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DC Hispanic or Latino Population 2007

This report presents data on demographic, social, economic, and housing characteristics of Hispanic or Latino population of District of Columbia (District). Information in the tables and figures are based on the 2007 American Community Survey (ACS) conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau.

The federal government defines Hispanic or Latino as a person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race. Thus, Hispanics may be of any race.

In 2007, Hispanics or Latinos represented about 15.1 percent of the U.S. total population. While Hispanic or Latino population resided in every state, more than half (or 63.1 percent) of the total Hispanic or Latino population of the United States lived in four states. About 13.2 million (or 29.1 percent) lived in California, followed by Texas 8.6 million (or 18.9 percent), Florida 3.7 million (or 8.3 percent), and New York 3.1 million (or 6.9 percent). The District, with a total of 49,016 Hispanics or Latinos, accounted for 0.1 percent of the total Hispanic or Latino Population of the United States according to the U.S. Census Bureau 2007 American Community Survey.

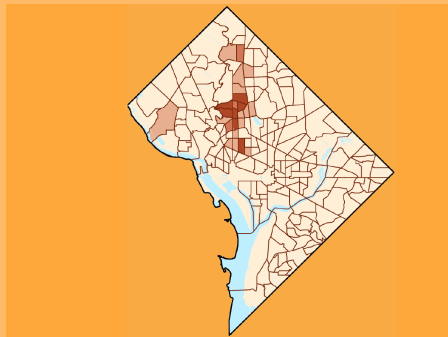
Hispanics or Latinos remain the fastest growing ethnic minority group in the

District. In census 2000, 572,059 residents were counted in the District, of which 44,953 (or 7.9 percent) were Hispanics or Latinos. The 2007 American Community Survey estimated the number of Hispanic or Latino population to be 49,016, or 8.3 percent of the District's total population. Hispanics or Latinos increased by 9.0 percent, from 44,953 in 2000 to 49,016 in 2007, compared with an increase of 2.3 percent for the non-Hispanic or Latino population, and 2.8 percent for the total population of the District (Table 1).

Most Hispanics or Latinos reside in the Northwestern quadrant of the city, as shown in Map 1 by the darker shaded areas.

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Map 1: Hispanic Population by Census Tract: 2007



**Table 1: Percent Population Change by Hispanic Origin:
District of Columbia 2000-2007**

Hispanic Origin	Population Estimate		Change 2000-2007	
	2007	2000	Number	Percent
Total	588,292	572,059	16,233	2.8
Not Hispanic or Latino	539,276	527,106	12,170	2.3
Hispanic or Latino	49,016	44,953	4,063	9.0

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 American Community Survey.

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Hispanic or Latino Population by Age Group

In 2007, of the 588,292 residents in the District, 277,076 (or 47.1 percent) were males and 311,216 (or 52.9 percent) were females. Of this number, there were 49,016 Hispanics or Latino residents, with 25,765 (or 52.6 percent) males and 23,251 (or 47.4 percent) females (Table 2).

Hispanics or Latinos had a greater proportion of young people and a smaller proportion of older people than the total population of the District. While 22.8 percent of Hispanics or Latinos in the District were under eighteen years in 2007, only 19.3 percent of the total residents were under eighteen years. About 71.6 percent of Hispanics or Latinos were 18 to 64 years, compared with 68.8 percent of total population of the District. On the other hand, only 5.6 percent of Hispanics or Latinos were 65 years and over, compared with 11.9 percent for the total population of the District aged 65 years and over (Figure 1).

Hispanics or Latinos in the District had a younger median age than the total population of the District. The median age is a simple summary measure of age structure: half of all the people are older than the median age and half are younger. In 2007, median age for Hispanic or Latino population of District was thirty-one years, while the median age for the total population of the District was thirty-five years.

