

# Ohio Hispanic Americans

Snapshot from the 2022 American  
Community Survey

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# Hispanic Ohioans

Ohio’s Hispanic community is comprised of more than 517,000 people, accounting for 4.4 percent of the state’s total population. According to the 2022 American Community Survey by the U.S. Census Bureau, Ohio’s Hispanic population more than doubled since 2000 and has more than quadrupled since 1980. For the United States, the Hispanic population is nearly 63.6 million, or 19.1 percent of the nation’s total population. Since 2000, the number of Hispanics within the U.S. has increased by 28.2 million, or 80 percent.

## Overview

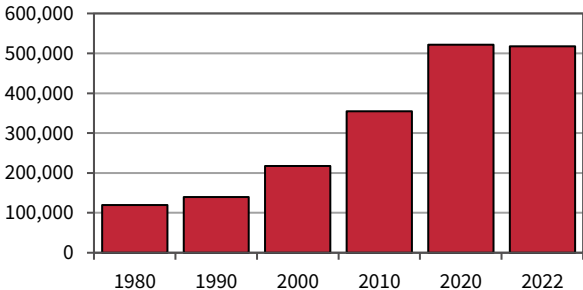
- 517,000 people – 4.4 percent of Ohio’s total population.
- The Hispanic population has more than doubled since 2000.
- 105,000 were born outside the U.S.
- 42 percent are of Mexican ancestry.
- Median age of 27.1 years compared to 39.9 years for all Ohioans.
- 125,000 enrolled in elementary and secondary schools.
- Median household income: \$55,600.
- 2,500 Hispanic-owned businesses with paid employees.

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: 517,000**

The Hispanic community makes up 4.4 percent of Ohio’s total population with significant growth occurring during the last two decades. Since 2000 the number of

Hispanic Ohioans has more than doubled. In 1980 there were less than 120,000 Hispanics in Ohio, making up 1.1 percent of the state’s total population.

