# The Hispanic Population 

## Census 2000 Brief

In Census 2000, 281.4 million residents were counted in the United States (excluding the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Island Areas ${ }^{1}$ ), of which 35.3 million (or 12.5 percent) were Hispanic. Mexicans represented 7.3 percent, Puerto Ricans 1.2 percent, Cubans 0.4 percent, and other Hispanics 3.6 percent of the total population. ${ }^{2}$ An additional 3.8 million Hispanics were enumerated in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. This report, part of a series that analyzes population and housing data collected by Census 2000, provides a profile of the Hispanic population in the United States.

## The concept and measurement of Hispanic origin have evolved across several censuses. ${ }^{3}$

In Census 2000, people of Spanish/ Hispanic/Latino origin could identify as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or other Spanish/Hispanic/Latino. ${ }^{4}$ The term "Latino" appeared on the census form for

[^0]Figure 1.

## Reproduction of the Question on Hispanic Origin From Census 2000

5. Is this person Spanish/Hispanic/Latino? Mark $\mathbb{X}$ the "No" box if not Spanish/Hispanic/Latino


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 questionnaire.
the first time in 2000 (see Figure 1). People who marked "other Spanish/Hispanic/ Latino" had additional space to write Hispanic origins, such as Salvadoran or Dominican, a practice started in the 1990 census. The 1990 and 1980 censuses asked people if they were of "Spanish/Hispanic origin or descent" and if so, to choose Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or other Spanish/Hispanic.

The census in 1970 was the first to include a separate question specifically on Hispanic origin, although it was only asked of a 5percent sample of households. In 1970, respondents were asked to choose whether their origin or descent was Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish. Prior to 1970, Hispanic origin was determined only indirectly; for example, the 1960 and 1950 censuses collected and published data for "persons of Spanish surname" in five southwestern states, ${ }^{5}$ whereas the 1940 census identified
${ }^{5}$ These states included Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas.
people who reported Spanish as their "mother tongue." Mexican was included as a category within the race question only in the 1930 census. ${ }^{6}$

## The Hispanic population increased by more than 50 percent since 1990.

The Hispanic population increased by 57.9 percent, from 22.4 million in 1990 to 35.3 million in 2000, compared with an increase of 13.2 percent for the total U.S. population. Population growth varied by group. Mexicans increased by 52.9 percent, from 13.5 million to 20.6 million. Puerto Ricans increased by 24.9 percent, from 2.7 million to 3.4 million. Cubans increased by 18.9 percent, from 1.0 million to 1.2 million. Hispanics who reported other origins increased by 96.9 percent, from 5.1 million to 10.0 million. ${ }^{7}$

As a result of these different growth rates, the proportionate distribution of Hispanics by type changed between 1990 and 2000. In 2000, Mexicans were 58.5 percent of all Hispanics (down from 60.4 percent in 1990), Puerto Ricans were 9.6 percent (down from 12.2 percent), Cubans were 3.5 percent (down from 4.7 percent), and the remaining 28.4 percent were of other Hispanic origins (up from 22.8 percent) as shown in Figure 2.

## Other Hispanic origins refer to a variety of identifications.

Among the 10.0 million other Hispanics in 2000, 1.7 million were

[^1]Figure 2.
Percent Distribution of the Hispanic Population by Type: 2000
(For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and
definitions, see www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/doc/sfl.pdf)


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1.

Central American, 1.4 million were South American, and 765,000 were Dominican.

Most other Hispanics did not specify a detailed Hispanic origin, but either checked the Spanish/Hispanic/Latino box without providing any additional information or wrote in answers such as "Hispanic" or "Latino" or "Spanish" (see Table 1). At 17.3 percent (6.1 million) of the total Hispanic population, Hispanic respondents who did not give a detailed origin answer were second in size only to the Mexican origin group.

## Salvadorans were the largest Central American group.

Central Americans represented 4.8 percent of the total Hispanic population. There were 655,000 Salvadorans ( 1.9 percent of the total Hispanic population), 372,000 Guatemalans (1.1 percent), and 218,000 Hondurans ( 0.6 percent).

South Americans represented 3.8 percent of the total Hispanic population. There were 471,000

Colombians (1.3 percent of the total Hispanic population), 261,000 Ecuadorians ( 0.7 percent), and 234,000 Peruvians ( 0.7 percent).

