U.S. Latino population reaches new highs even as growth slows

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U.S. Hispanic population nears 60 million

In millions

Note: Population estimates for 1990-2018 are as of July 1 for each year. Hispanics are of any race.

Pew Research Center
National origins of U.S. Latinos, 2017

- Mexican - 36.6
- Puerto Rican - 5.6
- Salvadoran - 2.3
- Cuban - 2.3
- Dominican - 2.1
- Guatemalan - 1.4
- Colombian - 1.2
- Honduran - 0.9
- Spanish - 0.8
- Other - 9.6

Source: Pew Research Center analysis of the 2017 American Community Survey
Nearly all U.S. Hispanics live in half of nation’s 3,000+ counties

Source: Pew Research Center tabulations of U.S. Census Bureau population estimates.
“U.S. Latino Population Growth and Dispersion Has Slowed Since Onset of the Great Recession”
EMERGING DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS
Hispanic population growth has leveled off since the Great Recession

Annual percentage change in U.S. population, by race/ethnicity

Counties with fast-growing, slow-growing or declining Latino populations, 2000-2013

Hispanic Population Change, 2000-2013

Source: Pew Research Center
Immigrant Share Declines Among Largest Hispanic Origin Groups since 2000

Source: Pew Research Center tabulations of 2000 census (5% IPUMS) and 2001-2015 ACS
Interrace marriage rates remain high for Hispanics

% of newlyweds who married someone of a different race/ethnicity

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<th>Race/Ethnicity</th>
<th>1980</th>
<th>2015</th>
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<td>White</td>
<td>3.8</td>
<td>10.8</td>
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<td>Black</td>
<td>17.0</td>
<td>25.1</td>
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<td>Self-identified Hispanic</td>
<td>26.4</td>
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<td>Asian</td>
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<td>29.3</td>
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Note: Arrivals include those from Mexico. Arrival figures for 2001 to 2005 are based on the household population and do not include arrivals residing in group quarters. Asians include Pacific Islanders and Native Hawaiians. Whites, blacks and Asians include only non-Hispanics. Hispanics are of any race.

Nearly three-quarters of U.S.-born Latinos are Millennials—or younger

% among Hispanics

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<th>Foreign born</th>
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<td>Younger than 18</td>
<td>47%</td>
<td>6%</td>
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<td>Millennial adults (18-33)</td>
<td>27%</td>
<td>26%</td>
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<td>Gen X (34-49)</td>
<td>14%</td>
<td>37%</td>
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<td>Boomer (50-68)</td>
<td>9%</td>
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<td>Silent/Greatest (69 and older)</td>
<td>3%</td>
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Source: Pew Research Center analysis of 2014 American Community Survey (IPUMS).
“The Nation’s Latino Population Is Defined by Its Youth”
Hispanics are a growing share of U.S. K-12 public school students

Notes: Among those enrolled in elementary and secondary public schools. Data for 2019 is projected. White, black and Asian are single race, non-Hispanic. Hispanics are of any race. Asian includes Pacific Islander. Multiracial and other single-race groups not shown. Source: National Center of Education Statistics, U.S. Department of Education.
Hispanic, Black high school dropout rates reach record lows

% of 18- to 24-year-olds who dropped out of high school, by race and ethnicity (1996-2016)

Note: Civilian noninstitutionalized population. Blacks and Asians include the Hispanic portions of those groups. Whites include only non-Hispanics. Hispanics are of any race. Source: U.S. Census Bureau October Current Population Survey.
Hispanic educational attainment is rising ...

(\% of 25- to 29-year olds with a bachelor’s degree or higher)

Source: Pew Hispanic Center Analysis of October Current Population Surveys (CPS)
... But educational attainment lags other groups

(\% of 25-29 year olds with a bachelor’s degree or higher)

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<th>Group</th>
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<td>NH White</td>
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<td>NH Black</td>
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<td>NH Asian</td>
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Source: Pew Hispanic Center Analysis of the October 2017 Current Population Survey (CPS)
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