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Hispanics in the U.S.

Information published by the Census Bureau reveals several facts about the Hispanic population in the United States. In 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson proclaimed the celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Week in September each year. In 1988, this celebration was expanded for one month from September 15 - October 15. September 15, coincides with the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries namely Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Additionally, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively.

Population

44.3 million

The estimated Hispanic population of the United States as of July 1, 2006, making people of Hispanic origin the nation's largest ethnic minority. Hispanics constituted 15 percent of the nation's total population. (This estimate does not include the 3.9 million residents of Puerto Rico).

About 1

. . . of every two people added to the nation's population between July 1, 2005, and July 1, 2006, were Hispanic. The number of Hispanics increased by 1.4 million between July 2005 and July 2006.

3.4%

Percentage increase in the Hispanic population between July 1, 2005 and July 1, 2006, making Hispanics the fastest-growing minority group.

102.6 million

The projected Hispanic population of the United States as of July 1, 2050. According to this projection, Hispanics will constitute 24 percent of the nation's total population on that date.

64%

The percentage of Hispanic-origin people in households who are of Mexican background. Another 9 percent are of Puerto Rican background, 3.5 percent Cuban, 3 percent Salvadoran and 2.7 percent Dominican. The remainder are of some other Central American, South American or other Hispanic or Latino origins. Roughly half of the nation's Dominicans live in New York City, and about half of the nation's Cubans live in Miami-Dade County, Florida.

27.4 years

Median age of the Hispanic population in 2006. This compares with 36.4 years for the population as a whole.

107

Number of Hispanic males in 2006 per every 100 Hispanic females. This was in sharp contrast to the overall popula-

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tion, which had 97 males per every 100 females.

States and Counties

48%

The percentage of the total Hispanic-origin population of the United States that lives in California and Texas.

15

The number of states with at least half a million Hispanic residents. These states are: Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas and Washington.

44%

The percentage of New Mexico's population that is Hispanic, the highest of any state. Hispanics also make up more than one-third of the population in California and Texas, at 36 percent each. Arizona's population is 29 percent Hispanic.

4.7 million

The Hispanic population of Los Angeles County, Calif. - the largest of any county in the nation.

305,000

The increase in Texas' Hispanic population between July 1, 2005, and July 1, 2006, which led all states. California (283,000), Florida (161,000), and Arizona (102,000) also recorded large increases.

22

Number of states in which Hispanics are the largest minority group.

Businesses

1.6 million

The number of Hispanic-owned businesses in 2002.

Triple

The rate of growth of Hispanic-owned businesses between 1997 and 2002 (31 percent) compared to the national average (10 percent) for all businesses.

\$222 billion

Revenue generated by Hispanic-owned businesses in 2002, up 19 percent from 1997.



29,168

Number of Hispanic-owned firms with receipts of \$1 million or more.

- 43 percent of Hispanic-owned firms operated in construction, administrative and support, waste management and remediation services, and other services, such as personal services, and repair and maintenance. Retail and wholesale trade accounted for 36 percent of Hispanic-owned business revenue.

- States with the fastest rates of growth for Hispanic-owned firms between 1997 and 2002 included New York (57 percent), Rhode Island and Georgia (56 percent each), and Nevada and South Carolina (48 percent each).

- Counties with the highest number of Hispanic-owned firms were Los Angeles County, Calif. (188,422); Miami-Dade County, Fla. (163,187); Harris County and Texas (61,934).

Families and Children

9.9 million

The number of Hispanic family households who reside in the United States in 2006. Of these households, 62 percent include children under 18 years old.

67%

The percentage of Hispanic family household consisting of a married couple.

66%

Percentage of Hispanic children living with two married parents.

23%

Percentage of population under age 5 that is Hispanic, as of July 1, 2006.

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Spanish Language

32.2 million

The number of U.S. household residents age 5 and older who speak Spanish at home. Spanish speakers constitute a ratio of more than 1-in-10 U.S. household residents. Among all those who speak Spanish at home, more than one-half say they speak English “very well.”