## More than three-quarters of Hispanics lived in the West or South. ${ }^{8}$

In 2000, 43.5 percent of Hispanics lived in the West and 32.8 percent lived in the South. The Northeast and Midwest accounted for 14.9 percent and 8.9 percent, respectively, of the Hispanic population.

Hispanics accounted for 24.3 percent of the population in the West,

[^2]Table 1.
Hispanic Population by Type: 2000
(For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/doc/sf1.pdf)

| Subject | Number | Percent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN Total population | 281,421,906 | 100.0 |
| Hispanic or Latino (of any race) | 35,305,818 | 12.5 |
| Not Hispanic or Latino. | 246,116,088 | 87.5 |
| HISPANIC OR LATINO BY TYPE Hispanic or Latino (of any race) | 35,305,818 | 100.0 |
| Mexican | 20,640,711 | 58.5 |
| Puerto Rican | 3,406,178 | 9.6 |
| Cuban. | 1,241,685 | 3.5 |
| Other Hispanic or Latino. | 10,017,244 | 28.4 |
| Dominican (Dominican Republic) | 764,945 | 2.2 |
| Central American (excludes Mexican) | 1,686,937 | 4.8 |
| Costa Rican. | 68,588 | 0.2 |
| Guatemalan. | 372,487 | 1.1 |
| Honduran. | 217,569 | 0.6 |
| Nicaraguan | 177,684 | 0.5 |
| Panamanian | 91,723 | 0.3 |
| Salvadoran | 655,165 | 1.9 |
| Other Central American | 103,721 | 0.3 |
| South American | 1,353,562 | 3.8 |
| Argentinean. | 100,864 | 0.3 |
| Bolivian. | 42,068 | 0.1 |
| Chilean. | 68,849 | 0.2 |
| Colombian | 470,684 | 1.3 |
| Ecuadorian | 260,559 | 0.7 |
| Paraguayan. | 8,769 | 0.0 |
| Peruvian. | 233,926 | 0.7 |
| Uruguayan. | 18,804 | 0.1 |
| Venezuelan | 91,507 | 0.3 |
| Other South American. | 57,532 | 0.2 |
| Spaniard | 100,135 | 0.3 |
| All other Hispanic or Latino | 6,111,665 | 17.3 |
| Checkbox only, other Hispanic | 1,733,274 | 4.9 |
| Write-in Spanish. | 686,004 | 1.9 |
| Write in Hispanic | 2,454,529 | 7.0 |
| Write-in Latino. . | 450,769 | 1.3 |
| Not elsewhere classified | 787,089 | 2.2 |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1.
the only region in which Hispanics exceeded the national level of 12.5 percent (see Table 2). Hispanics accounted for 11.6 percent of the population in the South, 9.8 percent in the Northeast, and 4.9 percent in the Midwest.

Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, and Cubans were concentrated in different regions. Among Mexicans, 55.3 percent lived in the West, 31.7 percent in the South, 10.7 percent in the Midwest, and 2.3 percent in the

Northeast. Among Puerto Ricans, 60.9 percent lived in the Northeast, 22.3 percent in the South, 9.6 percent in the Midwest, and 7.2 percent in the West. Among Cubans, 74.2 percent lived in the South, 13.6 percent in the Northeast, 8.5 percent in the West, and 3.6 percent in the Midwest.

## Half of all Hispanics lived in just two states: California and Texas.

In 2000, 27.1 million, or 76.8 percent, of Hispanics lived in the seven
states with Hispanic populations of 1.0 million or more (California, Texas, New York, Florida, Illinois, Arizona, and New Jersey). Hispanics in California accounted for 11.0 million (31.1 percent) of the total Hispanic population, while the Hispanic population in Texas accounted for 6.7 million (18.9 percent). Hispanics numbered between 500,000 and 999,999 in only two states (Colorado and New Mexico). Hispanics in 22 states were between 100,000 and 499,999. Hispanics were less than 100,000 in 19 states and the District of Columbia.

Hispanics in New Mexico were 42.1 percent of the total state population, the highest proportion for any state. Hispanics were 12.5 percent (the national level) or more of the state population in eight other states (California, Texas, Arizona, Nevada, Colorado, Florida, New York, and New Jersey). Mexicans were the largest Hispanic group in five of these states (California, Texas, Arizona, Nevada, and Colorado), while Hispanics of other Hispanic origins were the largest group in the remaining states (New Mexico, Florida, New York, and New Jersey). Hispanics accounted for less than 12.5 percent of the population in 41 states and the District of Columbia.