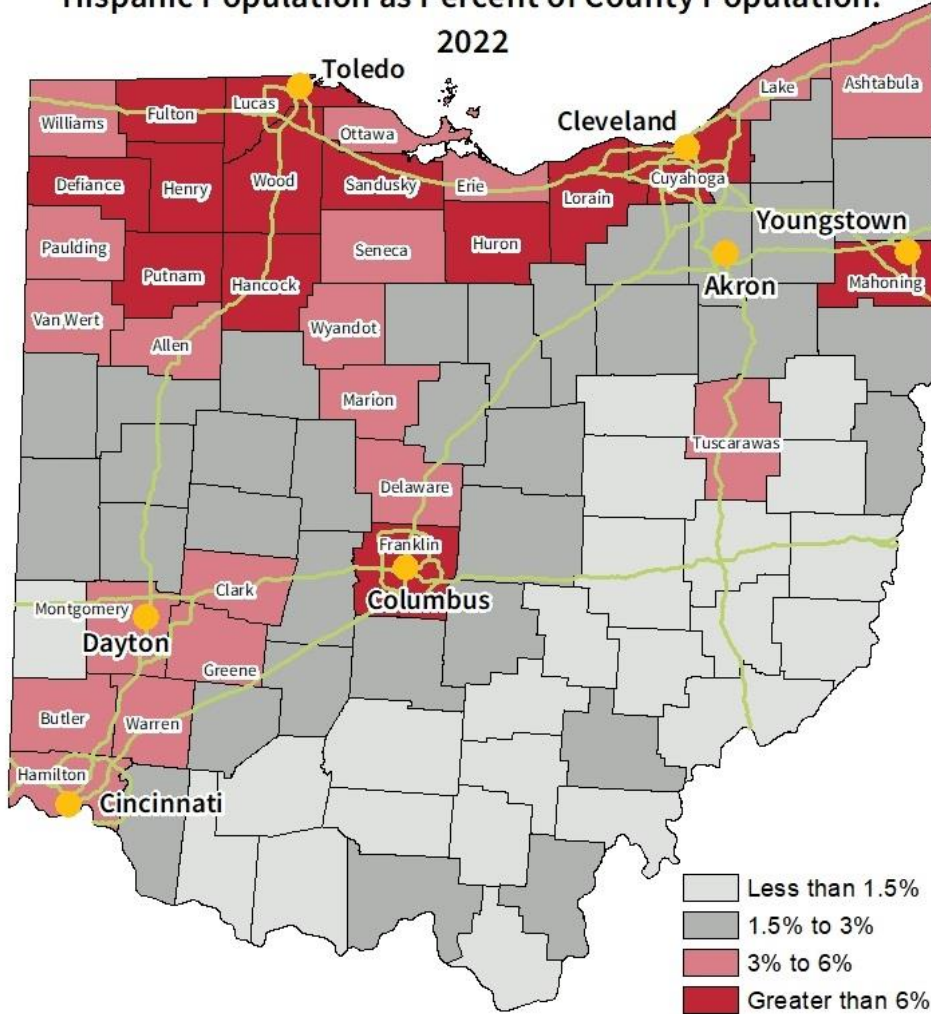


Hispanic Population

Hispanic Population by County: 2022			
Largest Total Hispanic Population		Largest Percent of County Population	
Cuyahoga	84,829	Defiance	11.2%
Franklin	84,586	Lorain	11.0%
Lorain	34,840	Sandusky	11.0%
Lucas	33,962	Fulton	9.4%
Hamilton	33,603	Henry	8.1%
Butler	21,967	Lucas	8.0%
Montgomery	19,800	Huron	7.2%
Mahoning	15,677	Mahoning	6.9%
Summit	14,222	Cuyahoga	6.9%
Lake	11,962	Putnam	6.8%
Stark	9,551	Franklin	6.4%
Warren	8,476	Hancock	6.3%

Most Hispanic Ohioans live in urban areas of the state. Twenty-nine percent of Hispanic Ohioans live in one of the four cities of Columbus, Cleveland, Toledo, and Lorain. In Columbus, there are 63,400 Hispanic residents, in Cleveland there are 45,800, in Toledo there are 23,900, and in Lorain there are 18,100 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.

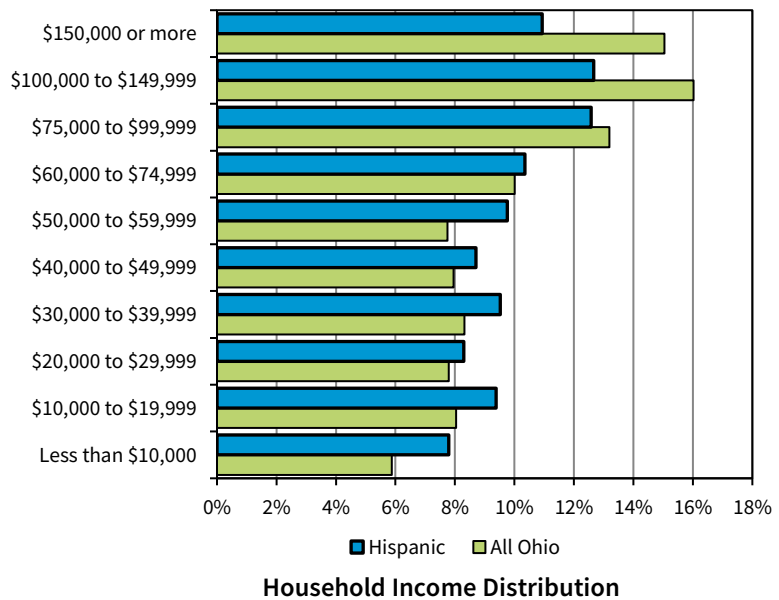
## Hispanic Population as Percent of County Population: 2022



**Median Household Income: \$55,600**

The median income of Hispanic Ohioans is more than \$10,000

lower than that of all Ohioans. The median household income for Hispanics is \$55,600; for all Ohio households, the median household income is \$65,700. The income for Hispanic immigrant households is \$4,600 more than all Hispanic households. Immigrant households from Mexico have a median income of \$70,100 while household income from Central America is \$51,800.



