

Ohio Hispanic Americans

Ohio's Hispanic community is comprised of more than 350,000 people, accounting for 3.1 percent of the state's total population. According to the 2010 Census, Ohio's Hispanic population grew by 63.4 percent since 2000 and nearly tripled since 1980. For the United States, taken as a whole, the Hispanic population is nearly 50.5 million, or 16.3 percent of the nation's total population. Since 2000, the number of Hispanics within the U.S. has increased by more than 15 million, or 43.0 percent.

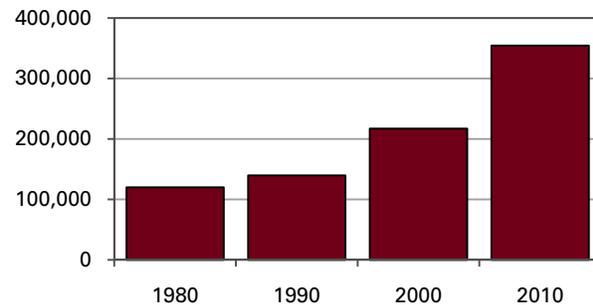
OVERVIEW

- 354,674 people – 3.1 percent of Ohio's total population
- 63.4 percent increase in population since 2000
- 76,000 were born outside the U.S.
- 50 percent are of Mexican ancestry
- Median age of 24.5 years compared to 38.8 years for Ohioans as a whole
- 49,000 enrolled in public schools
- Median household income: \$34,500
- 9,700+ Hispanic-owned businesses with \$2.3 billion in receipts

Note: 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. People who identify their origin as Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino may be of any race.

**Ohio's
Hispanic
Population:
354,674**

The Hispanic community makes up 3.1 percent of Ohio's total population with significant growth occurring during the last decade. Since 2000 the number of Hispanic Ohioans has increased by 63 percent. In 1980 there were less than 120,000 Hispanics in Ohio, making up 1.1 percent of the state's total population.

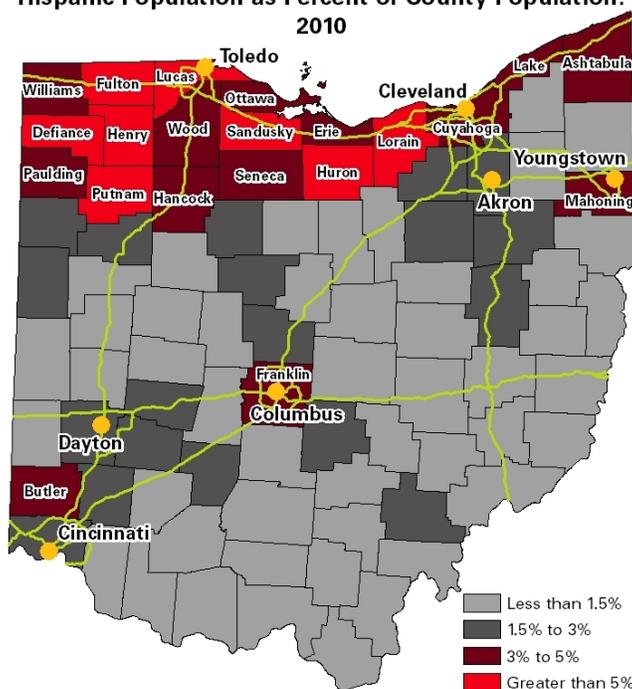


Hispanic Population

Hispanic Population by County: 2010			
Total Hispanic Population		Percent of County Population	
Cuyahoga	61,270	Sandusky	8.9%
Franklin	55,718	Defiance	8.7%
Lucas	26,974	Lorain	8.4%
Lorain	25,290	Fulton	7.8%
Hamilton	20,607	Henry	6.6%
Butler	14,670	Lucas	6.1%
Montgomery	12,177	Huron	5.6%
Mahoning	11,136	Putnam	5.5%
Summit	8,660	Franklin	4.8%
Lake	7,825	Cuyahoga	4.8%
Stark	5,965	Mahoning	4.7%
Wood	5,663	Wood	4.5%

The majority of Hispanic Ohioans live in urban areas of the state. Three out of every ten Hispanic Ohioans live in one of the three cities of Cleveland, Columbus, or Toledo. In Columbus there are 44,400 Hispanic residents, in Cleveland there are 39,500, and in Toledo there are 21,200 Hispanic residents. However, 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.