Hispanic origin groups were concentrated in different states. The largest Mexican populations (more than a million) were in California, Texas, Illinois and Arizona, mostly southwestern states. The largest Puerto Rican populations (more than 250,000 ) were in New York, Florida, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, mostly northeastern states. About two-thirds of all Cubans were in Florida.

Table 2.
Hispanic Population by Type for Regions, States, and Puerto Rico: 1990 and 2000
(For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/doc/sf1.pdf)

| Area | 1990 |  |  | 2000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total population | Hispanic population |  | Total population | Hispanic population |  | Hispanic type |  |  |  |
|  |  | Number | Percent |  | Number | Percent | Mexican | Puerto Rican | Cuban | Other Hispanic |
| United States | 248,709,873 | 22,354,059 | 9.0 | 281,421,906 | 35,305,818 | 12.5 | 20,640,711 | 3,406,178 | 1,241,685 | 10,017,244 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Northeast | 50,809,229 | 3,754,389 | 7.4 | 53,594,378 | 5,254,087 | 9.8 | 479,169 | 2,074,574 | 168,959 | 2,531,385 |
| Midwest. | 59,668,632 | 1,726,509 | 2.9 | 64,392,776 | 3,124,532 | 4.9 | 2,200,196 | 325,363 | 45,305 | 553,668 |
| South | 85,445,930 | 6,767,021 | 7.9 | 100,236,820 | 11,586,696 | 11.6 | 6,548,081 | 759,305 | 921,427 | 3,357,883 |
| West | 52,786,082 | 10,106,140 | 19.1 | 63,197,932 | 15,340,503 | 24.3 | 11,413,265 | 246,936 | 105,994 | 3,574,308 |
| State |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Alabama | 4,040,587 | 24,629 | 0.6 | 4,447,100 | 75,830 | 1.7 | 44,522 | 6,322 | 2,354 | 22,632 |
| Alaska. | 550,043 | 17,803 | 3.2 | 626,932 | 25,852 | 4.1 | 13,334 | 2,649 | 553 | 9,316 |
| Arizona | 3,665,228 | 688,338 | 18.8 | 5,130,632 | 1,295,617 | 25.3 | 1,065,578 | 17,587 | 5,272 | 207,180 |
| Arkansas. | 2,350,725 | 19,876 | 0.8 | 2,673,400 | 86,866 | 3.2 | 61,204 | 2,473 | 950 | 22,239 |
| California. | 29,760,021 | 7,687,938 | 25.8 | 33,871,648 | 10,966,556 | 32.4 | 8,455,926 | 140,570 | 72,286 | 2,297,774 |
| Colorado | 3,294,394 | 424,302 | 12.9 | 4,301,261 | 735,601 | 17.1 | 450,760 | 12,993 | 3,701 | 268,147 |
| Connecticut | 3,287,116 | 213,116 | 6.5 | 3,405,565 | 320,323 | 9.4 | 23,484 | 194,443 | 7,101 | 95,295 |
| Delaware. | 666,168 | 15,820 | 2.4 | 783,600 | 37,277 | 4.8 | 12,986 | 14,005 | 932 | 9,354 |
| District of Columbia. | 606,900 | 32,710 | 5.4 | 572,059 | 44,953 | 7.9 | 5,098 | 2,328 | 1,101 | 36,426 |
| Florida. | 12,937,926 | 1,574,143 | 12.2 | 15,982,378 | 2,682,715 | 16.8 | 363,925 | 482,027 | 833,120 | 1,003,643 |
| Georgia | 6,478,216 | 108,922 | 1.7 | 8,186,453 | 435,227 | 5.3 | 275,288 | 35,532 | 12,536 | 111,871 |
| Hawaii. | 1,108,229 | 81,390 | 7.3 | 1,211,537 | 87,699 | 7.2 | 19,820 | 30,005 | 711 | 37,163 |
| Idaho. | 1,006,749 | 52,927 | 5.3 | 1,293,953 | 101,690 | 7.9 | 79,324 | 1,509 | 408 | 20,449 |
| Illinois | 11,430,602 | 904,446 | 7.9 | 12,419,293 | 1,530,262 | 12.3 | 1,144,390 | 157,851 | 18,438 | 209,583 |
| Indiana | 5,544,159 | 98,788 | 1.8 | 6,080,485 | 214,536 | 3.5 | 153,042 | 19,678 | 2,754 | 39,062 |
| lowa | 2,776,755 | 32,647 | 1.2 | 2,926,324 | 82,473 | 2.8 | 61,154 | 2,690 | 750 | 17,879 |
| Kansas | 2,477,574 | 93,670 | 3.8 | 2,688,418 | 188,252 | 7.0 | 148,270 | 5,237 | 1,680 | 33,065 |
| Kentucky | 3,685,296 | 21,984 | 0.6 | 4,041,769 | 59,939 | 1.5 | 31,385 | 6,469 | 3,516 | 18,569 |
