

LATINOS IN IOWA: 2007

In 1968, Congress authorized President Lyndon B. Johnson to proclaim a week in September as National Hispanic Heritage Week. The observance was expanded in 1988 to a month long celebration (Sept. 15-Oct. 15). During this month, America celebrates the culture and traditions of U.S. residents who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico and the Spanish-speaking nations of Central America, South America and the Caribbean. Sept. 15 was chosen as the starting point for the celebration because it is the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on Sept. 16 and Sept. 18, respectively.

114,700

The estimated Latino population of Iowa as of July 1, 2006, making people of Latino origin the state's largest race or ethnic minority. Latinos constitute 3.8 percent of the state's total population.

32,227

The numeric change in the Latino population from 2000 to 2006. This is a 28.1 percent increase for the period.

305,900

The projected Latino population of Iowa as of July 1, 2030. According to the 2007 Woods & Pool Economics Inc., Latinos will constitute 9.1 percent of the state's total population on that date.

Families and Children

23,174

The number of Latino families in 2005 who reside in Iowa. Of these families, 52.7 percent include their own children under 18 years of age, compared to 30 percent for the state of Iowa.

65.8%

Percentage of Latino grandparents in 2005 who are responsible for their own grandchildren under 18 years of age. This compares to 53.6 percent for the state of Iowa.

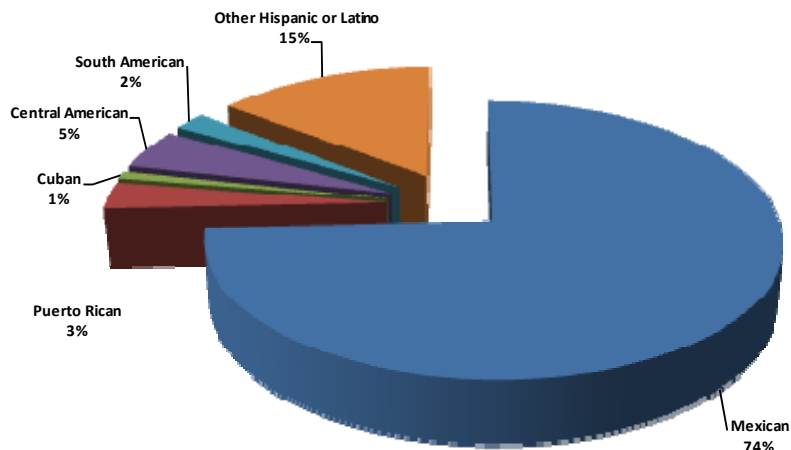
10.7%

Percentage of Latino population under age 5, as of July 1, 2006. Latinos have a higher concentration of preschoolers among the population than any other race or

3.41

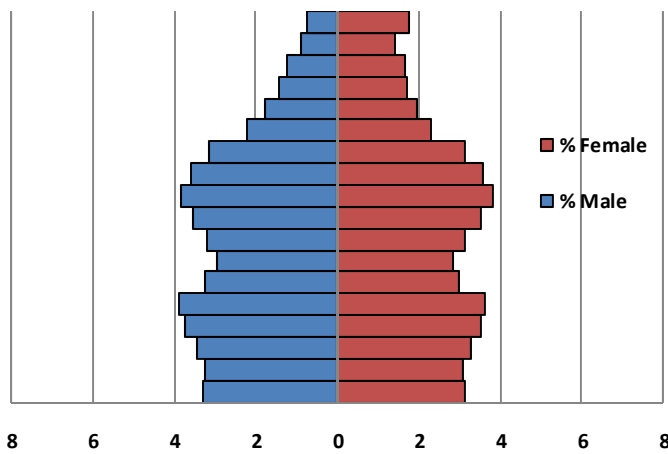
The average family size for the Iowa Latino population in 2005. The average family size in the state of Iowa is 2.9.