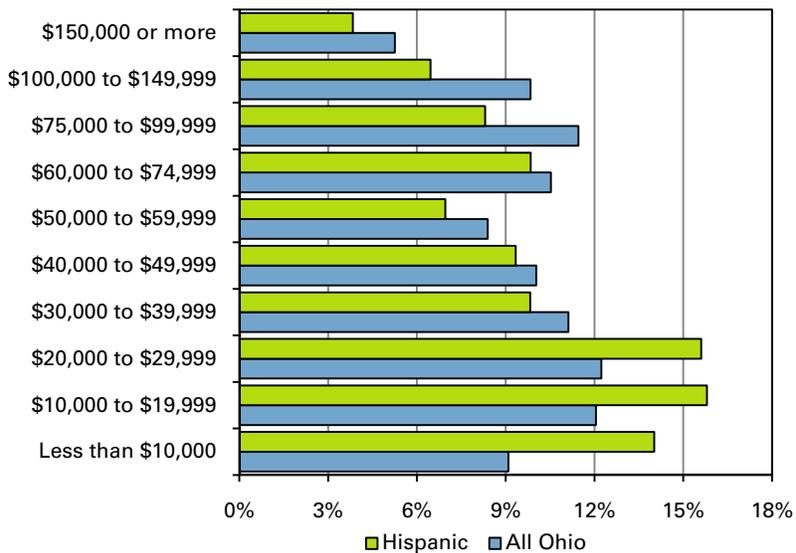
**Hispanic Population as Percent of County Population:
2010**



**Median Household Income:
\$34,461**

The median income of Hispanic Ohioans is lower than that of Ohioans taken as a whole. The median household income for Hispanics is under \$35,000; for all Ohio households, the median household income is \$45,395. This figure is influenced by the

latest immigrants to Ohio. The median income for Mexican immigrants, which comprise the majority of recent arrivals, is near \$25,000. The income of Hispanics between the ages of 25 and 64 is more than \$10,000 lower than that of Ohio households taken as a whole. Hispanic households led by individuals younger than 25 or older than 65 have an income distribution similar to the state.



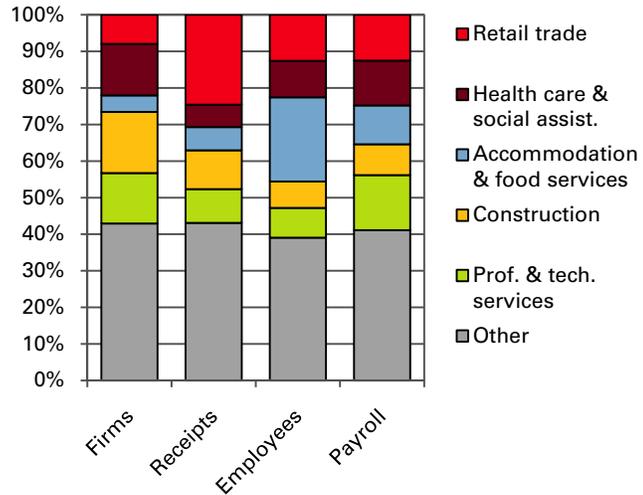
Household Income Distribution

Thirty percent of Hispanic Ohioans live below the poverty line. Of Ohio's roughly 68,000 Hispanic family households, one quarter live in poverty. Nearly half of these households have children younger than 5 years of age. Over 20 percent of Hispanic households received Food Stamps within the last 12 months.

**Business Receipts:
\$2.3 billion**

There are more than 9,700 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 1,340 and, combined, employ more than 11,600 workers with an annual payroll of more than \$375 million. Receipts for those businesses approached \$2 billion with receipts for all Hispanic-run businesses topping \$2.3 billion.

The construction sector has the highest proportion of Hispanic firms at 17 percent. This compares to 13 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 14 percent. Sectors that are underrepresented by Hispanic-owned firms are real estate/rental/leasing and retail. Real estate is nearly 5 percentage points less than the proportion for all Ohio firms.



The distribution of receipts and employees for Hispanic-owned firms by sector varies greatly from that of the state taken as a whole. Nearly 25 percent of receipts, the largest share, comes from the retail sector and 23 percent of employees are in the accommodation/food services sector. Conversely, for all Ohio businesses, retail brings in 13 percent of receipts and accommodation/food services has 9 percent of employees.

**Unemployment
Rate:
16.0%**

The number of Hispanic Ohioans in the civilian labor force is more than 143,000. Hispanic Ohioans have an unemployment rate of 16.0 percent. Hispanics between the ages of 25 and 64 have an unemployment rate of 14.0 percent while Hispanics between the ages of 20 and 24 have an unemployment rate of 21.8 percent. The Hispanic immigrant community tended to have a lower unemployment rate than the Ohio Hispanic community taken as a whole.

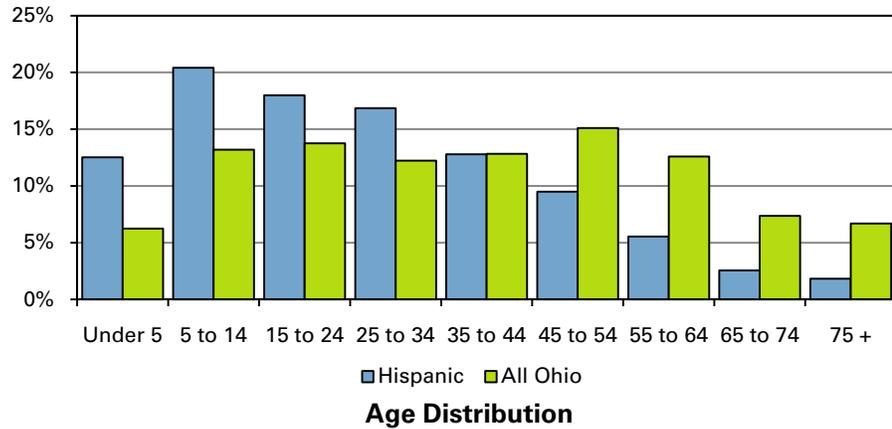
Employed Hispanics are heavily represented in service and production/transportation occupations compared to the state as a whole. Of the nearly 121,000 employed, 26 percent are in service occupations with 13,500 employed in food services. Production and transportation occupations account for 19 percent with 14,300 Hispanic Ohioans involved with production.



