

District of Columbia

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## DC Hispanic Population 2010

### Introduction

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) defines “Hispanic or Latino” as a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race. Hispanic origin can be viewed as the heritage, nationality group, lineage, or country of birth of the person or the person’s parents or ancestors before their arrival in the United States. People who identified their origin as Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish may be of any race. This report presents the Hispanic population growth trends and distribution in the District of Columbia.

In 2010, there were 50.5 million Hispanics in the United States, comprising 16 percent of the total population. While Hispanics can be found in every state, almost two-thirds lived in four states. Fourteen million (27.8 percent) lived in California, followed by Texas with 9.5 million (18.7 percent), Florida 4.2 million (4.2 percent), and New York with 3.4 million (3.4 percent). The District, with a total of 54,749 Hispanics in 2010, accounted for 0.1 percent of the total Hispanic population of the U.S. and 9.1 percent of the District’s total population.

### Highlights of District of Columbia Hispanic Population

- Between 2000 and 2010, the Hispanic population in the District grew by 21.8 percent, rising from 44,953 in 2000 to 54,749 in 2010 and its share of the total population rose to 9.1 percent from 7.9 percent in 2000.
- Hispanic accounted for one-third of the District’s total population growth between 2000 and 2010.
- In 2010, Hispanics of Salvadoran origin and Mexican origin were the two largest Hispanic groups in the District, representing 30.3 percent and 15.5 percent of the total Hispanics, respectively.
- In 2010, 82.1 percent of the District’s Hispanics identified their race as Some Other Race alone or White alone. Hispanics of Some Other Race alone comprised 41.9 percent and Hispanics of White alone comprised 40.2 percent of the total Hispanic population.
- Except in Ward 1, the Hispanic population increased in all Wards of the District between 2000 and 2010. The largest numerical growth occurred in Ward 4, where the Hispanic population

increased by 4,923 people (half of the total Hispanic population growth over the decade). The Hispanic population in Ward 1 declined by 12.6 percent, from 18,109 in 2000 to 15,827 in 2010.

- Census tract 28.02 in Ward 1 had the highest percentage of Hispanics (43.1 percent) among all census tracts in the District.

### Hispanic or Latino Population Trends

The Hispanic origin question was originally fielded and tested by the Bureau of the Census in the November 1969 Current Population Survey. It was later used in the 1970 Census of Population (5 percent sample). The Hispanic origin question has been asked on a 100 percent basis in every census since 1980, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

In 1980, there were 17,679 Hispanics in the District of Columbia, representing 2.8 percent of the total District population. Between 1980 and 2000, the Hispanic population in the District grew by 27,274 people or 154 percent, while the total population of the District declined at the same time (Table 1). As the District’s total population reversed its downward trend and began increasing since 2000, the District’s Hispanic population continued its upward trend by adding 9,796 people between 2000 and 2010. At 54,749 people in 2010, the Hispanic population had more than tripled its size in three decades (Figure 1).

### Hispanic Population by Country of Origin

Although the Hispanic population is diverse in terms of country of origin, more than half of all Hispanics in the District originate from three countries. In 2010, for all Hispanics living in the District, El Salvador was the country of origin for most (30.3 percent), followed by Mexico (15.5 percent) and Puerto Rico (5.7 percent) (Table 2).

### Hispanic Population by Race

Race and ethnicity are two separate concepts. People who are Hispanic or Latino may be any race and people in each race group may be either Hispanic or Not Hispanic. Starting with Census 2000, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requires federal agencies to use a minimum of five race categories: White; Black or African America; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian; and Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander. For respondents unable to identify with any of these five

**Table 1. District of Columbia Hispanic Population Trend: 1980-2010**

Year	Total	Hispanics		Change			
		Number	Percent	Total		Hispanics	
				Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2010	601,723	54,749	9.1	29,664	5.2	9,796	21.8
2000	572,059	44,953	7.9	-34,841	-5.7	12,243	37.4
1990	606,900	32,710	5.4	-31,433	-4.9	15,031	85.0
1980	638,333	17,679	2.8	-118,177	-15.6	NA	NA

NA= Not applicable

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1980 to 2010 Censuses

race categories, the OMB approved including a sixth category – Some Other Race, and individuals who chose more than one of the six race categories are assigned to the Two or More Races category.

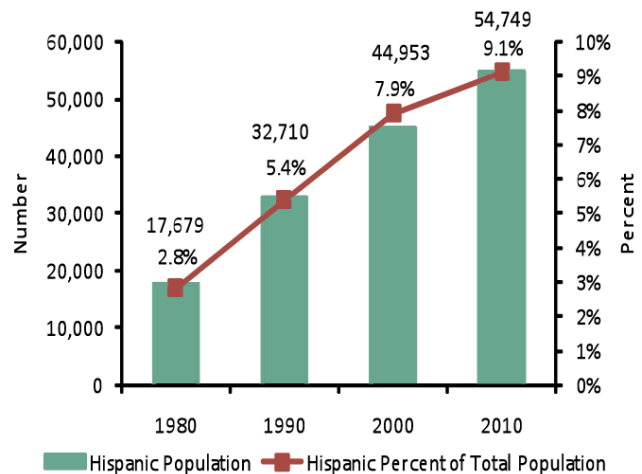
In 2010, 41.9 percent of Hispanics in the District identified their race as Some Other Race alone, 40.9 percent reported White alone, 8.5 percent reported Two or More Races, 7.4 percent reported Black or African American alone, 1.4 percent reported American Indian and Alaska Native alone, 0.4 percent reported Asian alone and 0.2 percent reported Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone. Only 4.1 percent of the District’s total population identified their race as Some Other Race alone during the same period.

