

Example of Index of Socioeconomic Status for Small Towns in Costa Rica

Which of the following items do you have in your household?

2	Clothes dryer	1	Color television	2	Computer
1	Washing machine	2	Automobile	1	Motorcycle
1	Land line telephone	1	Microwave oven	1	Hot water heater
1	Refrigerator	2	Freezer	2	TV satellite dish receiver

What kind of flooring do you have in your house?

0	Plank	1	Terrazo	2	Tile	2	Hardwood		Other
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What kind of cooking stove do you have in your house?

1	Gas - countertop	2	Electric - countertop	4	Wood
2	Gas - range	3	Electric - range		

Have any members of your household served on the following committees during the past three years?

Committee	Member Only (X1)	Male HH	Female HH	Son or Daughter	Other Relative Residing in HH
Education (3)					
Finance (3)					
Planning (3)					
Utilities (2)					
Infrastructure (2)					
Family Welfare (1)					
Religion (1)					
Sports & Recreation (1)					

IF YES TO ANY – Have any members of your household held a leadership position on the following committees during the past three years?

Committee	Leadership Position List Position (X2)	Male HH	Female HH	Son or Daughter	Other Relative Residing in HH
Education (3)					
Finance (3)					
Planning (3)					
Utilities (2)					
Infrastructure (2)					
Family Welfare (1)					
Religion (1)					
Sports & Recreation (1)					

Has anyone in your household served as an elected representative during the past three years?

Level	Male HH	Female HH	Son or Daughter	Other Relative Residing in HH
District office (1)				
County office (2)				
Provincial office (3)				
National office (4)				

We would like to know the educational level of the people in your household who are over 14 years of age. What is the highest level of education achieved by

Member	Primaria	Secundaria	Colegio	Universidad	Tecnologico
Male HH	0	1	2	4	3
Female HH	0	1	3	5	4
Son/Daughter 1	0	0	1	3	2
Son/Daughter 2	0	0	1	3	2
Son/Daughter 3	0	0	1	3	2
Son/Daughter 4	0	0	1	3	2
Son/Daughter 5	0	0	1	3	2
Other Relative Residing in HH --	0				

How many times did someone from your household travel to San Jose during the past 12 months?

_____ times

How many times has anyone in your household traveled outside Costa Rica during the past three years?

_____ times

What kind of health insurance does your family have?

0	None	1	Public Health Service (CCSS)	2	Private insurance
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Is your family one of the founding families of this asentamiento?

0 = NO	1 = YES
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What does the head of household do for a living?

0	Manual day labor -- no full time employment (includes occasional house cleaning)
1	Regularly employed manual labor (includes live-in maid)
2	Regularly employed entry level white collar job (secretary, clerk, etc.)
3	Professional (teacher, accountant, nurse, etc.)
4	Operates a business (including lawyers, doctors etc. with private practice and farmers)

Observations:

Home construction type & condition

Material	Poor	Fair	Good
Wood structure (1)	1	2	3
Cement block structure (2)	1	2	3
Stucco structure (3)	1	2	3
Brick (4)	1	2	3
Galvanized metal roof (1)	1	2	3
Painted and jointed metal roof (2)	1	2	3
Tile (3)	1	2	3

Huerta type and condition

0	Very poor – few or no ornamentals, no apparent attempt at arrangement, considerable bare soil showing
1	Poor – few ornamental species present and most are perennials, largely arranged around border of lot, some bare soil showing
2	Fair – some ornamentals present but few flowering species & few species overall represented (monotonous), beds extend into the lot (not just on borders), little bare soil
3	Good – several ornamental species present, including flowering species, beds cover at least 50% of lot, high species composition, very little bare soil
4	Excellent – many ornamental species, including many flowering species, arrangement demonstrates long term planning & includes annual and perennial beds as well as plants in pots & and other structures, beds cover at least 75% of lot, no bare soil