78%

Percentage of Hispanics 5 and older who speak a language other than English at home. Of that number, about half speak English very well.

Income and Poverty

\$35,967

The median income of Hispanic households in 2005, statistically unchanged from the previous year.

21.8%

The poverty rate among Hispanics in 2005, unchanged from 2004.

32.7%

The percentage of Hispanics who lacked health insurance in 2005, unchanged from 2004.

Education

59%

The percentage of Hispanics age 25 and older who had at least a high school education in 2006.

12%

The percentage of the Hispanic population age 25 and older with a bachelor's degree or higher in 2006.



3.1 million

The number of Hispanics age 18 and older who had at least a bachelor's degree in 2006, up from 1.4 million a decade earlier..

839,000

Number of Hispanics 25 years and older with advanced degrees in 2006 (e.g., master's, professional, doctorate).

11%

Percentage of all college students in October 2005 who were Hispanic. Among elementary and high school students combined, the corresponding proportion was 19 percent.



Jobs

68%

Percentage of Hispanics age 16 and older who are in the civilian labor force.

17%

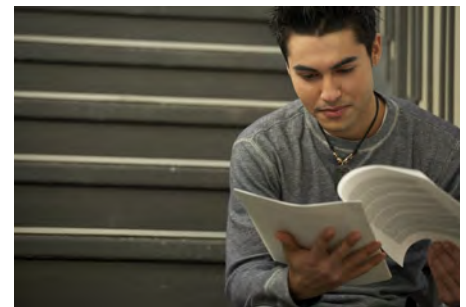
The percentage of Hispanics 16 or older who work in management, pro-

fessional and related occupations. Approximately 24 percent of Hispanics work in service occupations, 22 percent in sales and office jobs, 16 percent in construction, extraction and maintenance jobs and 19 percent in production, transportation and material moving occupations.

Voting

7.6 million

The number of Hispanic citizens who reported voting in the 2004 presidential election. The percentage of Hispanic



citizens voting - about 47 percent - did not change from four years earlier.

Serving our Country

1.1 million

The number of Hispanic veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces.



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Hispanic Population in the District of Columbia

Annual Estimates of the Hispanic Origin Population by Race and Sex for District of Columbia: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2006							
Sex, Race, and Hispanic Origin	Population Estimates						Census 2000
	July 1, 2006	July 1, 2005	July 1, 2004	July 1, 2003	July 1, 2002	July 1, 2001	
HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN TOTAL	47,774	48,341	48,539	48,145	47,574	47,085	44,953
One race	46,660	47,258	47,486	47,145	46,589	46,083	43,961
White	38,778	39,417	39,767	39,593	38,960	38,146	35,908
Black	6,644	6,617	6,509	6,364	6,449	6,753	6,926
AIAN	694	698	699	697	689	687	644
Asian	401	387	374	357	358	368	360
NHPI	143	139	137	134	133	129	123
Two or more races	1,114	1,083	1,053	1,000	985	1,002	992
MALE	25,074	25,424	25,553	25,247	25,059	24,801	23,667
One race	24,547	24,902	25,041	24,756	24,567	24,296	23,166
White	20,597	20,962	21,159	20,975	20,731	20,307	19,110
Black	3,304	3,299	3,248	3,159	3,214	3,361	3,452
AIAN	352	359	361	360	357	356	335
Asian	214	206	199	191	193	201	201
NHPI	80	76	74	71	72	71	68
Two or more races	527	522	512	491	492	505	501
FEMALE	22,700	22,917	22,986	22,898	22,515	22,284	21,286
One race	22,113	22,356	22,445	22,389	22,022	21,787	20,795
White	18,181	18,455	18,608	18,618	18,229	17,839	16,798
Black	3,340	3,318	3,261	3,205	3,235	3,392	3,474
AIAN	342	339	338	337	332	331	309
Asian	187	181	175	166	165	167	159
NHPI	63	63	63	63	61	58	55
Two or more races	587	561	541	509	493	497	491

Source: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau

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