As shown in Table 3, the percentage of Hispanics who identified their race as White alone increased from 37.6 percent in 2000 to 40.2 percent in 2010, while the percentage of Hispanics who identified their race as Some Other Race alone dropped from 45.1 percent in 2000 to 41.9 percent in 2010.

### Hispanic Population Distribution by Ward

While Hispanics live throughout all wards of the District, they resided predominantly in Wards 1 and 4. In 2000, more than half (60.9 percent) of Hispanics in the District lived in Ward 1 and Ward 4, Ward 1 accounting for 40.3 percent and Ward 4 accounting for 20.6 percent. Four of the District’s eight wards (Wards 1, 2, 3, and 4) accounted for 87.6 percent of the total Hispanic population in 2000, the remaining four wards (Wards 5, 6, 7, and 8) representing only 12.4 percent of the total Hispanics (Figure 2). In 2010, Wards 1, 2 and 3 showed a decrease in the percentage of Hispanic residents while Wards 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 showed a percentage increase. (Note: Ward boundaries used in this report are the 2002 boundaries).

**Figure 1. District of Columbia Hispanic Population: 1980-2010**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 and Census 2010

**Table 2. District of Columbia Hispanic Population by Country of Origin: 2000 and 2010**

Origin and type	2000		2010		Change, 2000 to 2010	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Hispanic or Latino Origin</b>						
<b>Total</b>	<b>572,059</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>601,723</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>29,664</b>	<b>5.2</b>
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	44,953	7.9	54,749	9.1	9,796	21.8
Not Hispanic or Latino	527,106	92.1	546,974	90.9	19,868	3.8
<b>Hispanic or Latino by Type</b>						
<b>Total</b>	<b>44,953</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>54,749</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9,796</b>	<b>21.8</b>
Salvadoran	11,741	26.1	16,611	30.3	4,870	41.5
Mexican	5,098	11.3	8,507	15.5	3,409	66.9
Puerto Rican	2,328	5.2	3,129	5.7	801	34.4
Guatemalan	1,350	3.0	2,635	4.8	1,285	95.2
Dominican (Dominican Republic)	1,496	3.3	2,508	4.6	1,012	67.6
Honduran	853	1.9	2,139	3.9	1,286	150.8
Colombian	859	1.9	1,982	3.6	1,123	130.7
Cuban	1,101	2.4	1,789	3.3	688	62.5
Peruvian	708	1.6	1,482	2.7	774	109.3
Spaniard	425	0.9	1,421	2.6	996	234.4
Argentinean	510	1.1	1,134	2.1	624	122.4
Nicaraguan	594	1.3	859	1.6	265	44.6
Panamanian	437	1.0	742	1.4	305	69.8
Ecuadorian	348	0.8	707	1.3	359	103.2
Chilean	359	0.8	697	1.3	338	94.2
Venezuelan	247	0.5	596	1.1	349	141.3
Bolivian	310	0.7	591	1.1	281	90.6
Costa Rican	167	0.4	258	0.5	91	54.5
Uruguayan	100	0.2	216	0.4	116	116.0
Paraguayan	86	0.2	161	0.3	75	87.2
Other Hispanic or Latino	15,836	35.0	6,585	12.0	-9,251	-58.4

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1 and 2010 Census Summary File

**Table 3. District of Columbia Hispanic Population by Race: 2000 and 2010**

Origin and type	2000		2010		Change, 2000 to 2010	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	<b>44,953</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>54,749</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9,796</b>	<b>21.8</b>
White	16,923	37.6	22,007	40.2	5,084	30.0
Black or African American	3,224	7.2	4,072	7.4	848	26.3
American Indian and Alaska Native	439	1.0	757	1.4	318	72.4
Asian	150	0.3	238	0.4	88	58.7
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	75	0.2	86	0.2	11	14.7
Some Other Race	20,280	45.1	22,923	41.9	2,643	13.0
Two or More Races	3,862	8.6	4,666	8.5	804	20.8