Hispanic or Latino Groups in Iowa: 2000

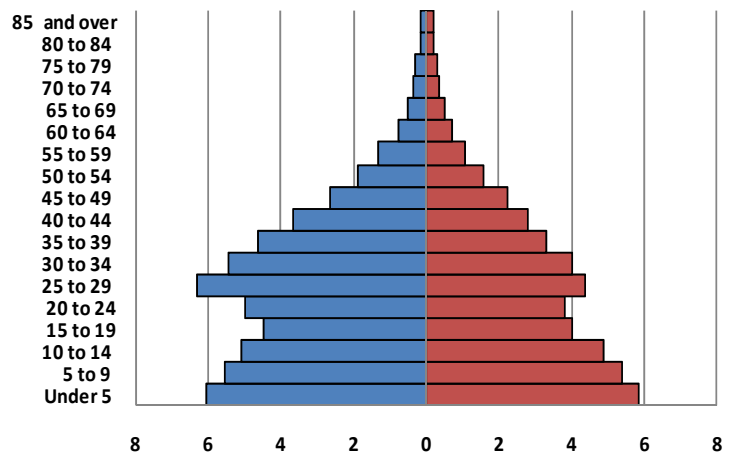


AGE DISTRIBUTION

Iowa Total Population by Sex and Age: 2006



Iowa Latino Population by Sex and Age: 2006



SPANISH LANGUAGE

90,343

The number of Iowa residents age 5 and older in 2005 who speak Spanish at home. Among those who speak Spanish at home, more than half say they speak English "very well."

13,869

The number of Spanish speaking English Language Learners in Iowa's public and non-public schools during the 2006-2007 school year. This represents a 124.2 percent increase from the 1999-2000 school year.

EDUCATION

31,134

The number Latinos enrolled in the state's elementary and high schools during the 2006-2007 school year.

87.9%

Percent increase in Latino enrollment between the 1999-2000 school year and 2006-2007.

Source: Iowa Department of Education

54.3%

The percentage of Iowa Latinos age 25 and over, who had at least a high school education in 2005.

9.1%

The percentage of Iowa Latinos age 25 and over, with a bachelor's degree or higher in 2005.

1,650

Number of Iowa Latinos 25 years and older with an advanced degree in 2005. (e.g., master's, professional, doctorate.)

24.6

The median age of Iowa's Latino population in 2005. The median age for the state of Iowa is 38.6.

Coming to America

40.9%

Percentage in 2005 of Iowa's foreign-born population from Latin America. This amounts to 42,229 people.

32,356

The number of foreign-born Iowans in 2005 who were born in Mexico, by far more than any other Latin American country or any other country in the world for that matter. Other Latin American countries of origin with a large foreign-born population are El Salvador (3,877), Caribbean (590), Columbia (400) and Brazil (285).

39.2%

The percent of Iowa Latinos in 2005 who are foreign-born.

OCCUPATION

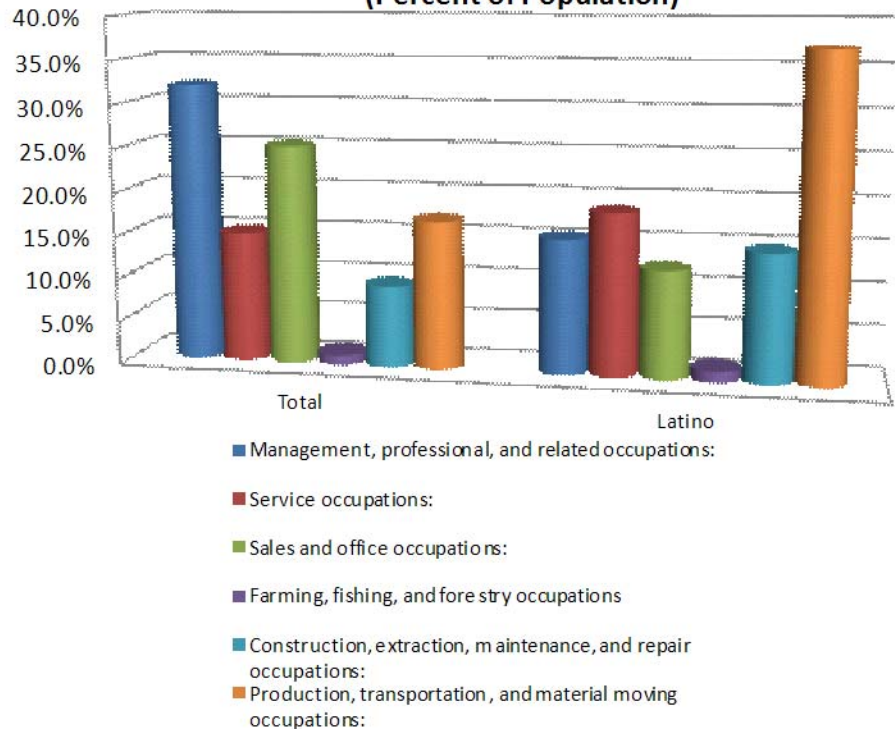
37.1%

The percent in 2005 of Iowa Latinos in the production, transportation, and material moving occupations.

