

# Ohio Hispanic Americans



Ohio's Hispanic community is comprised of nearly 456,000 people, accounting for 3.9 percent of the state's total population. According to the 2018 American Community Survey by the U.S. Census Bureau, Ohio's Hispanic population doubled since 2000 and has more than tripled since 1980. For the United States, the Hispanic population is more than 59.7 million, or 18.3 percent of the nation's total population. Since 2000, the number of Hispanics within the U.S. has increased by 24.5 million, or 69 percent.

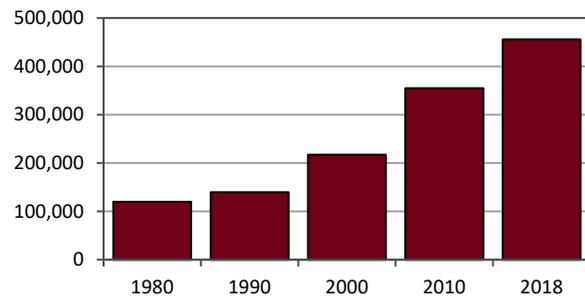
## OVERVIEW

- 455,918 people – 3.9 percent of Ohio's total population
- The Hispanic population has doubled since 2000
- 93,000 were born outside the U.S.
- 47 percent are of Mexican ancestry
- Median age of 25.8 years compared to 39.5 years for all Ohioans
- 117,000 enrolled in elementary and secondary schools
- Median household income: \$44,813
- 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:  
456,000**

The Hispanic community makes up 3.9 percent of Ohio's total population with significant growth occurring during the last two decades. Since 2000 the number of Hispanic Ohioans has doubled. In 1980 there were less than 120,000 Hispanics in Ohio, making up 1.1 percent of the state's total population.

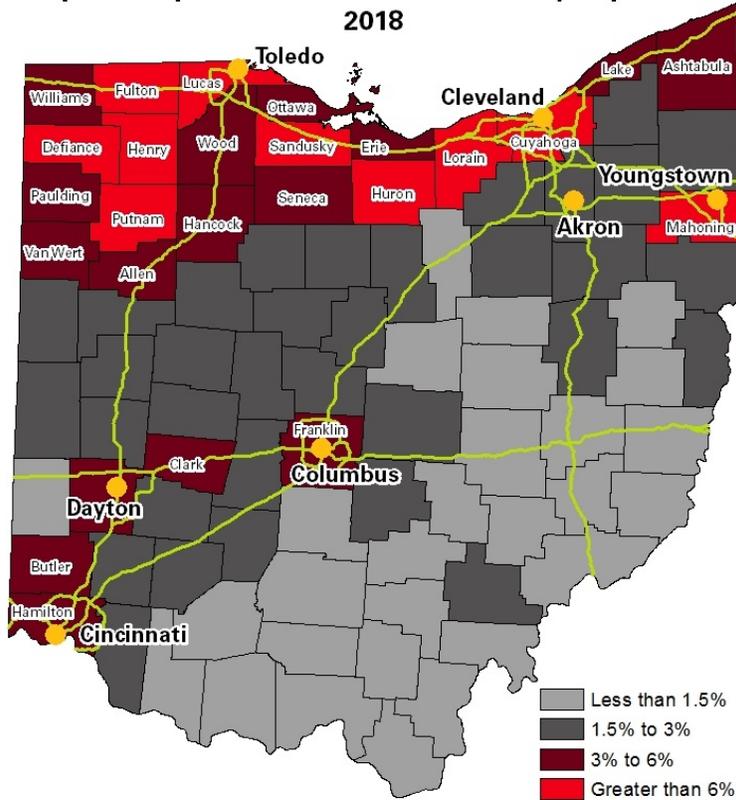


Hispanic Population

Hispanic Population by County: 2018			
Total Hispanic Population		Percent of County Population	
Cuyahoga	76,732	Defiance	10.3%
Franklin	74,816	Lorain	10.2%
Lorain	31,642	Sandusky	10.0%
Lucas	31,271	Fulton	8.9%
Hamilton	28,177	Henry	7.8%
Butler	18,601	Lucas	7.3%
Montgomery	16,460	Huron	6.9%
Mahoning	14,677	Mahoning	6.4%
Summit	12,150	Putnam	6.2%
Lake	10,737	Cuyahoga	6.2%
Stark	8,011	Franklin	5.7%
Wood	7,432	Wood	5.7%

Most 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 54,000 Hispanic residents, in Cleveland there are 47,000, in Toledo there are 25,000 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: 2018