Household Income Distribution

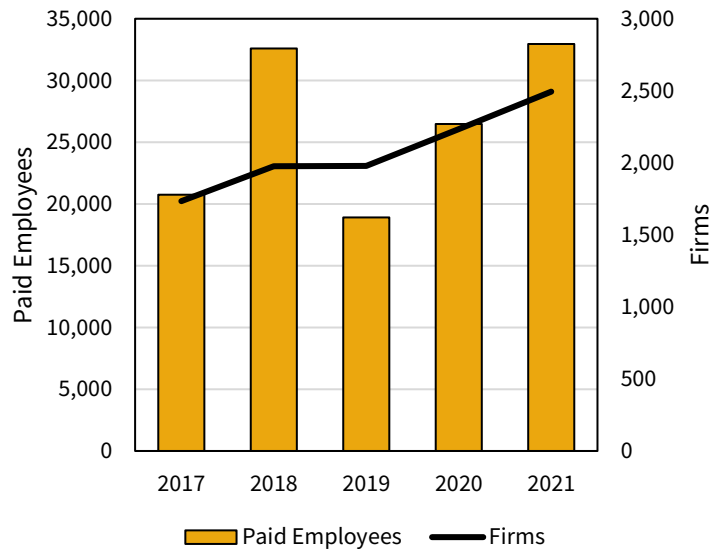
Twenty-two percent of Hispanic Ohioans live below the poverty line. Of Ohio's 104,900 Hispanic family households, nineteen percent live in poverty. Forty-three percent of these households have children younger than 5 years of age. Twenty percent of Hispanic households received food stamps within the last 12 months.

**Businesses With Paid Employees: 2,500**

There are nearly 2,500 Hispanic-owned businesses with paid employees in Ohio, according to the 2021 Annual Business Survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. These businesses employ nearly 33,000 people with an annual payroll of nearly \$1.2 billion. Twenty-six percent of the businesses with payroll are in the accommodation and food service sector and account for 26 percent of the payroll

employees. For the state, this sector accounts for 10 percent of the businesses and 9 percent of payroll employees.

Nearly 900 Hispanic-owned businesses with payrolls have existed less than 4 years. This accounts for 36 percent of Hispanic businesses. For the state, 21 percent of the businesses have been around for less than 4 years. Thirty-five percent have \$1 million or more in sales or revenues compared to 34 percent for Ohio. Forty-nine percent of Hispanic-owned businesses have less than five employees. The states' comparable figure is 55 percent.



In addition to businesses with payrolls, there were approximately 23,000 nonemployer Hispanic-owned businesses according to the 2019 Nonemployer Statistics by Demographics of the Annual Business Statistics. Twenty percent of these businesses are in the construction sector.

**Unemployment Rate: 5.0%**

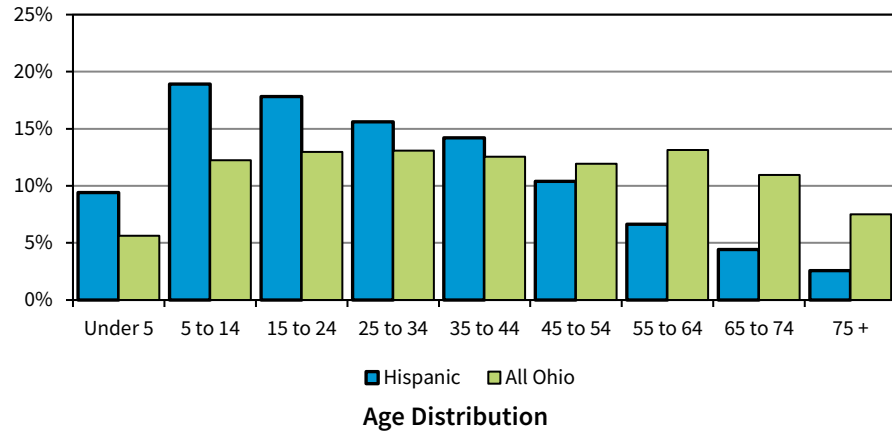
The number of Hispanic Ohioans in the civilian labor force is 244,000. Hispanic Ohioans have an unemployment rate of 5.0 percent. The state figure is 3.7 percent. Hispanics make up 4.1 percent of Ohio's civilian labor force.

Employed Hispanics are heavily represented proportionally in the service occupations, especially in food preparation and serving occupations, compared to the state. Of the 232,000 employed, nearly 23,300, or 10.0 percent, are in food preparation occupations. For all Ohio workers, only 5.5 percent are in food preparation occupations. Production occupations and construction occupations also have higher concentrations of Hispanic workers compared to the whole workforce.

