

# PUBLIC OPINION POLLS AND CENSUS DATA ON RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION IN NICARAGUA, 1950-2008

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SOURCE	TYPE	DATE	CATHOLIC	PROTESTANT	OTHER	*NONE/NA
CENSUS	NATIONAL	1950	95.8%	4.1%	--	0.1%
CENSUS	NATIONAL	1963	96.0%	3.8%	--	0.2%
CENSUS	NATIONAL	1995	72.9%	16.6%	2.0%	8.5%
CID-GALLUP	NATIONAL	DEC 1996	67.1%	16.4%	--	19.5%
CID-GALLUP	NATIONAL	APRIL 1997	78.0%	12.0%	2.0%	8.0%
IDESPO	MANAGUA METRO	SEP-NOV 1998	56.0%	30.0%	--	14.0%
CENSUS	NATIONAL	2005	58.5%	23.2%	2.6%	15.7%
CID-GALLUP	NATIONAL	MAR 2005	57.0%	29.0%	--	14.0%
CID-GALLUP	NATIONAL	2006	58.5%	21.6%	4.1%	15.7%
QUANT HERRERA	MANAGUA METRO	SEP 2008	41.8%	19.1%	6.2%	32.9%

\*This category may include "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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