

Ohio Hispanic Americans



Ohio's Hispanic community is comprised of more than 411,000 people, accounting for 3.5 percent of the state's total population. According to the 2015 American Community Survey by the U.S. Census Bureau, Ohio's Hispanic population grew 89 percent since 2000 and has more than tripled since 1980. For the United States, taken as a whole, the Hispanic population is nearly 56.5 million, or 17.6 percent of the nation's total population. Since 2000, the number of Hispanics within the U.S. has increased by 21 million, or 60 percent.

OVERVIEW

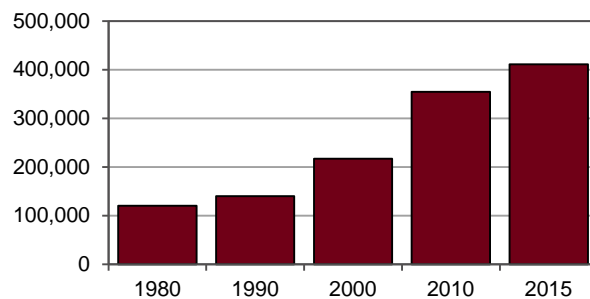
- 411,202 people – 3.5 percent of Ohio's total population
- 89 percent increase in population since 2000
- 83,500 were born outside the U.S.
- 47 percent are of Mexican ancestry
- Median age of 25.8 years compared to 39.3 years for Ohioans as a whole
- 87,200 enrolled in public schools
- Median household income: \$38,500
- 16,000+ Hispanic-owned businesses with \$2.8 billion in receipts

Note: People who identify their origin as Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino may be of any race. Hispanic, Latino, and Spanish refers to a person whose origins are from Spain, the Spanish-speaking countries of Central or South America, the Dominican Republic, or people identifying themselves generally as such. 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.

**Ohio's
Hispanic
Population:
411,000**

The Hispanic community makes up 3.5 percent of Ohio's total population with significant growth occurring during the last decade or so. Since 2000

the number of Hispanic Ohioans has increased by 89 percent. In 1980 there were less than 120,000 Hispanics in Ohio, making up 1.1 percent of the state's total population.

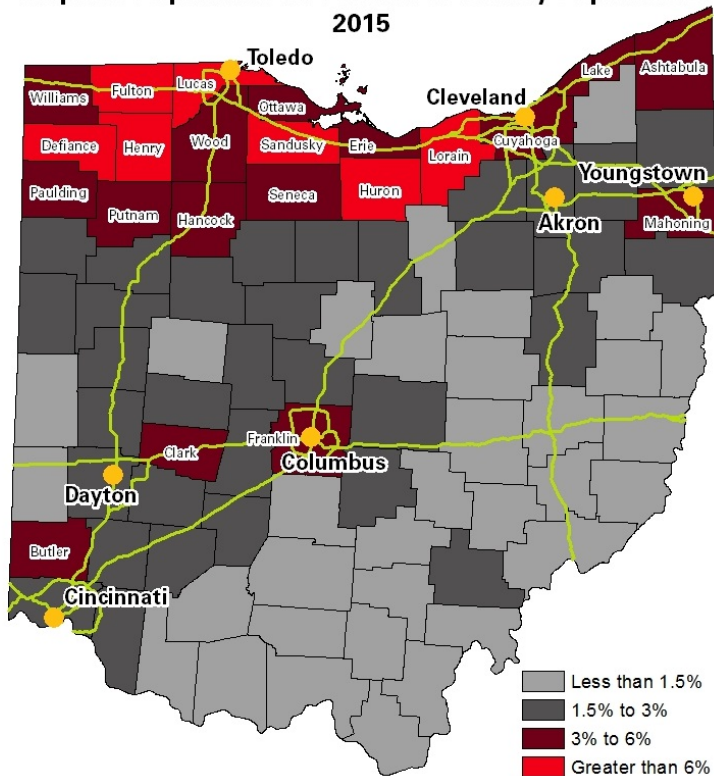


Hispanic Population

Hispanic Population by County: 2015			
Total Hispanic Population		Percent of County Population	
Cuyahoga	69,794	Defiance	9.8%
Franklin	65,018	Sandusky	9.8%
Lucas	29,536	Lorain	9.5%
Lorain	29,011	Fulton	8.4%
Hamilton	24,218	Henry	7.6%
Butler	16,856	Lucas	6.8%
Montgomery	14,171	Huron	6.3%
Mahoning	12,703	Putnam	5.9%
Summit	10,603	Cuyahoga	5.6%
Lake	9,411	Mahoning	5.5%
Stark	7,296	Wood	5.4%
Wood	6,980	Hancock	5.3%

