

LATINOS IN IOWA: 2009

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, the United States 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.

126,453

The estimated Latino population of Iowa as of July 1, 2008, making people of Latino origin the state's largest race or ethnic minority. Latinos constitute 4.2 percent of the state's total population.

43,287

The numeric change in the Latino population from 2000 to 2008. This is a 52.0 percent increase for the period.

361,780

The projected Latino population of Iowa as of July 1, 2040. According to the 2008 Woods & Pool Economics Inc., Latinos will constitute 10.4 percent of the state's total population on that date.

Families and Children

23,529

The number of Latino families in 2007 who reside in Iowa. Of these families, 74.9 percent include related children under 18 years of age, compared to 47.6 percent for the state of Iowa.

41.9%

Percentage of Latino grandparents in 2007 who are responsible for their own grandchildren under 18 years of age. This compares to 42.7 percent for the state of Iowa.

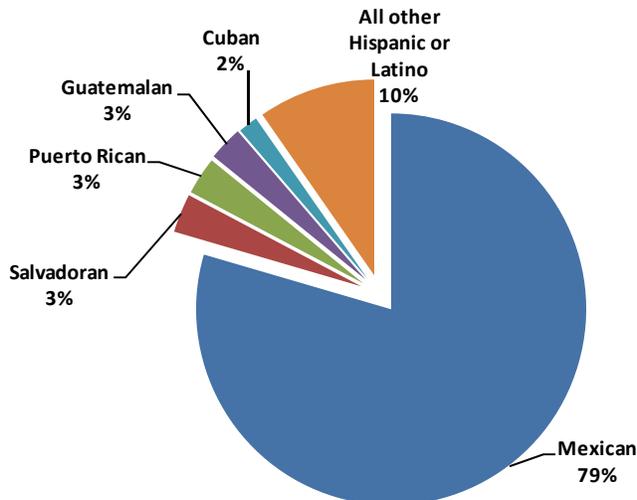
12.6%

Percentage of Latino population under age 5, as of July 1, 2008. Latinos have a higher concentration of preschoolers among the population than any other race or ethnic group.

3.48

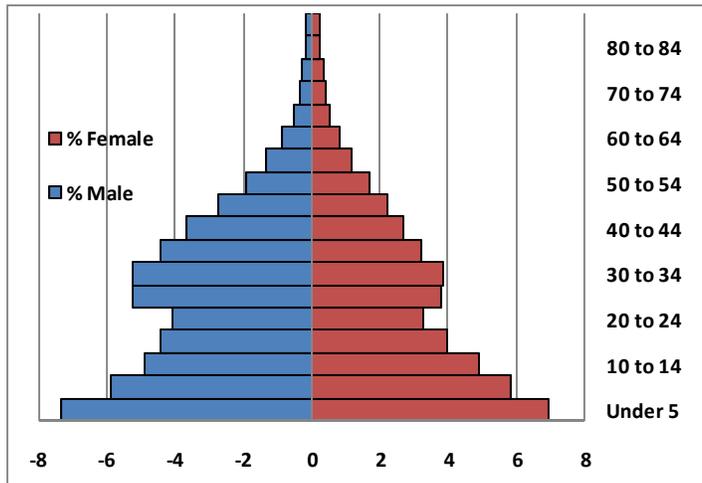
The average family size for the Iowa Latino population in 2007. The average family size in the state of Iowa is 2.91.

Hispanic or Latino Groups in Iowa: 2007

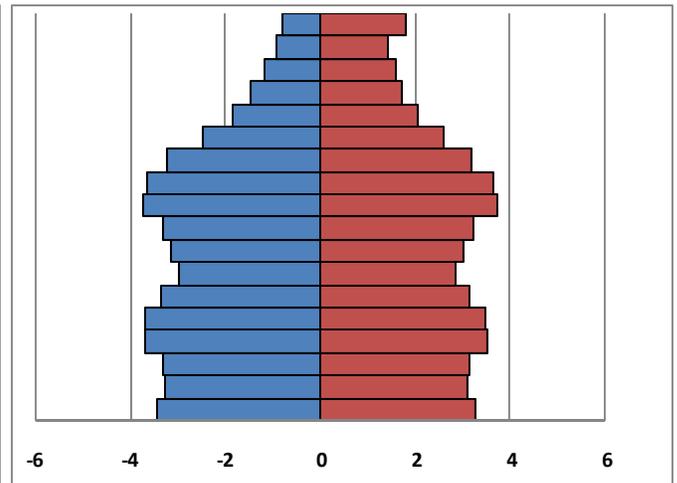


AGE DISTRIBUTION

Iowa Latino Population by Sex and Age: 2008



Iowa Total Population by Sex and Age: 2008



SPANISH LANGUAGE

101,916

The number of Iowa residents age 5 and older in 2007 who speak Spanish at home. Among those who speak Spanish at home, more than half say they speak English "very well."