Hispanic or Latino Population by Race

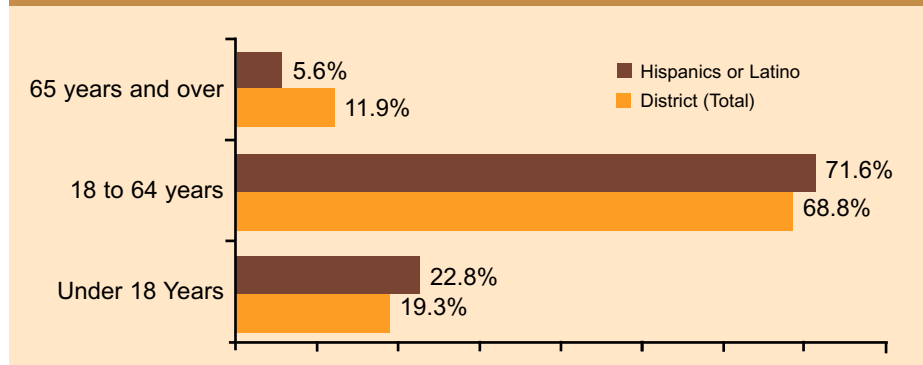
As stated above, race and Hispanic origin are two separate concepts. People who are Hispanic or Latino may be of any race. Starting with census 2000, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requires federal agencies to use a minimum of five race categories: White; Black or African American; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian; and Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander. For respondents unable to identify with any of these five race categories, the OMB approved including a sixth category - Some other race¹, and

Table 2: Hispanic or Latino Population by Age and Gender: District of Columbia 2007

Age Group	District (Total)		Hispanics or Latinos	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Both Sexes	588,292	100.0	49,016	100.0
Under 18 Years	113,574	19.3	11,196	22.8
18 to 64 years	404,454	68.8	35,084	71.6
65 years and over	70,264	11.9	2,736	5.6
Male	277,076	47.1	25,765	52.6
Under 18 Years	57,222	9.7	5,814	11.9
18 to 64 years	192,359	32.7	18,973	38.7
65 years and over	27,495	4.7	978	2.0
Female	311,216	52.9	23,251	47.4
Under 18 years	56,352	9.6	5,382	11.0
18 to 64 years	212,095	36.1	16,111	32.9
65 years and over	42,769	7.3	1,758	3.6

Source: U.S Census Bureau, 2007 American Community Survey

Figure 1: Hispanic or Latinos Total Population by Age for District of Columbia: 2007



Source: U.S Census Bureau, 2007 American Community Survey

individuals who chose more than one of the six race categories are assigned to the Two or more races category.

¹ "Some other race" was included in Census 2000 for respondents who were unable to identify with the five Office of Management and Budget race categories. Respondents who provided write-in entries such as Moroccan, South African, Belizean, or Hispanic Origin (for example, Mexican, Puerto Rican, or Cuban) are included in the some other race category.

In 2007, half (or 50.8 percent) of Hispanics or Latinos in the District reported some other race alone, compared with

only 4.7 percent of the total population of the District, about 40.9 percent indicated that their race was white alone, compared with 35.8 percent of the total population, and 5.6 percent reported Black or African American alone, compared with 54.7 percent of the total population.

In addition, about 2.2 percent of Hispanics or Latinos in the District reported two or more races, compared with 1.6 percent of the total population. About 0.5 percent of Hispanics or Latinos reported American Indian and

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Alaska Native alone, compared with 0.2 percent of the total population of the District (Table 3).

Hispanic or Latino Population by Language Spoken at Home and Ability to Speak English

Table 4 shows language spoken at home by ability to speak English for 5 years and over Hispanic or Latino population of District of Columbia. In 2007, about 26.0 percent of the total Hispanics or Latinos aged 5 and over in the District spoke only English at home, the majority (or 71.5 percent) spoke Spanish at home, and the remaining 2.5 percent spoke other languages at home.

About 41.0 percent of Hispanics or Latinos in the District were born in the United States and nearly two-thirds (or 65.1 percent) of Hispanics or Latinos aged 5 and over spoke English very well, and about 34.2 percent spoke English less than very well.

Hispanic or Latino Population by Country of Origin

Hispanics or Latinos in the District are quite diverse in terms of country of origin. In 2007, while the District's Hispanic or Latino populations were comprised of individuals from different countries, more than half (or 51.6 percent) were Salvadorans and Mexicans.