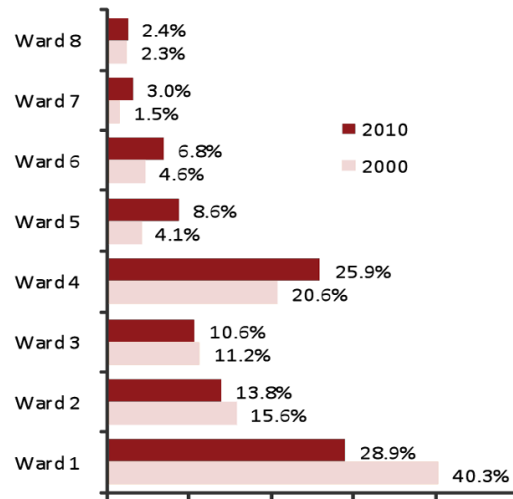
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 and Census 2010

### Hispanic Population Distribution by Census Tract

Census 2010 divided the District into 179 census tracts, from 188 census tracts in 2000. This report used the 2010 census tract boundaries to show the distribution of Hispanic population by census tract in 2000 and 2010. Between 2000 and 2010, Hispanic population growth varied by census tract in the District, with large Hispanic population increases in some census tracts and little growth or decline in some other census tracts (Maps 1 & 2). Of the total 179 census tracts of the District, 153 census tracts experienced growth in their Hispanic population, ranging from 1 to 839 people, while twenty-three census tracts experienced losses in their Hispanic population, ranging from -1 to -774 people.

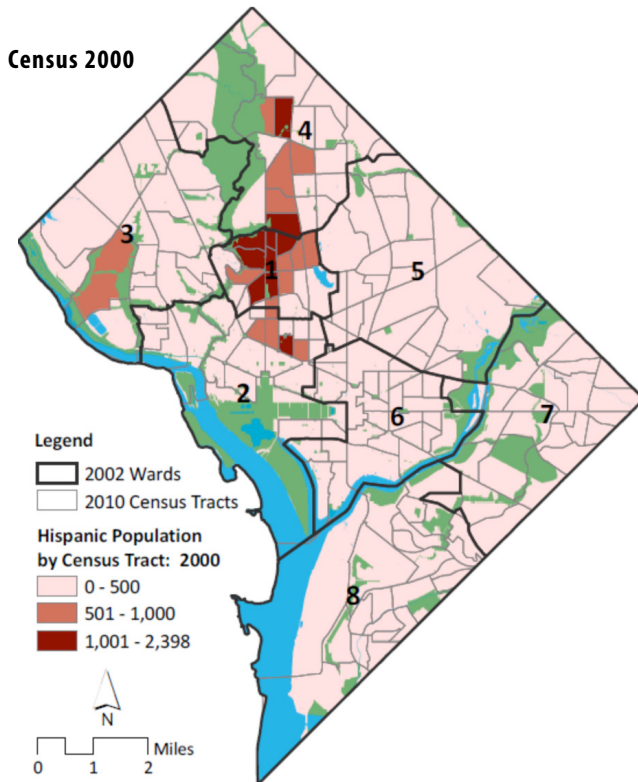
In general, the Hispanic population in the District resided predominantly in census tracts in Ward 1 and Ward 4 both in 2000 and 2010. The expansion over the last decade took place mainly in Ward 4 along the Georgia Avenue and 16th Street corridors as the Hispanic population became less concentrated in Ward 1.

**Figure 2. Percent Distribution of Hispanic Population by Ward: 2000 and 2010**

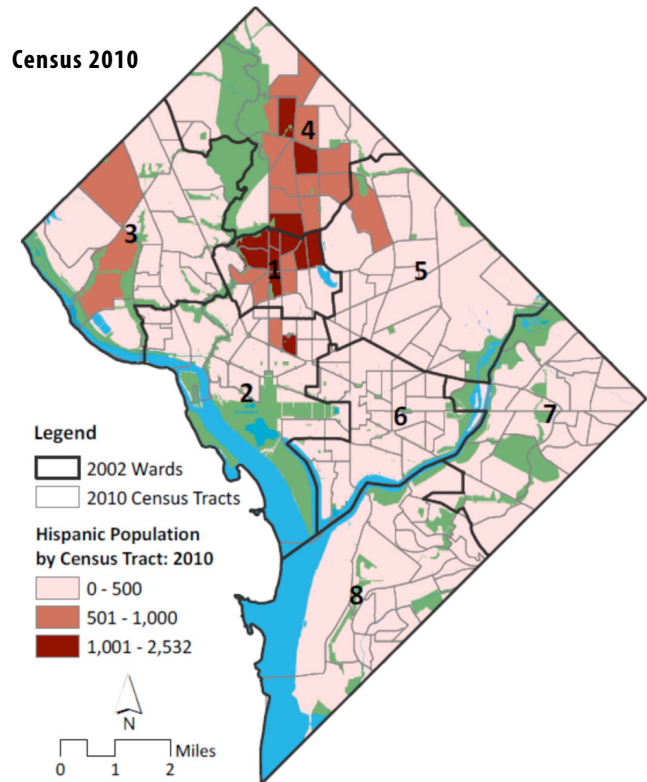


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 and Census 2010

**Map 1 and 2: District of Columbia Hispanic Population by Census Tract**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000



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