Panama (PANAMA)

LOW PROFICIENCY
EF EPI SCORE: 49.98
#56 OUT OF 88 COUNTRIES/REGIONS

**Gender Gap**

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**Proficiency Bands**

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REGIONAL PROFILE
This brief country profile provides facts and figures that illustrate local conditions and challenges for English language education. Education spending refers to the percentage of total government expenditure dedicated to education. Internet penetration is the percentage of people in the country with access to the Internet.

| EF EPI Score Change from Last Year | -0.70 ▼ |
| TOEFL iBT/IELTS GT Scores          | 83, N/A  |
| Mean Years of Schooling            | 10.2     |
| Education Spending                 | N/A      |
| Average Gross Income               | 11,447 USD |
| Population                         | 3,753,142 |
| Internet Penetration               | 54.0%    |
| Languages                          | Spanish (official), indigenous languages, Panamanian English Creole, English, Chinese, Arabic, French Creole, other |

Sources: World Bank, CIA World Factbook, ETS, and IELTS

ENGLISH AND EARNING POWER
The EF EPI has consistently found correlations between English ability and earning power, quality of life, innovation, and a range of other social and economic indicators. This correlation graph shows a positive relationship between regions’ English proficiency and their average gross income.

Average Gross Income (USD, 2016 exchange rate)

WORKING SMARTER
For economies around the world, higher English proficiency comes with significant benefits. English proficiency is positively correlated to productivity as measured by the amount of work produced for each hour or labor.

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