People of Salvadoran origin were the largest Hispanic or Latino subgroup in the District, representing 37.2 percent of the total Hispanic or Latino population. Mexicans were the second largest subgroup, comprising 14.4 percent, followed by Other Hispanics or Latinos at nearly 11 percent of the total Hispanic or Latino Population.

Other sizable Hispanic or Latino populations included 9.7 percent of Dominican origin, 7.4 percent of Puerto Rican origin, 4.5 percent of Colombian origin, 3.0 percent of Cuban origin, and 2.2 percent of Nicaraguan origin (Table 5).

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Table 3: Hispanic or Latino Population by Race: District of Columbia 2007

Race	District (Total)		Hispanics or Latinos	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	588,292	100.0	49,016	100.0
White alone	210,332	35.8	20,050	40.9
Black or African American alone	321,646	54.7	2,761	5.6
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	1,172	0.2	236	0.5
Asian alone	18,066	3.1	0	0.0
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0	0.0	0	0.0
Some other race alone	27,591	4.7	24,896	50.8
Two or more races	9,485	1.6	1,073	2.2

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 American Community Survey.

Table 4: Language Spoken at Home by Ability to Speak English for the 5 Years and Over Hispanic or Latino Population: 2007

Language Spoken at Home	Number	Percent
Total	44,840	100.0
Speak only English	11,656	26.0
Speak Spanish	32,075	71.5
Speak English "very well"	17,642	39.3
Speak English less than "very well"	14,433	32.2
Speak other language	1,109	2.5

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 American Community Survey.

Table 5: Hispanic or Latino Population by Country of Origin: 2007

Country of Origin	Population	Percent of Total Hispanic or Latino population
Hispanic or Latino	49,016	100.0
Native	20,100	41.0
Foreign Born	28,916	59.0
Salvadoran	18,221	37.2
Mexican	7,052	14.4
Dominican (Dominican Republic)	4,767	9.7
Puerto Rican	3,638	7.4
Colombian	2,200	4.5
Cuban	1,476	3.0
Nicaraguan	1,081	2.2
Peruvian	917	1.9
Other South American	871	1.8
Honduran	856	1.7
Argentinean	830	1.7
Guatemalan	640	1.3
Ecuadorian	304	0.6
Costa Rican	299	0.6
Panamanian	290	0.6
Venezuelan	276	0.6
Other Hispanic or Latino	5,298	10.8

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 American Community Survey.

Table 6: Hispanic or Latino Population by Household Type: District of Columbia 2007

Household Type	District (Total)		Hispanics or Latinos	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Family households	108,181	43.1	9,739	54.3
Married-couple family	55,790	22.2	5,813	32.4
Female householder, no husband present	42,957	17.1	2,671	14.9
Male householder, no wife present	9,434	3.8	1,255	7.0
Nonfamily households:	142,858	56.9	8,181	45.7
Householder living alone	120,261	47.9	6,805	38.0
Householder not living alone	22,597	9.0	1,376	7.7

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 American Community Survey.

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Hispanic or Latino Population by Household Type

In 2007, over half (or 54.3 percent) of the total Hispanic or Latino households in the District were family households², compared with 43.1 percent of total households of the District. On the other hand, about 45.7 percent of Hispanic or Latino households were nonfamily households, compared with 56.9 percent of the total households.

Married couple families made up 32.4 percent of Hispanic or Latino households, compared with 22.2 percent of total households of the District. About 14.9 percent of Hispanic or Latino households were maintained by a female householder with no spouse present, compared with 17.1 percent of total households. Households maintained by a male householder with no spouse present represented 7.0 percent of Hispanic or Latino households, compared with 3.8 percent of total households of the District.

While 47.9 percent of all District households were maintained by householder living alone, Hispanic or Latino householders living alone comprised 38 percent of all Hispanic or Latino households (Table 6).

² Family household consists of a householder and one or more people living together in the same household who are related to the householder by birth, marriage, or adoption. It may also include people unrelated to the householder.

