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Ohio County Indicators

Ohio Hispanic Americans

Snapshot from the 2024
American Community Survey



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Hispanic Ohioans

Ohio’s Hispanic community is comprised of nearly 607,000 people, accounting for 5.1 percent of the state’s total population. According to the 2024 American Community Survey by the U.S. Census Bureau, Ohio’s Hispanic population nearly tripled since 2000 and has quintupled since 1980. For the United States, the Hispanic population is more than 68 million, or 20 percent of the nation’s total population. Since 2000, the number of Hispanics within the U.S. has increased by 32.7 million, or 93 percent.

Overview

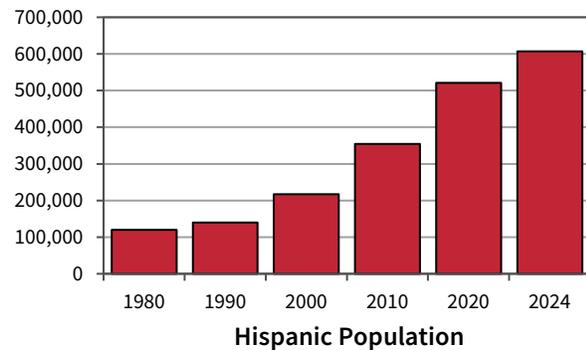
- 607,000 people – 5.1 percent of Ohio’s total population
- The Hispanic population has nearly tripled since 2000
- 136,500 were born outside the U.S.
- 41 percent are of Mexican ancestry
- Median age of 28 years compared to 39.8 years for all Ohioans
- 144,000 enrolled in elementary and secondary schools
- Median household income: \$64,300
- 3,000 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.

Population Distribution

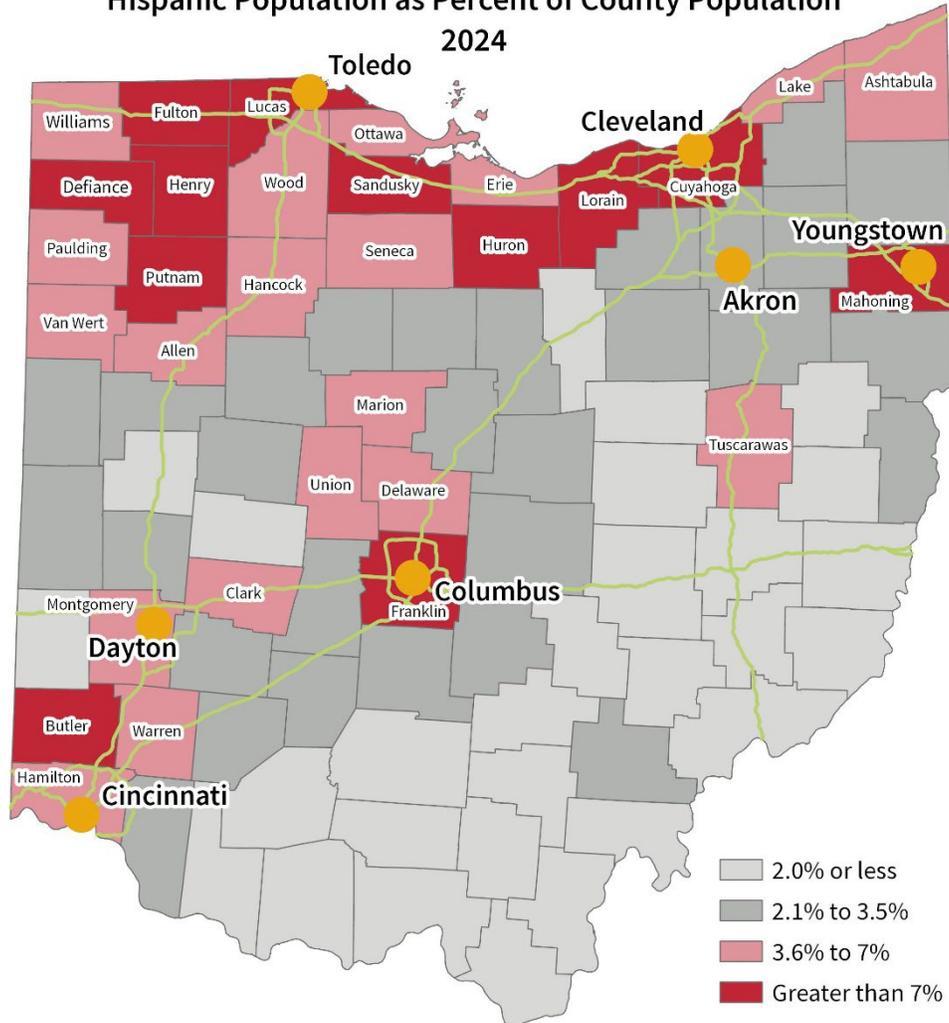
The Hispanic community makes up 5.1 percent of Ohio’s total population with significant growth occurring during the last two decades. Since 2000 the number of Hispanic Ohioans has nearly tripled. In 1980, there were less than 120,000 Hispanics in Ohio, making up 1.1 percent of the state’s total population.