| Louisiana. | 4,219,973 | 93,044 | 2.2 | 4,468,976 | 107,738 | 2.4 | 32,267 | 7,670 | 8,448 | 59,353 |
| Maine | 1,227,928 | 6,829 | 0.6 | 1,274,923 | 9,360 | 0.7 | 2,756 | 2,275 | 478 | 3,851 |
| Maryland. | 4,781,468 | 125,102 | 2.6 | 5,296,486 | 227,916 | 4.3 | 39,900 | 25,570 | 6,754 | 155,692 |
| Massachusetts | 6,016,425 | 287,549 | 4.8 | 6,349,097 | 428,729 | 6.8 | 22,288 | 199,207 | 8,867 | 198,367 |
| Michigan . | 9,295,297 | 201,596 | 2.2 | 9,938,444 | 323,877 | 3.3 | 220,769 | 26,941 | 7,219 | 68,948 |
| Minnesota | 4,375,099 | 53,884 | 1.2 | 4,919,479 | 143,382 | 2.9 | 95,613 | 6,616 | 2,527 | 38,626 |
| Mississippi. | 2,573,216 | 15,931 | 0.6 | 2,844,658 | 39,569 | 1.4 | 21,616 | 2,881 | 1,508 | 13,564 |
| Missouri. | 5,117,073 | 61,702 | 1.2 | 5,595,211 | 118,592 | 2.1 | 77,887 | 6,677 | 3,022 | 31,006 |
| Montana | 799,065 | 12,174 | 1.5 | 902,195 | 18,081 | 2.0 | 11,735 | 931 | 285 | 5,130 |
| Nebraska. | 1,578,385 | 36,969 | 2.3 | 1,711,263 | 94,425 | 5.5 | 71,030 | 1,993 | 859 | 20,543 |
| Nevada | 1,201,833 | 124,419 | 10.4 | 1,998,257 | 393,970 | 19.7 | 285,764 | 10,420 | 11,498 | 86,288 |
| New Hampshire | 1,109,252 | 11,333 | 1.0 | 1,235,786 | 20,489 | 1.7 | 4,590 | 6,215 | 785 | 8,899 |
| New Jersey. | 7,730,188 | 739,861 | 9.6 | 8,414,350 | 1,117,191 | 13.3 | 102,929 | 366,788 | 77,337 | 570,137 |
| New Mexico | 1,515,069 | 579,224 | 38.2 | 1,819,046 | 765,386 | 42.1 | 330,049 | 4,488 | 2,588 | 428,261 |
| New York. | 17,990,455 | 2,214,026 | 12.3 | 18,976,457 | 2,867,583 | 15.1 | 260,889 | 1,050,293 | 62,590 | 1,493,811 |
| North Carolina. | 6,628,637 | 76,726 | 1.2 | 8,049,313 | 378,963 | 4.7 | 246,545 | 31,117 | 7,389 | 93,912 |
| North Dakota. | 638,800 | 4,665 | 0.7 | 642,200 | 7,786 | 1.2 | 4,295 | 507 | 250 | 2,734 |
| Ohio | 10,847,115 | 139,696 | 1.3 | 11,353,140 | 217,123 | 1.9 | 90,663 | 66,269 | 5,152 | 55,039 |
| Oklahoma | 3,145,585 | 86,160 | 2.7 | 3,450,654 | 179,304 | 5.2 | 132,813 | 8,153 | 1,759 | 36,579 |
| Oregon | 2,842,321 | 112,707 | 4.0 | 3,421,399 | 275,314 | 8.0 | 214,662 | 5,092 | 3,091 | 52,469 |
| Pennsylvania. | 11,881,643 | 232,262 | 2.0 | 12,281,054 | 394,088 | 3.2 | 55,178 | 228,557 | 10,363 | 99,990 |
| Rhode Island. | 1,003,464 | 45,752 | 4.6 | 1,048,319 | 90,820 | 8.7 | 5,881 | 25,422 | 1,128 | 58,389 |
| South Carolina | 3,486,703 | 30,551 | 0.9 | 4,012,012 | 95,076 | 2.4 | 52,871 | 12,211 | 2,875 | 27,119 |
| South Dakota | 696,004 | 5,252 | 0.8 | 754,844 | 10,903 | 1.4 | 6,364 | 637 | 163 | 3,739 |
| Tennessee. | 4,877,185 | 32,741 | 0.7 | 5,689,283 | 123,838 | 2.2 | 77,372 | 10,303 | 3,695 | 32,468 |
| Texas | 16,986,510 | 4,339,905 | 25.5 | 20,851,820 | 6,669,666 | 32.0 | 5,071,963 | 69,504 | 25,705 | 1,502,494 |
| Utah | 1,722,850 | 84,597 | 4.9 | 2,233,169 | 201,559 | 9.0 | 136,416 | 3,977 | 940 | 60,226 |
| Vermont | 562,758 | 3,661 | 0.7 | 608,827 | 5,504 | 0.9 | 1,174 | 1,374 | 310 | 2,646 |
| Virginia | 6,187,358 | 160,288 | 2.6 | 7,078,515 | 329,540 | 4.7 | 73,979 | 41,131 | 8,332 | 206,098 |
| Washington. | 4,866,692 | 214,570 | 4.4 | 5,894,121 | 441,509 | 7.5 | 329,934 | 16,140 | 4,501 | 90,934 |
| West Virginia. | 1,793,477 | 8,489 | 0.5 | 1,808,344 | 12,279 | 0.7 | 4,347 | 1,609 | 453 | 5,870 |
| Wisconsin | 4,891,769 | 93,194 | 1.9 | 5,363,675 | 192,921 | 3.6 | 126,719 | 30,267 | 2,491 | 33,444 |
| Wyoming. | 453,588 | 25,751 | 5.7 | 493,782 | 31,669 | 6.4 | 19,963 | 575 | 160 | 10,971 |
| Puerto Rico ${ }^{1}$ | 3,522,037 | (NA) | (NA) | 3,808,610 | 3,762,746 | 98.8 | 11,546 | 3,623,392 | 19,973 | 107,835 |