Table 7: Hispanic or Latino Population 15 Years and Over by Marital Status: District of Columbia 2007

Marital Status	District of Columbia (Total)		Hispanics or Latinos	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Both Sexes	494,235	100.0	39,389	100.0
Never married	265,864	53.8	18,986	48.2
Now married	132,401	26.8	14,152	35.9
(except separated)				
Separated	18,088	3.7	2,106	5.3
Widowed	29,817	6.0	1,244	3.2
Divorced	48,065	9.7	2,901	7.4
Male:	229,811	46.5	20,916	53.1
Never married	128,962	26.1	10,770	27.3
Now married	68,439	13.8	7,790	19.8
(except separated)				
Separated	8,218	1.7	969	2.5
Widowed	4,722	1.0	77	0.2
Divorced	19,470	3.9	1,310	3.3
Female:	264,424	53.5	18,473	46.9
Never married	136,902	27.7	8,216	20.9
Now married	63,962	12.9	6,362	16.2
(except separated)				
Separated	9,870	2.0	1,137	2.9
Widowed	25,095	5.1	1,167	3.0
Divorced	28,595	5.8	1,591	4.0

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 American Community Survey

Hispanic or Latino Population by Marital Status

As presented in Table 7, in 2007 a large proportion (or 35.9 percent) of Hispanics or Latinos aged 15 and over in the District were married, compared with 26.8 per-

cent of the total population of the District aged 15 years and over.

About 48.2 percent of Hispanics or Latinos aged 15 years and over were never married, compared with 53.8 percent of the

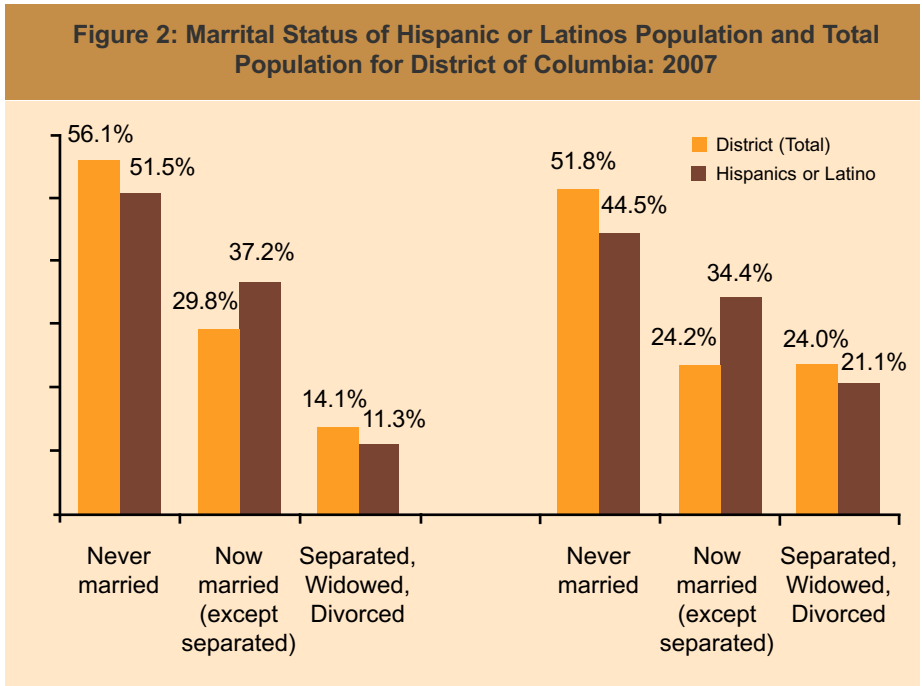
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total population of the District. The remaining 15.9 percent of Hispanics or Latinos aged 15 years and over were separated, widowed, or divorced, compared with 19.4 percent of the total population of the District aged 15 years and older.

About 34.4 percent of the total Hispanic women aged 15 years and over in the District were married in 2007, compared with 37.2 percent of Hispanic or Latino men. Smaller proportion (11.3 percent) of Hispanic or Latino men were separated, widowed, divorced, compared with 21.1 percent of Hispanic or Latino women in the District aged 15 years and over.