**Median Age:
24.5 years**

Ohio Hispanics have a median age of 24.5 years in part due to an increase in the number of young adult immigrants. For comparison, the median age of Ohioans taken as a whole is 38.8 years.

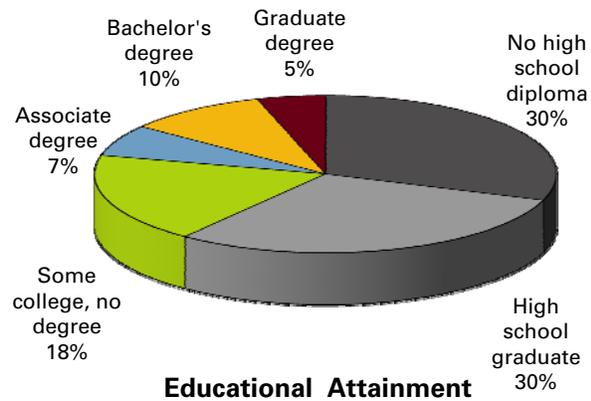
In Ohio, nearly 41,000 marriages include at least one Hispanic spouse. Of these families, nearly 60 percent have children living at home. For all married couples in Ohio, only 39 percent have children at home. Thirty-three percent of Hispanic families with children consist of single mothers.



**Public School Enrollment:
49,000**

For the 2009-2010 school year, there were over 49,000 Hispanic students enrolled in Ohio’s public schools, making up 2.8 percent of Ohio’s total student body. For the 2000-2001 school year, the figure was 1.7 percent. More than 40 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. Twenty-one percent of Hispanic Ohioans have obtained a post-secondary degree compared to 31 percent for Ohioans as a whole. Correspondingly, almost 14 percent of Hispanics have less than a 9th grade education compared to 4 percent for the state. The educational attainment of recent Hispanic adult immigrants tends to be lower than the educational attainment of all Ohioans. Roughly half of the bachelor’s degrees for the Hispanic population are in engineering, science and related fields.

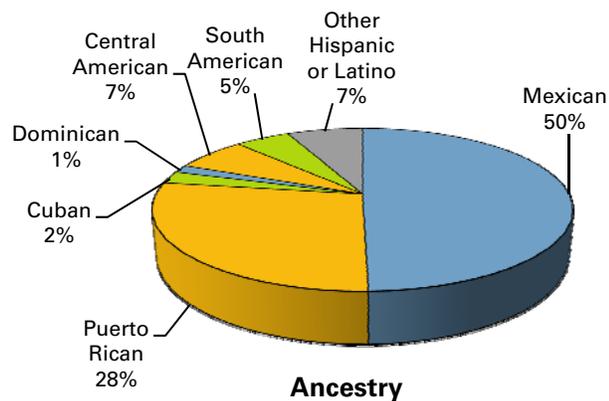


**Mexican Heritage:
160,000 +**

Much of the recent increase in Ohio’s Hispanic population has occurred in the Mexican community which grew by more than 75 percent since 2000. The number of Hispanic Ohioans with an ancestral link to Mexico is more than 160,000; more than two-thirds 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 23,000 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 slowly declining, accounting for about one-fourth 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 tripled since 2000, with a large portion having ties to Guatemala or El Salvador. Around two-thirds of Guatemalans and Salvadorans in Ohio are immigrants.



Nearly one-fourth, or around 75,000, of Hispanic Ohioans are foreign born; nearly 40,000 of these residents have arrived in the past decade. A large proportion of immigrants from Latin America are young adult men. This is especially true for Mexico and Central America where 65 to 75 percent of migrants are between the ages of 18 and 44 and, in Mexico's case, nearly 60 percent male. Since coming to the United States, over one-fourth of foreign-born Hispanics have become naturalized citizens. The figure for Mexican migrants is slightly lower at around 15 percent.

Of the foreign-born Hispanic population, the majority reports speaking Spanish at home. Nearly one-third state they speak English "very well". These figures do not take into account how long the person has lived in the United States. Taken as a whole, around 45 percent of Ohio's Hispanic community report speaking only English at home while a further 30 percent report speaking English "very well".

The statistical source of this profile is the 2010 Census of Population and Housing and the Census Bureau's 2009 American Community Survey. Business data came from the Census Bureau's 2007 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.