

CENSUS AND PUBLIC OPINION POLLS ON RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION IN NICARAGUA, 1950-2005

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POLL	DATE	CATHOLIC	PROTESTANT	OTHER	*NONE/NA
CENSUS	1950	95.8	4.1	--	0.1
CENSUS	1963	96.0	3.8	--	0.2
CENSUS	1995	72.9	16.6	2.0	8.5
CID-GALLUP	DEC 1996	67.1	16.4		19.5
CID-GALLUP	APRIL 1997	78.0	12.0	2.0	8.0
CENSUS	2005	58.5	23.2	2.6	15.7
CID-GALLUP	MAR 2005	57.0	29.0		14.0

*This category may included "other religions," "no religion" and "no answer."

NOTE: Obviously, there is a problem with the consistency of these polls, but also the methodology of each one needs to be defined, the sample size and geographical distribution, the definitions used for each category, the possibility of sampling errors, etc.

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