On the other hand, a greater proportion (51.5 percent) of Hispanic or Latino men were never married compared with 44.5 percent of Hispanic or Latino women aged 15 years and over in the District (Figure 2).



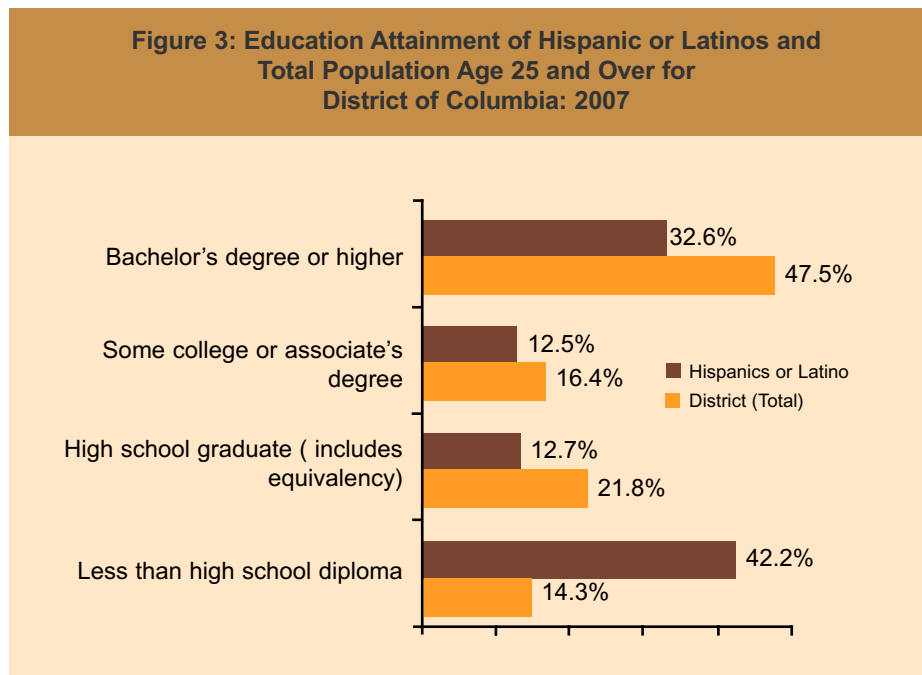
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 American Community Survey

Hispanic or Latino Population by Educational Attainment

In 2007, about 57.8 percent of Hispanics or Latinos aged 25 years and over in the District were high school graduates, compared with 85.7 percent of total population aged 25 and over. About 32.6 percent of Hispanics or Latinos aged 25 and over had a bachelor's degree or more education, compared with 47.5 percent of the total population of the District aged 25 and over.

A higher proportion (or 42.2 percent) of Hispanics or Latinos aged 25 and over in the District had not graduated from high school in 2007, compared with only 14.3 percent of the total population of the District aged 25 years and over (Figure 3).

According to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2007 American Community Survey, Hispanic or Latino women had higher levels of educational attainment than Hispanic or Latino men in the District. In 2007, about 58.2 percent of all Hispanic or Latino women aged 25 years and over were high school graduates, compared with 57.5 percent of all Hispanic or Latino men aged 25 years and over.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 American Community Survey