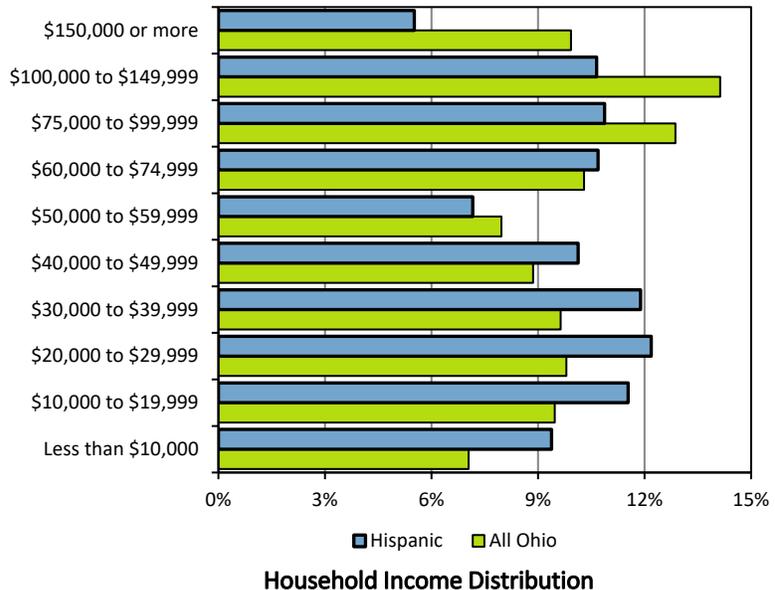


**Median Household Income: \$44,813**

The median income of Hispanic Ohioans is lower than that of all Ohioans. The median household income for Hispanics is nearly \$45,000; for all Ohio households, the median household income is \$56,000. The income for Hispanic immigrant households

is comparable to all Hispanic households. Immigrant households from Mexico have a median income of \$43,000 while household income from Central America is \$36,000.

Twenty-four percent of Hispanic Ohioans live below the poverty line. Of Ohio's 89,000 Hispanic family households, one fifth live in poverty. Forty-four percent of these households have children younger than 5 years of age. Nineteen percent of Hispanic households received Food Stamps within the last 12 months.



**Household Income Distribution**

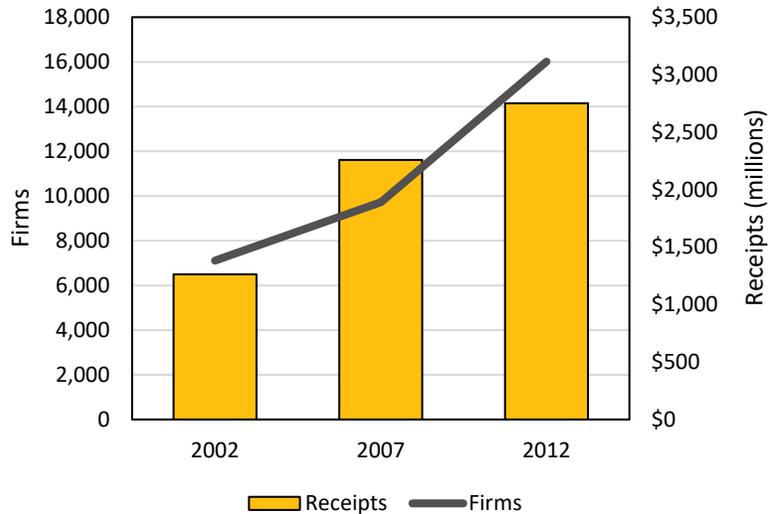
**Receipts:  
\$2.8 billion**

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. 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:  
7.3%**

The number of Hispanic Ohioans in the civilian labor force is nearly 212,000. Hispanic Ohioans have an unemployment rate of 7.3 percent. Hispanics make up 5.6 percent of the labor force between the ages of 20 and 24. This coincides with the age distribution of Ohio Hispanics and the concentration of young adults.