## NA Not available.

${ }^{1}$ Census 2000 was the first to ask a separate question on Hispanic origin in Puerto Rico.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1; 1990 Census of Population, General Population Characteristics (CP-1-1).

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## Counties with the highest proportions of Hispanics were along the southwestern border of the United States.

In 2000, the proportion of Hispanics within a county exceeded the national level ( 12.5 percent) most often in the counties of the South and West, especially in counties along the border with Mexico (see Figure 3).

Hispanics were the majority of the population in 50 counties, accounting for 13.5 percent of the total Hispanic population. Of these counties, 35 are in the South and 15 are in the West. In the South, Hispanics were the majority in 34 counties in Texas and one in Florida. In the West, Hispanics were the majority in nine counties in New Mexico, and two counties in each of the following states: Arizona, California, and Colorado.

Hispanics also were concentrated in groupings of counties outside of the four states bordering Mexico. In particular, Hispanic concentrations occurred in counties within central Washington, in counties within the mountain states of Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, and Colorado, in counties around Chicago, New York, and the District of Colombia, and in counties within southern Florida.

Hispanics represented more than one-quarter but less than half of the county population in 152 counties. The percent Hispanic exceeded the national level of 12.5 percent but was less than 25.0 percent of the population in 181 counties. The percent Hispanic ranged from 6.0 percent to just under the national level in 311 counties. Hispanics represented less than 6.0 percent of the county's
population in 2,447 counties. Furthermore, Hispanics represented less than 1.0 percent of a county's population in 899 counties.