Hispanic Population by County: 2024			
Largest Total Hispanic Population		Largest Percent of County Population	
Franklin	111,751	Defiance	12.1%
Cuyahoga	93,073	Lorain	11.6%
Hamilton	45,201	Sandusky	11.6%
Lorain	37,261	Fulton	9.8%
Lucas	34,783	Henry	8.8%
Butler	30,232	Franklin	8.2%
Montgomery	24,676	Lucas	8.2%
Mahoning	16,962	Huron	7.8%
Summit	16,260	Butler	7.6%
Lake	13,332	Mahoning	7.5%
Stark	12,255	Cuyahoga	7.5%
Warren	9,846	Putnam	7.0%

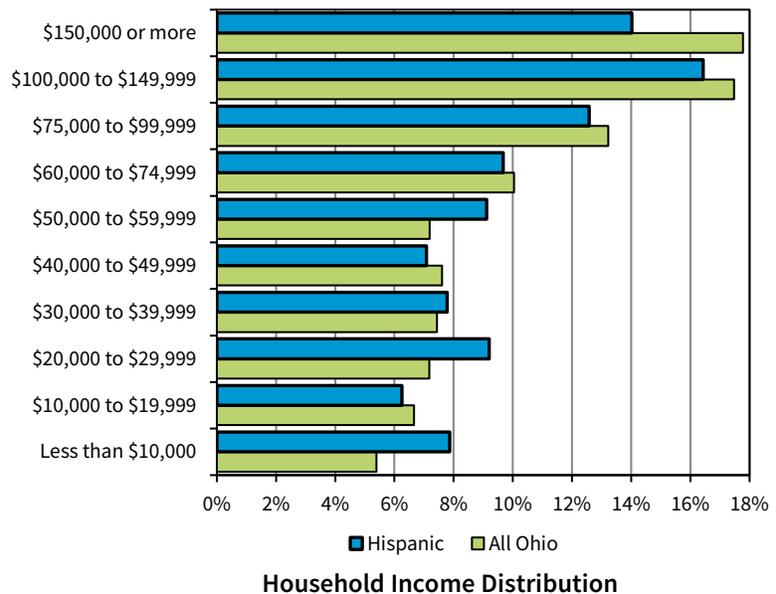
Most Hispanic Ohioans live in urban areas of the state. Thirty-four percent of Hispanic Ohioans live in one of the five cities of Columbus, Cleveland, Toledo, Cincinnati, and Lorain. In Columbus, there are 90,000 Hispanic residents, in Cleveland there are 52,200, in Toledo there are 24,400, Cincinnati has 21,400 and in Lorain there are 19,800 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 2024



Income

The median income of Hispanic Ohioans is \$8,000 lower than that of all Ohioans. The median household income for Hispanics is \$64,300; for all Ohio households, the median household income is \$72,200. The income for Hispanic immigrant households is nearly the same as all Hispanic households. Immigrant households from Mexico have a median income of \$72,000 while household income from Central America is \$65,500.