**Median Age:  
27.1 years**

Ohio Hispanics have a median age of 27.1 with 28 percent of the population under the age of 15. For comparison, the median age of all Ohioans is 39.9 years.

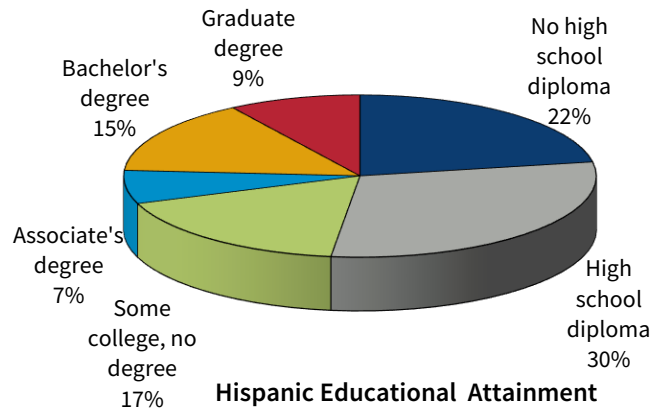
In Ohio, more than 64,300 marriages include at least one Hispanic spouse. Of these families, 53 percent have children living at home. For all married couples in Ohio, only 38 percent have children at home. More than 46 percent of Hispanic families with children consist of a single parent.



**School Enrollment:  
125,000**

There are greater than 125,000 Hispanic students enrolled in Ohio's elementary and secondary schools, making up 6.7 percent of Ohio's total student body. Around 10 percent of the Hispanic portion of the student body is enrolled in kindergarten.

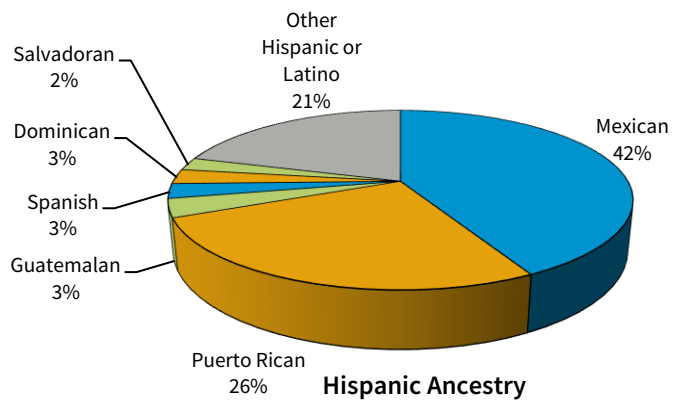
The educational attainment level of the Hispanic community lags all of Ohio. Thirty-one percent of Hispanic Ohioans have obtained a post-secondary degree compared to 41 percent for all Ohioans. Correspondingly, 12 percent of Hispanics have less than a 9<sup>th</sup> grade education compared to 3 percent for the state. The educational attainment of recent Hispanic adult immigrants tends to be lower than the educational attainment of all Hispanic Ohioans.



**Mexican Heritage:  
219,000**

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 219,000; twenty-two percent of these residents were born in Mexico. Migration from Mexico is an important factor in the growth in Ohio's Hispanic community with nearly 19,000 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.

While Ohio residents with Mexican and Puerto Rican heritage make up a majority of Ohio's Hispanic community, Central and South America are becoming more common points of origin. Hispanic Ohioans with ancestors in Central America have grown to nearly 26,000, with a large portion having ties to Guatemala or El Salvador. From South America, more than 6,000 have migrated from Venezuela.

One-fifth, or nearly 105,000, of Hispanic Ohioans are foreign born; approximately 47,000 of these residents have arrived since 2010. Since coming to the United States, thirty-three percent of foreign-born Hispanics have become naturalized citizens.

Half of Hispanics speak only English at home. Seventy-nine 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.

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The statistical source of this profile is the 2020 Census of Population and Housing and the Census Bureau's 2022 American Community Survey 1-year Estimates. Business data came from the Census Bureau's 2021 Annual Business Survey and the 2019 Nonemployers Statistics by Demographics. 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.