## Hispanics were also present in some counties within nontraditional states.

While most Hispanics lived in the South or West, some counties in nontraditional Hispanic states such as Georgia and North Carolina had sizable proportions of Hispanic populations. ${ }^{9}$ Hispanics within some counties in North Carolina, Georgia, lowa, Arkansas, Minnesota, and Nebraska represented between 6.0 percent and 24.9 percent of the county's total population. The percent Hispanic within these counties exceeded the percent Hispanic (less than 6.0 percent) for these states.

## More than 4 million Hispanics lived in Los Angeles County, California.

In 2000, Hispanics in four counties accounted for 21.9 percent of the total Hispanic population. There were 4.2 million Hispanics in Los Angeles County, California, 1.3 million in Miami-Dade County, Florida, 1.1 million in Harris County, Texas, and 1.1 million in Cook County, Illinois.

Hispanic origin groups were concentrated in different counties. The largest Mexican populations lived in counties that had large Hispanic populations, including Los Angeles County, California ( 3.0 million), Harris County, Texas $(815,000)$, and Cook County, Illinois $(786,000)$. The two largest Puerto

[^3]Rican populations lived in two New York counties: Bronx County (319,000), and Kings County (213,000). More than half (651,000 or 52.4 percent) of all Cubans lived in Miami-Dade County, Florida.

## The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico was 98.8 percent Hispanic. ${ }^{10}$

Of all Hispanics in Puerto Rico, 96.3 percent were of Puerto Rican origin. The second largest Hispanic population in Puerto Rico was Dominican, accounting for 1.5 percent of all Hispanics there.

The proportion Hispanic ranges from 97 percent to 99 percent in the four places ${ }^{11}$ in Puerto Rico with 100,000 or more population (Ponce, Bayomón, Carolina, and San Juan).

## In 2000, more than a million Hispanics lived in New York and in Los Angeles. ${ }^{12}$

More than 500,000 Hispanics resided in Chicago, Houston, and San Antonio (see Table 3). Among the ten places ${ }^{13}$ with the largest Hispanic populations, Puerto Ricans represented the largest

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Figure 3.
Percent Hispanic: 2000
(For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/doc/pl94-171.pdff

Hispanic population as a percent of total population by state

|  | 25.0 or more |
| :--- | :--- |
| 12.5 to 24.9 |  |
|  | 6.0 to 12.4 |
| Less than 6.0 |  |

Hispanic population as a percent of total population by
county

|  | 50.0 or more <br> 25.0 to 49.9 <br> 6.0 to 12.4Less than 6.0 |
| :--- | :--- |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Redistricting
Data (PL. $94-171$ ) Summary File. American FactFinder at Data (P.L. 94-171) Summary File. American FactFinder at
factfinder.census.gov provides census data and mapping tools.


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Table 3.
Ten Largest Places in Total Population and in Hispanic Population: 2000
(For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/doc/sf1.pdf)

| Place and state | Total population |  | Hispanic population |  | Percent Hispanic of total population |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Rank | Number | Rank |  |
| New York, NY. | 8,008,278 | 1 | 2,160,554 | 1 | 27.0 |
| Los Angeles, CA | 3,694,820 | 2 | 1,719,073 | 2 | 46.5 |
| Chicago, IL. . | 2,896,016 | 3 | 753,644 | 3 | 26.0 |
| Houston, TX | 1,953,631 | 4 | 730,865 | 4 | 37.4 |
| Philadelphia, PA. | 1,517,550 | 5 | 128,928 | 24 | 8.5 |
| Phoenix, AZ | 1,321,045 | 6 | 449,972 | 6 | 34.1 |
| San Diego, CA. | 1,223,400 | 7 | 310,752 | 9 | 25.4 |
| Dallas, TX. | 1,188,580 | 8 | 422,587 | 8 | 35.6 |
| San Antonio, TX. | 1,144,646 | 9 | 671,394 | 5 | 58.7 |
| Detroit, MI. | 951,270 | 10 | 47,167 | 72 | 5.0 |
| El Paso, TX | 563,662 | 23 | 431,875 | 7 | 76.6 |
| San Jose, CA. | 894,943 | 11 | 269,989 | 10 | 30.2 |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1.