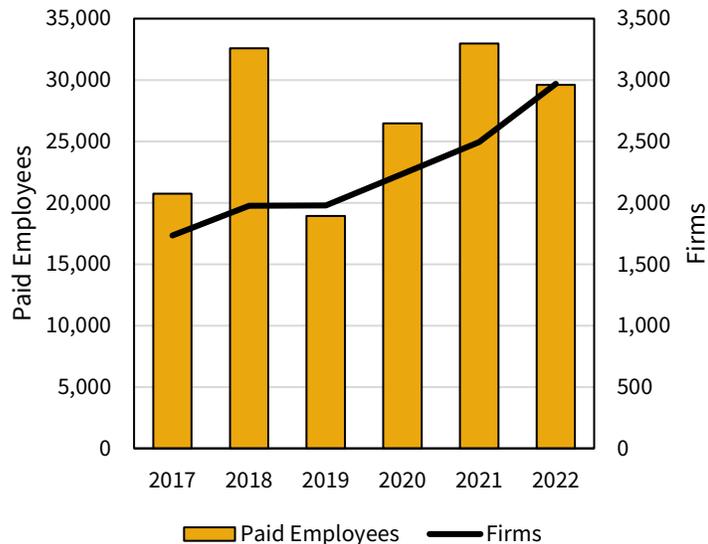


Nineteen percent of Hispanic Ohioans live below the poverty line. Of Ohio’s 121,700 Hispanic family households, 16 percent live in poverty. Forty-three percent of these households have children younger than five years of age. Seventeen percent of Hispanic households received food stamps within the last 12 months.

Businesses

There are nearly 3,000 Hispanic-owned businesses with paid employees in Ohio, according to the 2022 Annual Business Survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. These businesses employ nearly 30,000 people with an annual payroll of nearly \$1.1 billion. Twenty-seven percent of the businesses with payroll are in the accommodation and food service sector and account for 37 percent of the payroll employees. For the state, this sector accounts for 10 percent of the businesses and 10 percent of payroll employees.

More than 400 Hispanic-owned businesses with payrolls have existed 16 or more years. This accounts for 15 percent of Hispanic businesses. For the state, 43 percent of the businesses have been around for 16 or more years. Twenty-seven percent have \$1 million or more in sales or revenues compared to 36 percent for Ohio. Forty-five percent of Hispanic-owned businesses have one to four employees. The states’ comparable figure is 44 percent.



In addition to businesses with payrolls, there were approximately 29,000 nonemployer Hispanic-owned businesses according to the 2021 Nonemployer Statistics by Demographics of the Annual Business Statistics. Nineteen percent of these businesses are in the construction sector.

Employment and Occupation

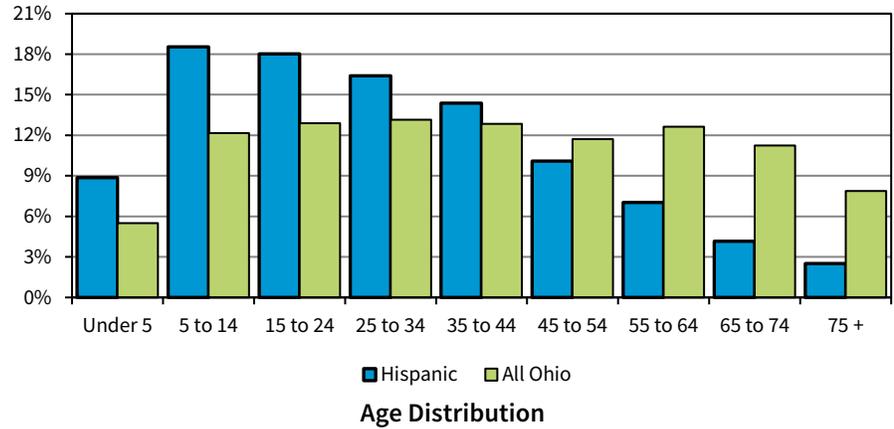
The number of Hispanic Ohioans in the civilian labor force is 302,300. Hispanic Ohioans have an unemployment rate of 5.1 percent. The state figure is 4 percent. Hispanics make up 4.9 percent of Ohio’s civilian labor force.