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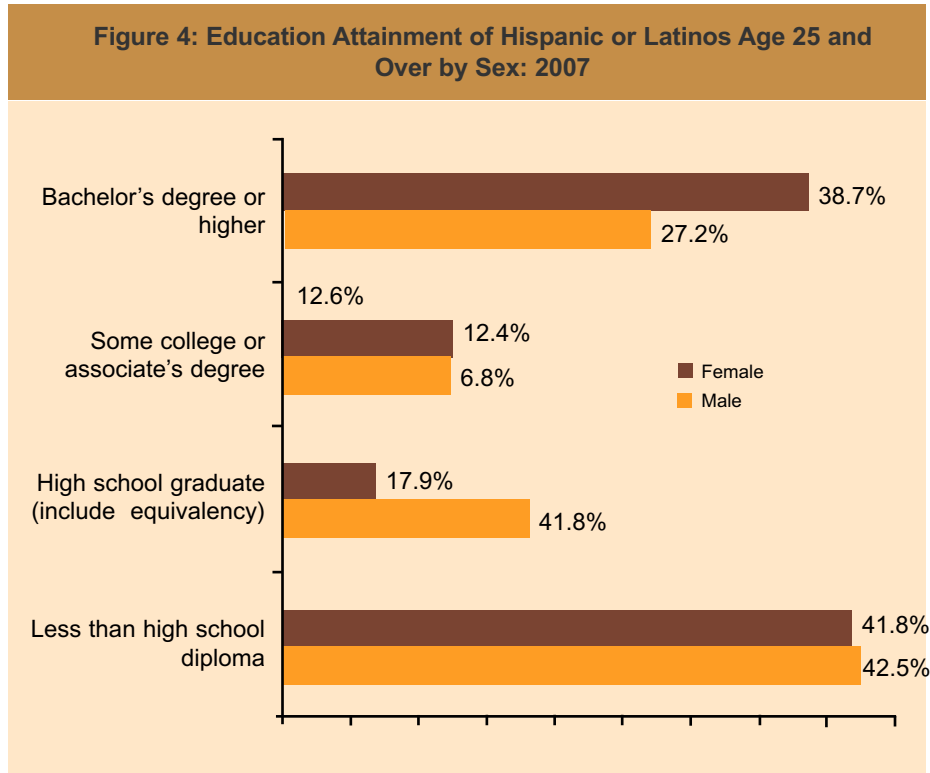
A greater proportion (or 38.7 percent) of Hispanic or Latino women aged 25 years and over in the District had a bachelor's degree or higher education in 2007, compared with 27.2 percent of Hispanic or Latino men aged 25 years and over (Figure 4).

Hispanic or Latino Population by Household Income

In 2007, the median income of Hispanic or Latino households in the District was about \$45,051, compared with \$54,317 median income of total households of the District.

As shown in Table 8, about 14.2 percent Hispanic or Latino households reported incomes below \$15,000, compared with 15.6 percent of total households of the District. On the other hand, about 67.5 percent of Hispanic or Latino households reported incomes between \$15,000 and \$99,999, compared with 55.6 percent of the total households of the District, and a smaller proportion (or 6.2 percent) of Hispanic or Latino households reported incomes over \$100,000, compared with 15.2 percent of the total households of the District.

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Source: U.S Census Bureau, 2007 American Community Survey

Household Income	District-wide Households		Hispanics or Latinos Households	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	251,039	100.0	17,920	100.0
Less than \$10,000	25,469	10.1	1,942	10.8
\$10,000 to \$14,999	13,791	5.5	618	3.4
\$15,000 to \$24,999	24,038	9.6	2,125	11.9
\$25,000 to \$34,999	22,732	9.1	1,666	9.3
\$35,000 to \$49,999	30,903	12.3	3,724	20.8
\$50,000 to \$74,999	37,529	14.9	3,013	16.8
\$75,000 to \$99,999	26,544	10.6	1,554	8.7
\$100,000 to \$149,999	31,777	12.7	2,159	12.0
\$150,000 to \$199,999	17,062	6.8	775	4.3
\$200,000 or more	21,194	8.4	344	1.9
Median Household Income	\$54,317		\$45,051	

Source: U.S Census Bureau 2007 American Community Survey.

Hispanic or Latino Population by Poverty Status

According to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2007 American Community Survey, Hispanics or Latinos were less likely to live in poverty than the total population of the District. In 2007, about 11.1 percent of Hispanics or Latinos were in poverty, compared with 16.4 percent of the total population of the District.

Figure 5 shows poverty status of Hispanic or Latino population and total population of District by age group. About 2.6 percent of Hispanics or Latinos under 18 years of age were in poverty in 2007, compared with 4.6 percent of the total population of the District. A smaller proportion (or 7.1 percent) of Hispanics or Latinos aged 18 to 64 years were in poverty, compared with 10.2 percent of the total population of the District in the same age category.