Table 4.
Ten Places of 100,000 or More Population With the Highest Percent Hispanic: 2000
(For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/doc/sf1.pdf)

| Place and state | Total population | Hispanic population | Percent Hispanic of total population |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| East Los Angeles, CA* | 124,283 | 120,307 | 96.8 |
| Laredo, TX | 176,576 | 166,216 | 94.1 |
| Brownsville, TX | 139,722 | 127,535 | 91.3 |
| Hialeah, FL | 226,419 | 204,543 | 90.3 |
| McAllen, TX | 106,414 | 85,427 | 80.3 |
| El Paso, TX | 563,662 | 431,875 | 76.6 |
| Santa Ana, CA | 337,977 | 257,097 | 76.1 |
| El Monte, CA | 115,965 | 83,945 | 72.4 |
| Oxnard, CA. | 170,358 | 112,807 | 66.2 |
| Miami, FL | 362,470 | 238,351 | 65.8 |

*East Los Angeles, California is a census designated place and is not legally incorporated.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1.
share ( 36.5 percent) of all Hispanics in New York, while Mexicans represented the largest share (varying from 63.5 percent in Los Angeles to 83.4 percent in San Diego) of all Hispanics in the nine other places. ${ }^{14}$

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## ADDITIONAL FINDINGS ON THE HISPANIC POPULATION

## Was the Hispanic population younger than the U.S.

 population?The relative youthfulness of the Hispanic population is reflected in its population under age 18 and in its median age. While 25.7 percent of the U.S. population was under 18 years of age in 2000 , 35.0 percent of Hispanics were less than
age 18. The median age for Hispanics was 25.9 years while the median age for the entire U.S. population was 35.3 years. Mexicans had a median age of 24.2 years, Puerto Ricans 27.3 years, Central Americans 29.2 years, Dominicans 29.5 years, South Americans 33.1 years, Spaniards 36.4 years, Cubans 40.7 years, and all other Hispanics had a median age of 24.7 years.

## In what places were Hispanics the majority?

Hispanics in East Los Angeles ${ }^{15}$ were 96.8 percent $(120,000)$ of the population, the highest for any place outside the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico with 100,000 or more total population (see Table 4). Hispanics were the majority of the population in eighteen other places. ${ }^{16}$ Two of the top ten places in terms of numbers of Hispanics, El Paso and San Antonio, also had a majority who were Hispanic ( 76.6 percent and 58.7 percent, respectively).

## What were the top places for different Hispanic groups, by size?

Most, but not all, of the places with the largest specific Hispanic group populations were among the ten places with the largest Hispanic populations. The largest Mexican populations lived in Los Angeles, Chicago, Houston, San Antonio, and Phoenix. The largest Puerto Rican populations lived in New York, Chicago, and Philadelphia. The largest

[^6]www．menshealthlibrary．com

Cuban populations lived in Hialeah， Miami，New York，Tampa，and Los Angeles．

The largest Central American popu－ lations lived in the following places：Los Angeles，New York， Houston，Miami，and San Francisco， while the largest South American populations lived in New York，Los Angeles，Chicago，and Miami．

## ABOUT CENSUS 2000

The Census Bureau is required by federal directive to collect data on Hispanic origin．For additional in－ formation on the legal basis for the question on Hispanic origin in－ cluded in Census 2000，see Revi－ sions to the Standards for the Clas－ sification of Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity，Federal Register No－ tice，October 30，1997，Volume 62， Number 210．This document is available on the Census Internet site at：www．census．gov／popula－ tion／www／socdemo／race／ Ombdirl 5．html．

All levels of government need information on Hispanic origin to implement and evaluate programs， such as the Equal Employment Op－ portunity Act，Civil Rights Act，Vot－ ing Rights Act，Public Health Act， Healthcare Improvement Act，Job Partnership Training Act，Equal Credit Opportunity Act，Fair Hous－ ing Act，Census Redistricting Data Program，and others．

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information on Hispanic origin in the United States，visit the U．S．Census Bureau＇s Internet site at www．census．gov／population／www／ socdemo／hispanic．html．

Data on Hispanic origin from the Census 2000 Summary File 1 are planned for release on a state－by－ state basis during June and July of 2001．The Census 2000 Redistricting data are available on the Internet via factfinder．census．gov and for pur－ chase on CD－ROM and later on DVD．

For information on confidentiality protection，nonsampling error，and definitions，also see
www．census．gov／prod／cen2000／
doc／sfl．pdf or contact our Customer Services Center at 301－457－4100．

