

Table 4.16. Social profile of the 10 cantons with highest and lowest levels of height retardation in children attending first grade of primary school. Height census of 1979 and population and housing census of 1973, Costa Rica<sup>a</sup>

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Level of height retardation and canton	Percentage of children with following characteristics:				
	Height retardation <sup>b</sup>	Illiteracy	Poor dwelling	Dwellings without latrines	Dwellings without running water
<b>High height retardation</b>					
Coto Brus	24.6(1 045)	17.9	20.2	39.2	78.2
Los Chiles	23.1( 485)	34.8	15.8	53.3	88.8
Buenos Aires	23.0( 824)	23.4	29.2	51.6	84.2
Aserri	22.8( 758)	12.6	17.4	15.8	11.8
Pocosí	22.1(1 137)	14.7	15.3	18.9	61.8
Turrubares	21.7( 184)	30.1	17.4	37.4	45.0
Guatuso	21.6( 259)	28.6	16.1	44.0	87.2
Guácimo	21.3( 286)	17.5	14.9	21.3	54.7
Tarruzú	21.2( 212)	15.7	18.4	18.0	17.8
Golfito	21.0( 891)	16.7	11.8	23.9	38.0
<b>Low height retardation</b>					
Tibás	7.0( 884)	3.7	10.2	0.7	1.0
Moravia	6.9( 435)	3.1	7.8	1.9	5.4
Alfaro Ruiz	6.8( 133)	6.8	5.8	2.4	12.2
Montes de Oca	6.4( 466)	3.0	8.2	0.8	1.7
Barva	6.4( 282)	6.2	11.2	1.8	1.8
Central San José	6.3(4 193)	3.5	10.4	0.4	0.9
Atenas	5.7( 297)	10.5	15.3	7.4	14.8
Goicochea	5.3(1 183)	3.7	9.2	0.7	1.5
Palmares	4.9( 268)	6.2	8.4	7.1	8.0
Belén	4.4( 203)	5.3	5.9	3.6	1.9

<sup>a</sup> Source: ref. 58.

<sup>b</sup> In parenthesis the number of children evaluated by canton in height census of 1979.