The majority of Hispanic Ohioans live in urban areas of the state. One out of every three Hispanic Ohioans live in one of the four cities of Cleveland, Columbus, Lorain and Toledo. In Columbus there are 47,000 Hispanic residents, in Cleveland there are 41,000, in Toledo there are 24,000 and in Lorain there are 19,000 Hispanic residents. Note the Hispanic population makes up a higher proportion of county populations in the north and northwest sections of Ohio, many of which are rural in nature.

Hispanic Population as Percent of County Population: 2015

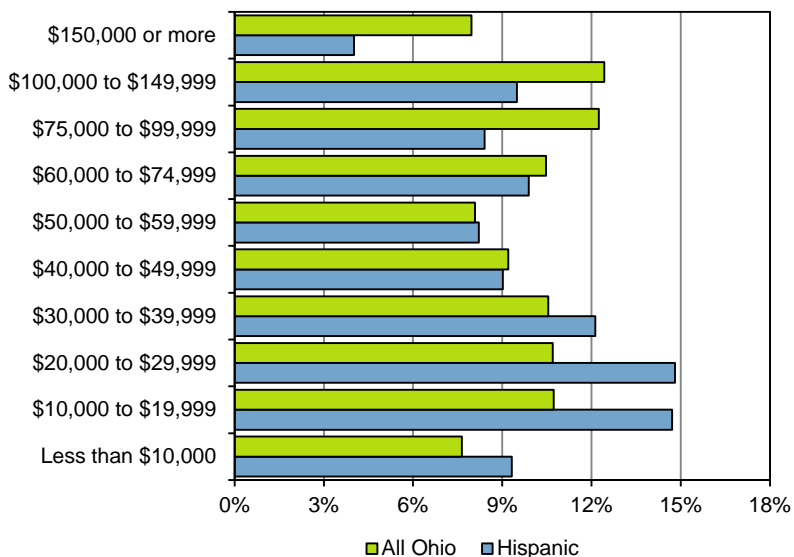


Median Household Income: \$38,500

The median income of Hispanic Ohioans is lower than that of Ohioans taken as a whole. The median household income for Hispanics is nearly \$38,500; for all Ohio households, the median household income is over \$51,000. This figure is influenced

by the latest immigrants to Ohio. The median household income for immigrants, of which Mexicans comprise the majority of recent arrivals, is near \$34,800. Immigrants from other Central America countries tend to have a slightly higher income with a median income of \$40,200.

Twenty-six percent of Hispanic Ohioans live below the poverty line. Of Ohio's 83,200 Hispanic family households, nearly one quarter live in poverty. Forty-two percent of these households have children younger than 5 years of age. Nearly 26 percent of Hispanic households received Food Stamps within the last 12 months.



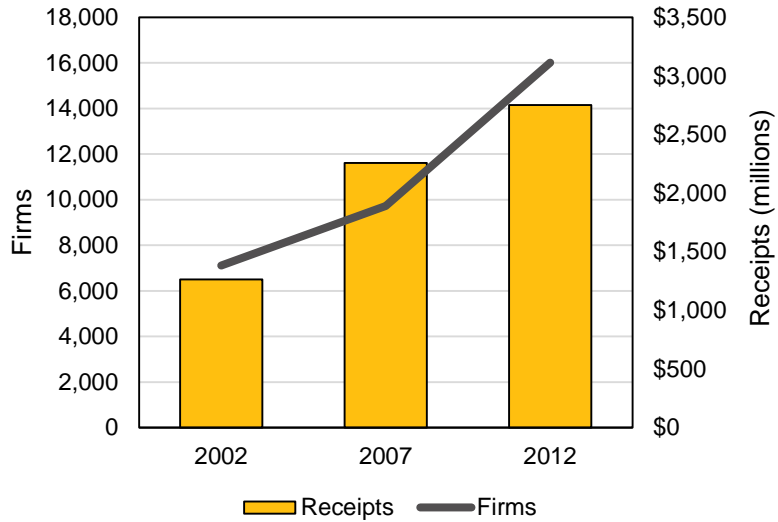
Household Income Distribution

**Receipts:
\$2.8 billion**

There are more than 16,000 Hispanic-owned businesses in Ohio, according to the most recent Survey of Business Owners conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. Of that number, businesses with a payroll total 1,553 and, combined, employ more than 23,600 workers with an annual payroll of more than \$528 million. Receipts for businesses with payrolls were over \$2.2 billion with receipts for all Hispanic-run businesses nearly \$2.8 billion.