Employed Hispanics are heavily represented proportionally in the service occupations, especially in food preparation and serving occupations, compared to the state. Of the 287,000 employed, nearly 28,600, or 10 percent, are in food preparation occupations. For all Ohio workers, only 5.3 percent are in food preparation occupations. Production occupations and construction occupations also have higher concentrations of Hispanic workers compared to the whole workforce.

Age and Household Structure

Ohio Hispanics have a median age of 28 years with 27 percent of the population under the age of 15. For comparison, the median age of all Ohioans is 39.8 years.

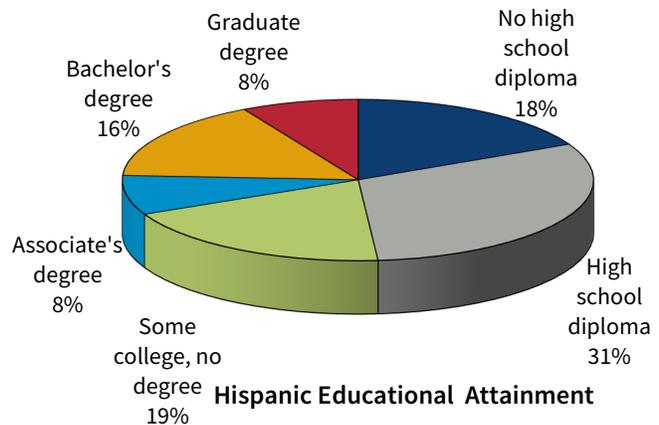
In Ohio, nearly 73,900 marriages include at least one Hispanic spouse. Of these families, 55 percent have children living at home. For all married couples in Ohio, only 38 percent have children at home. More than 45 percent of Hispanic families with children consist of a single parent.



Education

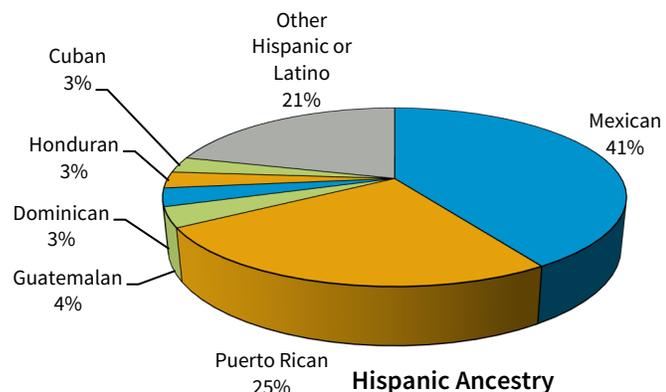
There are more than 144,000 Hispanic students enrolled in Ohio's elementary and secondary schools, making up 7.6 percent of Ohio's total student body. Hispanic children are slightly more concentrated in kindergarten and the elementary grades as compared to the state.

The educational attainment level of the Hispanic community lags all of Ohio. Thirty-two percent of Hispanic Ohioans have obtained a post-secondary degree compared to 41 percent for all Ohioans. Correspondingly, nine percent of Hispanics have less than a 9th grade education compared to three percent for the state. The educational attainment of Hispanic adult immigrants tends to be lower than the educational attainment of all Hispanic Ohioans.



Place of Birth

Much of the recent increase in Ohio's Hispanic population has occurred in the Mexican community which has nearly tripled since 2000. The number of Hispanic Ohioans with an ancestral link to Mexico is 249,100; 20 percent of these residents were born in Mexico. Migration from Mexico is an important factor in the growth in Ohio's Hispanic community with 21,600 people arriving from Mexico since 2010.



The number of Ohio residents with Puerto Rican heritage has grown in recent decades but its portion of the Hispanic community has been 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 more than 67,400, with a large portion having ties to Guatemala or Honduras. From South America, 13,700 have migrated from Venezuela.

More than one-fifth, or 136,500, of Hispanic Ohioans are foreign born; approximately 78,000 of these residents have arrived since 2010. Since coming to the United States, twenty-eight percent of foreign-born Hispanics have become naturalized citizens.

Half of Hispanics speak only English at home. Seventy-eight 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 2020 Census of Population and Housing and the Census Bureau's 2023 American Community Survey 1-year Estimates. Business data came from the Census Bureau's 2022 Annual Business Survey and the 2021 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.