 2018/19 round, this question was included in surveys in 18 LAC countries. Here we code responses into a dichotomous variable, which allows us to estimate the percentage of people in the region that evaluated their country's current economic situation as better than 12 months prior to the survey.

The country with the highest rate of people who evaluate their country's economic situation as better in is Jamaica (34.3%), while Costa Rica (1.4%) holds the lowest rate. Most in the LAC region do not believe their country's economic situation is improving. On average in the region, slightly over one in ten adults believe their country's economic situation is better than a year ago.

National Economic Situation is Better, 2018/19



95% Confidence Interval (with Design-Effects)

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