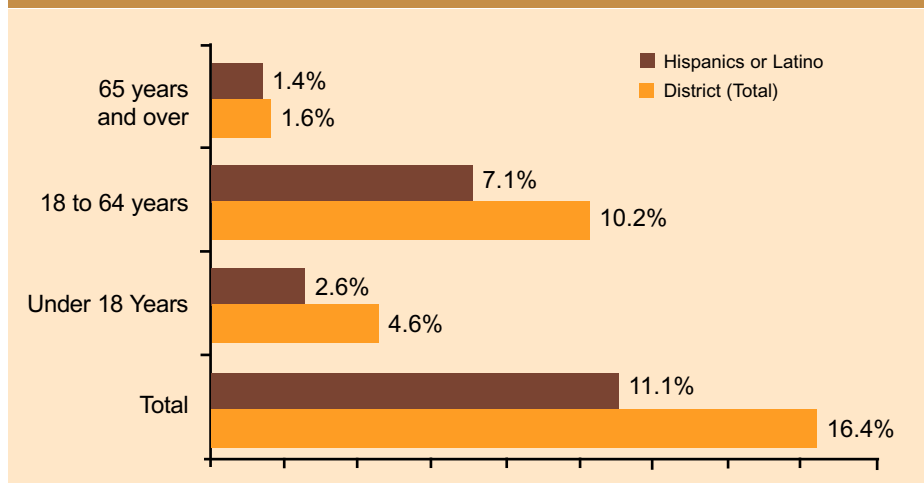
Similarly, a smaller proportion of Hispanics or Latinos (or 1.4 percent) aged 65 years and over in the District were in poverty, compared with 1.6 percent of the total population of 65 years and over in the District.

Male Hispanics or Latinos were less likely to live in poverty than female Hispanics or Latinos in the District. As presented in Table 9, only 3.6 percent male Hispanics or Latinos were in poverty, compared with 7.4 percent female Hispanics or Latinos in the District.

Hispanic or Latino Population by Occupation

The largest occupational category for the Hispanic or Latino population 16 years and over was services (31.4 percent), followed by management, professional and related occupations (27.7 percent), sales and office occupation (17.4 percent), and construction related activities 915.9 percent). When compared to the District as a whole, the largest occupation category was management, professional and related occupations (55.4 percent), followed

Figure 5: Poverty Status of Hispanic or Latino Population for District of Columbia: 2007



Source: U.S Census Bureau, 2007 American Community Survey

Table 9: Poverty Status of Hispanics or Latinos Population: District of Columbia 2007

Poverty by Age	District (Total)		Hispanics or Latinos	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Both Sexes				
Income in the past 12 months below poverty level	91,934	16.4	5,317	11.1
Under 18 years	25,597	4.6	1,251	2.6
18 to 64 years	57,169	10.2	3,405	7.1
65 years and over	9,168	1.6	661	1.4
Male				
	38,519	6.9	1,738	3.6
Under 18 years	13,009	2.3	280	0.6
18 to 64 years	22,841	4.1	1,349	2.8
65 years and over	2,669	0.5	109	0.2
Female				
	53,415	9.5	3,579	7.4
Under 18 years	12,588	2.2	971	2.0
18 to 64 years	34,328	6.1	2,056	4.3
65 years and over	6,499	1.2	552	1.1

Source: U.S Census Bureau, 2007 American Community Survey

Table 10: Hispanic or Latino Occupations for the Civilian Population 16 Years and Over: District of Columbia 2007

Occupation	District (Total)		Hispanics or Latinos	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	292,422	100.0	28,475	100.0
Service occupations	46,957	16.1	8,933	31.4
Management, professional, and related occupations	162,093	55.4	7,900	27.7
Sales and office occupations	59,120	20.2	4,956	17.4
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair occupations	10,767	3.7	4,539	15.9
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	13,428	4.6	2,147	7.5
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	57	0.0	0	0.0

Source: U.S Census Bureau, 2007 American Community Survey.