5,203

The number of Iowa Latinos in the construction and extraction occupations. Latinos are represented in a wide variety of occupations. For instance, there are about 3,162 office and administrative support; 1,528 in education, training, and library occupations; 1,203 in healthcare support; and 567 computer and mathematical occupations.

Employment by Occupation
(Percent of Population)



BUSINESS AND JOBS

1,536

The number of Latino-owned firms in 2002.

87.5%

The percent increase in Latino-owned firms between 1997 and 2002.

7.7%

The unemployment rate for Iowa Latinos in 2005. The Iowa unemployment rate at that time was 5.3%.



INCOME AND POVERTY

\$29,350

The median income of Latino households in 2005. The median household income for the state was \$43,609.

25.8%

The poverty rate for the Latino population in 2005. The corresponding rate for Iowa is 10.9 percent

Serving Our Nation
2,528
The number of Iowa Latino veterans of the U.S. armed forces in 2005.

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Hispanic or Latino includes people of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. Source: Federal Register Notice (10/30/97, Vol. 62, No. 210) Revisions to the Standards for the Classification of Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity.

COUNTIES AND CITIES

25,358
The number of Latinos in Polk County in 2006, making it largest population of Latinos in any county.

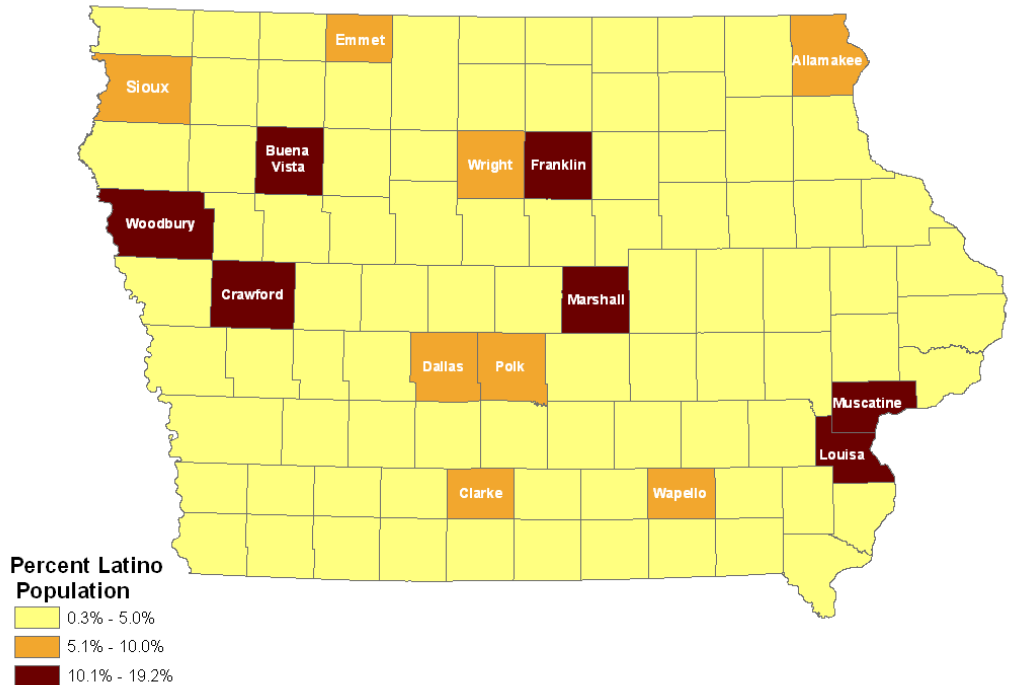
19.2%
The percent of total population in Buena Vista County who are Latino.

Other Iowa counties with a high percentage of Latinos are Crawford (18.8%), Louisa (14.7%), Muscatine (13.4%) and Marshall (13.2%).

48.1%
Nearly half of the total Latino population live in Polk, Woodbury, Scott, Muscatine and Marshall

counties.
49.5%
Nearly half of the growth in Iowa's Latino population from 2000-2006 occurred in five counties: Polk, Woodbury, Wapello, Marshall and Crawford. The Latino population in Wapello increased by 231.9% between 2000 and 2006.

Latinos as a Percent of Total Population in Iowa's Counties: 2006



18,952
The number of Latinos in Des Moines in 2005, making it largest population of Latinos in any city in Iowa.

59%
The percent of total population in Conesville who

are Latino in 2005. Other Iowa cities with a high percentage of Latinos are West Liberty (40.5%), Columbus Junction (39.0%), Columbus City (33.2%) and Fredonia (31.5%).

45%
The percentage of Iowa's

total Latino population living in 5 cities in 2000: Des Moines, Sioux City, Davenport, Marshalltown and Muscatine.

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