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According to a Planning Ministry report described in the May 20 edition of daily newspaper La Estrella, 37% of all Panamanians live in poverty, or 850,000 of the nation's 2.3 million inhabitants. Nearly half (398,460) of the poor are described as living in conditions of extreme poverty. Of the latter, 70% of are indigenous and/or rural residents. (Basic data from ACAN-EFE, 05/20/91)

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