

Subnational Area Profile

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Region: Alajuela
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This GDL Profile Report provides an overview of the major social and economic characteristics of the region or country. The figures are derived from the most recent national household survey available at the Global Data Lab. These and many other indicators can also be downloaded freely from the [GDL Area Database](#). Further information on the indicators is available at the bottom of this report and at the GDL website.

Level of development	Value	Trend	National rank	LMIC decile	Year
Subnational Human Development Index	0.794	0.001 ↑	4 / 7	(1)	2018
International Wealth Index (IWI) value ¹	89.8	-	4 / 7	(1)	2011
Gross National Income per capita (2011\$ ppp) ²	15370	178 ↑	4 / 7	(2)	2018

Poverty	Value	Trend	National rank	LMIC decile	Year
Percentage poor households (IWI value under 70)	2.89	-	5 / 7	(10)	2011
Percentage poorer households (IWI value under 50)	0.41	-	6 / 7	(10)	2011
Percentage poorest households (IWI value under 35)	0.00	-	5 / 5	(11)	2011

Education	Value	Trend	National rank	LMIC decile	Year
Mean years education population aged 20+	8.48	-	3 / 7	(3)	2011
Mean years education of women aged 20+	8.53	-	3 / 7	(3)	2011
Mean years education of men aged 20+	8.42	-	3 / 7	(4)	2011

Educational attendance	Value	Trend	National rank	LMIC decile	Year
Educational attendance children aged 6-8 (%)	62.8	-	7 / 7	(9)	2011
Educational attendance children aged 9-11 (%)	99.4	-	4 / 7	(2)	2011
Educational attendance children aged 12-14 (%)	94.7	-	5 / 7	(4)	2011
Educational attendance children aged 15-17 (%)	74.8	-	5 / 7	(5)	2011
Educational attendance children aged 18-20 (%)	53.4	-	5 / 7	(2)	2011
Educational attendance children aged 21-23 (%)	37.1	-	3 / 7	(2)	2011

Position of women	Value	Trend	National rank	LMIC decile	Year
Mean age difference partners (husband-wife)	2.91	-	5 / 7	(9)	2011
Mean age at first marriage of women aged 20-50	22.1	-	1 / 7	(1)	2011
Percentage of women in 50+ population	55.3	-	3 / 7	(3)	2011
Patrilocality Index (positive values patrilocal)	-0.90	-	7 / 7	(10)	2011

Asset ownership	Value	Trend	National rank	LMIC decile	Year
Percentage households with a TV	89.8	-	6 / 7	(3)	2011
Percentage households with a refrigerator	94.3	-	3 / 7	(2)	2011
Percentage households with a washing machine	91.0	-	4 / 7	(2)	2011
Percentage households with a motorbike	14.4	-	4 / 7	(5)	2011
Percentage households with a computer	32.6	-	4 / 7	(3)	2011

Access to public services	Value	Trend	National rank	LMIC decile	Year
Percentage of households with piped water	98.1	-	3 / 7	(1)	2011
Percentage of households with electricity	99.8	-	2 / 7	(2)	2011
Percentage households with a phone	97.8	-	1 / 7	(1)	2011

Population	Value	Trend	National rank	LMIC decile	Year
Total area population in millions	0.88	-	2 / 7	(6)	2011
Share of national population living in area	19.0	-	2 / 7	(2)	2011
Average household size	4.28	-	6 / 6	(9)	2011
Percentage population in urban areas	42.4	-	5 / 7	(5)	2011
Demographic window phase	4	-			2011
Dependency ratio	50.6	-	5 / 7	(9)	2011

Quality of housing	Value	Trend	National rank	LMIC decile	Year
Percentage households with flush toilet	93.1	-	4 / 7	(2)	2011
Percentage households with a natural floor (earth, sand, dung etc.)	0.66	-	4 / 7	(9)	2011
Percentage households with three or more sleeping rooms	48.2	-	2 / 7	(2)	2011
Percentage households cooking on wood, straw, grass, dung etc.	7.79	-	3 / 7	(9)	2011

Meaning of the menu items: **Value:** Indicator value in GDL Area Database. **Trend:** Average yearly change in indicator value since preceding survey. **National rank:** Within-country rank on indicator (1 is highest value within country). **Continent rank:** Within continent rank on indicator (continents are America, Africa, Asia/Pacific and (Eastern) Europe). **LMIC decile:** Decile position on indicator among 1300+ regions within 125+ low and middle income countries.

The indicators presented in this GDL Profile Report are created by aggregating to the sub-national and national level from representative household surveys. Detailed information on the data and methods used is available [here](#) and in [Smits \(2016\)](#).

1. The International Wealth Index (IWI) is an asset-based index that measures the economic situation of households in LMICs on the basis of their ownership of assets, housing quality and access to public services. IWI runs from 0 to 100, with 0 meaning none of the assets and lowest quality housing and services and 100 all assets and highest quality housing and services ([Smits & Steendijk, 2015](#)).
2. Subnational GNIC is estimated on the basis of national GNIC and variation in household wealth (IWI) across subnational regions. National GNIC equals its value in the [UNDP Database](#)