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by sales and office occupations (20.2 percent) (Table 10).

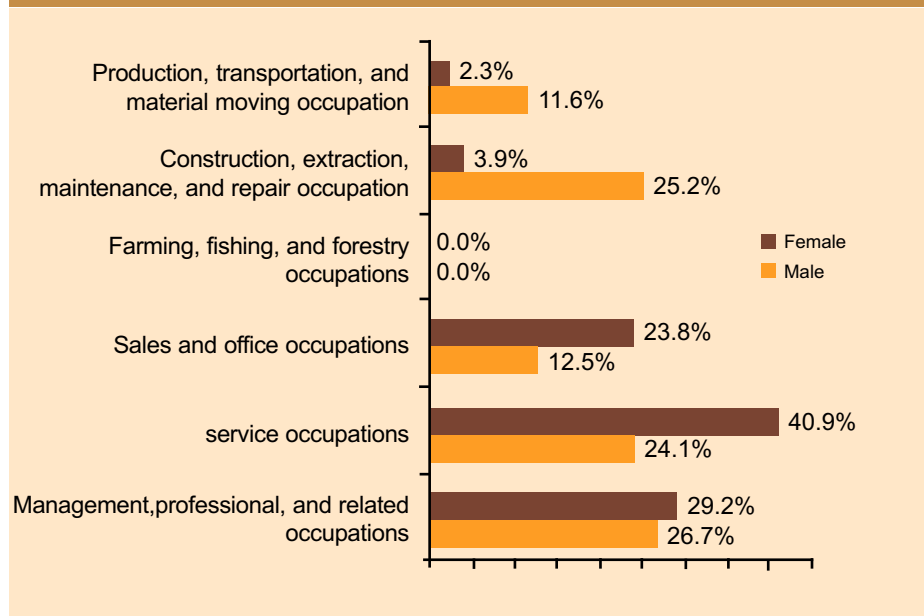
Hispanic or Latino women in the District were more likely than Hispanic or Latino men to work in management and professional occupation, service occupations, sales and office occupations. In 2007, about 29.2 percent civilian employed Hispanic or Latino women aged 16 and over worked in management, professional, and related occupations, compared with 26.7 percent of civilian employed Hispanic or Latino men aged 16 and over.

Sales and service occupations employed 40.9 percent of Hispanic or Latino women and 24.1 percent of Hispanic or Latino men aged 16 and over. Similarly, a large proportion of Hispanic or Latino women (or 23.8 percent) worked in sales and service occupations, compared with 12.5 percent of Hispanic or Latino men aged 16 and over.

On the other hand, Hispanic or Latino men were more likely than Hispanic or Latino women to work in production, transportation and material moving occupations, and construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations. In 2007, a larger proportion (or 25.2 percent) of Hispanic or Latino men worked in construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations, compared with only 3.9 percent of Hispanic or Latino women. Similarly, about 11.6 percent of Hispanic or Latino men worked in production, transportation, and material moving occupations, compared with 2.3 percent of Hispanic or Latino women (Figure 6).

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Figure 6: Occupation by Sex for Civilian Hispanic or Latino Employed Population 16 Years and Over for District of Columbia 2007



Source: U.S Census Bureau, 2007 American Community Survey

Hispanic or Latino Population by Housing Tenure

Hispanic or Latino householders were more likely than all householders of the District to live in renter occupied housing units than owner occupied housing units. In 2007, about 70.2 percent of Hispanic or Latino households lived in renter occupied housing units, compared with 55.5 percent of the total households of the District. Similarly, only 29.8 percent of Hispanic or Latino households lived in owner occupied housing units, compared with 44.5 percent of the total households of the District (Table 11).

Table 11: Hispanic or Latino Householders by Housing Tenure: District of Columbia 2007

Housing Tenure	District (Total) Householder		Hispanic or Latino Householder	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total:	251,039	100.0	17,920	100.0
Owner occupied	111,813	44.5	5,349	29.8
Renter occupied	139,226	55.5	12,571	70.2

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 American Community Survey.

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