For more information on specific eth－ nic and race groups in the United States，go to www．census．gov and click on＂Minority Links．＂This Web page includes information about Census 2000 and provides links to reports based on past censuses and surveys focusing on social and eco－ nomic characteristics．

Information on other population and housing topics will be presented in the Census 2000 Brief series，located on the U．S．Census Bureau＇s Web site at www．census．gov／population／www／ cen2000／briefs．html．This series will present information about race，His－ panic origin，age，sex，household type，housing tenure，and other so－ cial，economic，and housing charac－ teristics．

For more information about Census 2000，including data products，call our Customer Services Center at 301－457－4100 or e－mail webmaster＠census．gov．


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ The U.S. Island Areas include U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
    ${ }^{2}$ The population universe for the size and distribution of the Hispanic population does not include data for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Data for Puerto Rico are shown and discussed separately.
    ${ }^{3}$ People of Hispanic origin, in particular, were those who indicated that their origin was Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or some other Hispanic origin. For example, people who indicate that they are of Mexican origin may be either born in Mexico or of Mexican heritage. People of Hispanic origin may be of any race.
    ${ }^{4}$ The terms "Hispanic" and "Latino" may be used interchangeably to reflect the new terminology in the standards issued by the Office of Management and Budget in 1997 that are to be implemented by January 1, 2003.

[^1]:    ${ }^{6}$ For further information on the history of Hispanic origin in the census, see Chapa, Jorge, 2000, "Hispanic/Latino ethnicity and identifiers," in Encyclopedia of the U.S. Census, editor Margo J. Anderson, Congressional Quarterly Press, Washington, DC.
    ${ }^{7}$ This increase may be caused by a change in census coverage, as well as by a change in the question format (the question on Hispanic origin in 2000 did not include examples for the "Other Hispanic" category while the 1990 question did), or by a change in identification among Hispanics and non-Hispanics.

[^2]:    ${ }^{8}$ The Northeast region includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont. The Midwest region includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. The South region includes Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia. The West region includes Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

[^3]:    ${ }^{9}$ For further discussion of change in the Hispanic population between 1990 and 2000, see Brewer, Cynthia A., and Trudy A. Suchan, 2001, Mapping Census 2000: The Geography of U.S. Diversity, Census 2000 Special Reports, CENSR/01-1, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC.

[^4]:    ${ }^{10}$ Census 2000 was the first to ask a separate question on Hispanic origin in Puerto Rico.
    ${ }^{11}$ For further explanation of geographic entities in Puerto Rico, see Appendix A in U.S. Census Bureau, 1993, Population and Housing Unit Counts: Puerto Rico, 1990 Census of Population and Housing, CPH-2-53, Washington, DC.
    ${ }^{12}$ Three in four ( 75.3 percent) Hispanics in the state of New York resided in the five boroughs that make up New York City: 645,000 in the Bronx, 557,000 in Queens, 488,000 in Brooklyn, 418,000 in Manhattan, and 54,000 in Staten Island
    ${ }^{13}$ In Census 2000, there were 245 places in the United States (excluding the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico) with 100,000 or more population. These included 238 incorporated places (including 4 city-county consolidations) and included 7 census designated places (CDPs) that were not legally incorporated. For a list of places by state, see Table 4 or Table 5 in www.census.gov/population/ www.cen2000phc-t6.html.

[^5]:    ${ }^{14}$ Mexicans accounted for the majority of Hispanics in the remaining seven places (see Table 3): Phoenix (83.4 percent), El Paso (83.3 percent), Dallas ( 82.9 percent), San Jose (81.9 percent), Houston ( 72.2 percent), San Antonio ( 70.5 percent), and Chicago ( 70.4 percent).

[^6]:    ${ }^{15}$ East Los Angeles, California is a census designated place and is not legally incorporated.
    ${ }^{16}$ Hispanics were the majority of the population in the ten places shown in Table 4 as well as in these nine additional places: Pomona, California (64.5), Salinas, California (64.1 percent), Norwalk, California (62.9 percent), Ontario, California ( 59.9 percent), San Antonio, Texas ( 58.7 percent), Downey, California ( 57.9 percent), Fontana, California ( 57.7 percent), Corpus Christi, Texas ( 54.3 percent), and Paterson, New Jersey (50.1 percent).

