

STATE DATA center

Hispanic Heritage Month – September 15 through October 15, 2017 A Brief Look at the District's Hispanic Population

In September 1968, Congress authorized President Lyndon B. Johnson to proclaim National Hispanic Heritage Week, observed during the week that included September 15 and 16. In 1989, Congress expanded the observance to a month-long celebration (September 15 - October 15) of the culture and traditions of those who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico and the Spanish-speaking nations of Central America, South America and the Caribbean. September 15 is the starting point for the celebration because it is the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively.

Note: All data points listed below were obtained from the U.S. Census Bureau Population Estimates 2016 and the 2011 - 2015 and 2016 American Community Survey (ACS) estimates.

Population

74,400

The Hispanic population of the District as of July 1, 2016. Hispanics constituted 10.9 percent of the District's total population.

3,294

The number of Hispanics added to the District's population between July 1, 2015, and July 1, 2016. This number is 37 percent of the approximately 9,000 people added to the District's total population during this period.



Families and Children

26,900

The number of Hispanic households in the District in 2016.

28%

The percentage of Hispanic households that were married-couple households in 2016. Among all households in the District, 25.3 percent were married-couple households.



4.6%

The percentage increase in the Hispanic population between 2015 and 2016.

28%

The percentage of those of Hispanic or Latino origin in the District who were of Salvadoran origin in 2016. Another 20 percent were Mexican, 6.5 percent Honduran and 6.3 percent Puerto Rican. The remainder were of some other Central American, South American, or other Hispanic or Latino origin.

Jobs

77.8%

The percentage of Hispanics or Latinos age 16 and older who were in the labor force in 2016.



19%

The percentage of employed Hispanics or Latinos age 16 and older who worked in management, business and financial occupations in 2016.

Education

68%

The percentage of Hispanics age 25 and older that had at least a high school education in 2016.

41.5%

The percentage of the Hispanic population age 25 and older with a bachelor's degree or higher in 2016.



Spanish Language

58,565

The number of District residents age 5 and older who spoke Spanish at home in 2015. Those who spoke Spanish at home constituted nine percent of the District's residents age 5 and older. Twenty-two percent of Hispanics in the District spoke only English. Of Hispanics 5 years and older in the District, 40 percent spoke English "very well," and another 37.6 percent spoke English less than "very well."

77%

The percentage of Hispanics age 5 and older who spoke Spanish at home in 2016.

Ward Distribution

17,100

The estimated population for those of Hispanic origin in Ward 1 as of the 2011-2015 ACS estimates. Another 16,500 were in Ward 4, 8,200 Ward 3, and 8,100 Ward 2. The remainder were in the four other wards with the least number (1,290) in Ward 8.

20%

The percentage of Hispanic residents in each of Ward 1 and Ward 4, according to the 2011-2015 ACS estimates - the highest percent by Ward. Ward 8 had the lowest percent of Hispanics at 1.6 percent.



19,593

The number of Hispanics age 25 and older who had at least a bachelor's degree in 2016.

8,567

The number of students (both undergraduate and graduate) enrolled in college in 2016 who were Hispanic.

Serving our Country

1,400

The number of Hispanics or Latinos age 18 and older who are veterans of the U.S. armed forces.



Income, Poverty and Health Insurance

\$64,930

The median income of Hispanic households in 2016.

17.8%

The poverty rate among Hispanics in 2016.

11%

The percentage of Hispanics who lacked health insurance in 2016.



Foreign Born

42.7%

The percentage of the Hispanic population in the District that was foreign born in 2016.