The construction sector has the highest proportion of Hispanic firms at 18 percent. This compares to 12 percent for all Ohio firms. Of the Hispanic construction firms, over 90 percent are small with no paid employees. There is also a high Hispanic concentration in health care/social assistance sector at 12 percent. Sectors that are underrepresented by Hispanic-owned firms are real estate/rental/leasing and retail. Real estate is over 6 percentage points less than the proportion for all Ohio firms.

The distribution of receipts and employees for Hispanic-owned firms by sector varies somewhat from that of the state taken as a whole. Over 19 percent of receipts, the largest share, comes from wholesale trade and 39 percent of employees are in the accommodation/food services sector. For all Ohio businesses, manufacturing accounts for the largest share of receipts at 26 percent and most employees can be found in healthcare/social assistance at 17 percent.



**Unemployment
Rate:
9.5%**

The number of Hispanic Ohioans in the civilian labor force is nearly 190,000. Hispanic Ohioans have an unemployment rate of 9.5 percent. Hispanics between the ages of 25 and 54 have an unemployment rate of 8.2 percent. That is higher than the 5.6 percent unemployment rate for the same age group of all Ohioans. The Hispanic immigrant community unemployment rate is about two percentage points lower than the Ohio Hispanic community taken as a whole.

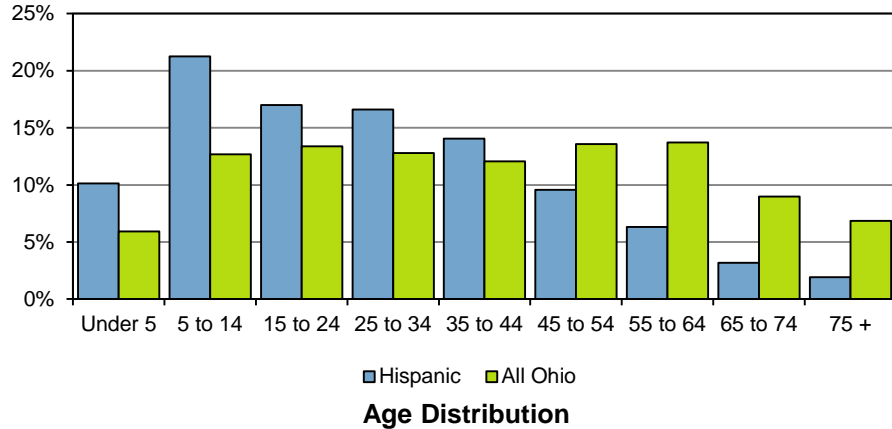
Employed Hispanics are heavily represented proportionally in production/transportation/material moving occupations, especially production, compared to the state as a whole. Of the 172,000 employed, over 21,000, or 12.5 percent, are in production occupations. For all Ohio workers only 8.5 percent are in production. Food service occupations and cleaning and maintenance occupations also have higher concentrations of Hispanic workers than the workforce as a whole.



**Median Age:
25.8 years**

Ohio Hispanics have a median age of 25.8 with over 21 percent of the population aged 5 to 14 years. For comparison, the median age of Ohioans taken as a whole is 39.3 years.

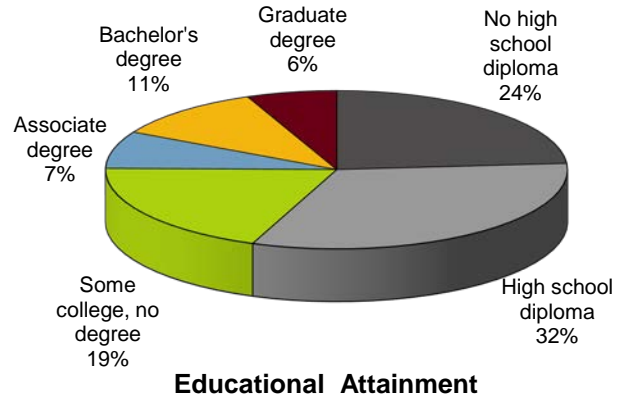
In Ohio, over 48,300 marriages include at least one Hispanic spouse. Of these families, nearly 60 percent have children living at home. For all married couples in Ohio, only 39 percent have children at home. Nearly 35 percent of Hispanic families with children consist of single mothers.