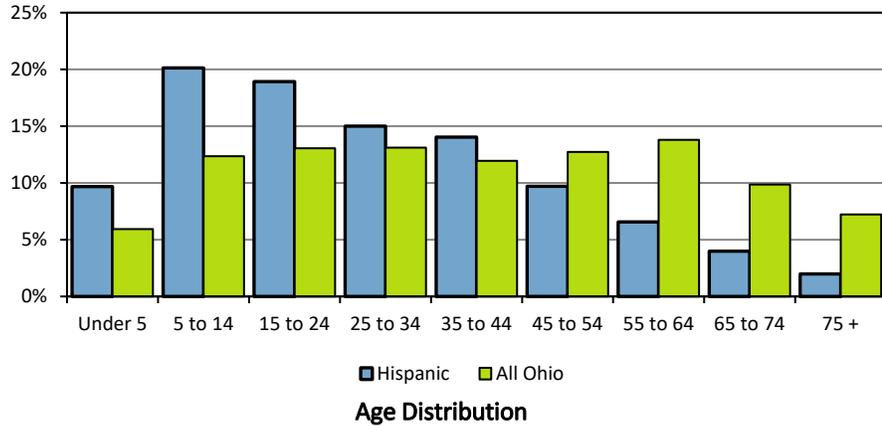
Employed Hispanics are heavily represented proportionally in the service occupations, especially in food preparation and serving occupations, compared to the state. Of the 196,000 employed, nearly 19,000, or 9.5 percent, are in food occupations. For all Ohio workers, only 5.9 percent are in food occupations. Production occupations and cleaning and construction occupations also have higher concentrations of Hispanic workers compared to the whole workforce.

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**Median Age:  
25.8 years**

Ohio Hispanics have a median age of 25.8 with 30 percent of the population under the age of 15. For comparison, the median age of all Ohioans is 39.5 years.

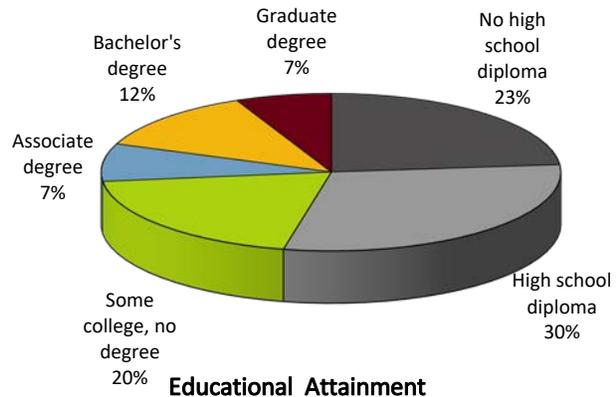
In Ohio, more than 51,000 marriages include at least one Hispanic spouse. Of these families, nearly 58 percent have children living at home. For all married couples in Ohio, only 38 percent have children at home. Nearly 34 percent of Hispanic families with children consist of single mothers.



**School Enrollment:  
117,000**

There are over 117,000 Hispanic students enrolled in Ohio’s elementary and secondary schools, making up 6.2 percent of Ohio’s total student body. There is a concentration of Hispanic children in the elementary grades as compared to all Ohio children.

The educational attainment level of the Hispanic community lags all of Ohio. Twenty-seven percent of Hispanic Ohioans have obtained a post-secondary degree compared to 38 percent for all Ohioans. Correspondingly, 11 percent of Hispanics have less than a 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

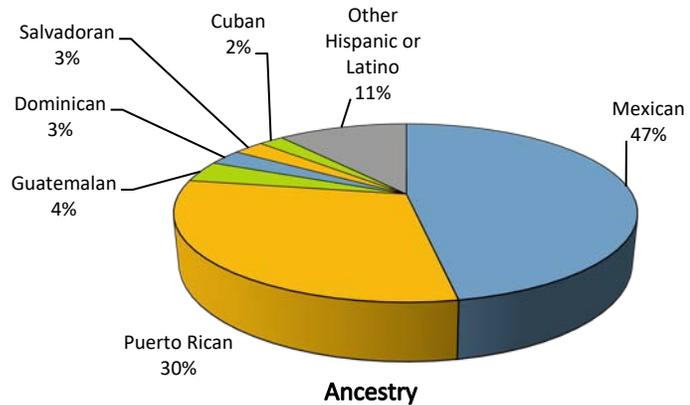


**Mexican Heritage:  
195,000**

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; 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 10,000 people arriving from Mexico since 2010.

While the number of Ohio residents with Puerto Rican heritage has grown in recent decades, its portion of the Hispanic community has held steady at around 30 percent.

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 33,000, with a large portion having ties to Guatemala or El Salvador. Over half of Guatemalans and Salvadorans in Ohio are immigrants.



One-fifth, or over 93,000, of Hispanic Ohioans are foreign born; over 24,000 of these residents have arrived since 2010. Since coming to the United States, thirty-four percent of foreign-born Hispanics have become naturalized citizens. The figure for Mexican migrants is slightly lower at approximately 29 percent. This may be because of the higher proportion of recent arrivals.

Half of Hispanics speak only English at home. Eighty percent of Hispanics speak only English or report speaking English "very well". Nine out of ten foreign-born Hispanics speak Spanish at home. These figures do not account for 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 2018 American Community Survey 1-year Estimates. 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.