**Public School Enrollment:
87,200**

For the 2015-2016 schoolyear, there were over 87,000 Hispanic students enrolled in Ohio's public schools, making up 5.2 percent of Ohio's total student body. For the 2010-2011 schoolyear, the figure was 3.5 percent. Nearly 24 percent of current Hispanic students are classified as having limited English proficiency.

The educational attainment level of the Hispanic community lags behind the state as a whole. One quarter of Hispanic Ohioans have obtained a post-secondary degree compared to 35 percent for Ohioans as a whole. Correspondingly, 11 percent of Hispanics have less than a 9th grade education compared to 3 percent for the state. The educational attainment of recent Hispanic adult immigrants tends to be lower than the educational attainment of all Ohioans.

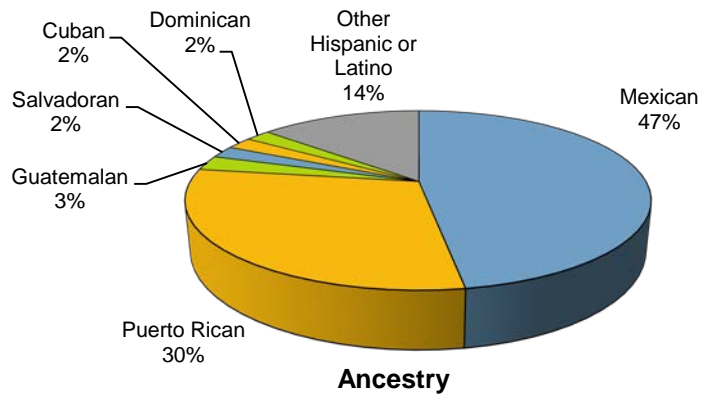


**Mexican Heritage:
195,000**

Much of the recent increase in Ohio's Hispanic population has occurred in the Mexican community which has more than doubled since 2000. The number of Hispanic Ohioans with an ancestral link to Mexico is nearly 195,000; more than three-quarters of these residents were born in the United States. Recent immigration from Mexico is an important factor in the growth in Ohio's Hispanic community with more than 31,000 people arriving from Mexico since 2000.

While the number of Ohio residents with Puerto Rican heritage has grown in recent decades, its portion of the Hispanic community has held steady, consisting of nearly one-third of Ohio's Hispanic population.

While Ohio residents with Mexican and Puerto Rican heritage make up a majority of Ohio's Hispanic community, Central America is becoming a more common point of origin. Hispanic Ohioans with ancestors in Central America have grown to nearly 32,000, with a large portion having ties to Guatemala or El Salvador. Over half of Guatemalans and Salvadorans in Ohio are immigrants.



Over one-fifth, or over 83,000, of Hispanic Ohioans are foreign born; over 53,000 of these residents have arrived since 2000. A larger proportion of immigrants from Latin America are young adult men. This is especially true for Mexico where over three-quarters of migrants are between the ages of 18 and 44 and, in Mexico's case, over 60 percent male. Since coming to the United States, one-third of foreign-born Hispanics have become naturalized citizens. The figure for Mexican migrants is slightly lower at around 21 percent.

Eighty percent of Hispanics speak only English or report speaking English "very well". Half of the Hispanic population reports speaking Spanish at home. Nine out of ten foreign-born Hispanics speak Spanish at home. These figures do not take into account how long the person has lived in the United States.



The statistical source of this profile is the 2010 Census of Population and Housing and the Census Bureau's 2015 American Community Survey. Business data came from the Census Bureau's 2012 Survey of Business Owners. Although the census is the most comprehensive set of socio-economic data available, the estimates are subject to sampling and non-sampling error that may result in some over- or under-estimation of actual population characteristics. The source of public school enrollment was the Ohio Department of Education.