15,314

The number of Spanish-speaking English Language Learners in Iowa's public and non-public schools during the 2008-2009 school year. This represents a 147.5 percent increase from the 1999-2000 school year.

24.5

The median age of Iowa's Latino population in 2007. The median age for the state of Iowa is 38.

Serving Our Nation

2,156

The number of Iowa Latino veterans of the U.S. armed forces in 2007.

EDUCATION

35,394

The number Latinos enrolled in the state's elementary and high schools during the 2008-2009 school year.

124.3%

Percent increase in Latino enrollment between the 1999-2000 school year and 2008-2009.

Source: Iowa Department of Education



54.5%

The percentage of Iowa Latinos age 25 and over, who had at least a high school education in 2007.

11.3%

The percentage of Iowa Latinos age 25 and over, with a bachelor's degree or higher in 2007.

2,596

Number of Iowa Latinos 25 years and older with an advanced degree in 2007. (e.g., master's, professional, doctorate.)

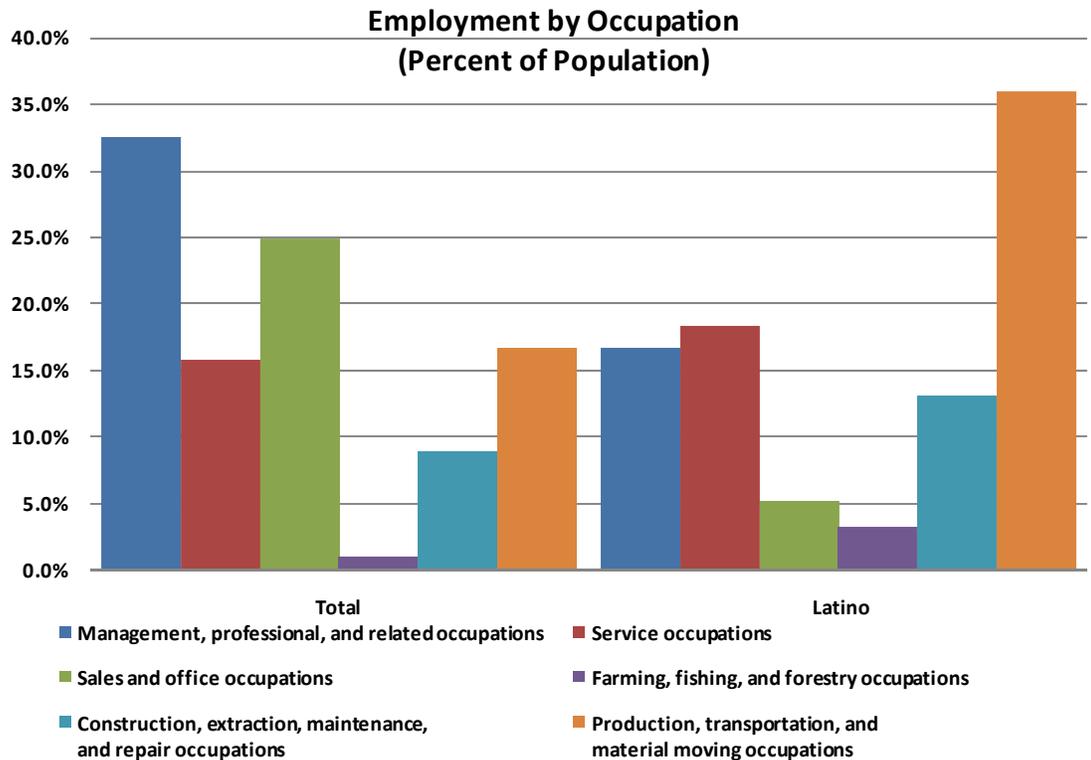
OCCUPATION

38.1%

The percent in 2007 of Iowa Latinos in the production, transportation, and material moving occupations.

5,158

The number of Iowa Latinos in the construction and extraction occupations in 2007. Latinos are represented in a wide variety of occupations. For instance, there are about 4,303 food preparation and serving related occupations; 3,674 office and administrative support; 1,901 in education, training, and library occupations; 1,600 in farming, fishing, and forestry occupations; and 401 computer and mathematical occupations.



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.

8.9%

The unemployment rate for Iowa Latinos in 2007. The Iowa unemployment rate at that time was 4.9%.

Coming to America

43.7%

Percentage in 2007 of Iowa's foreign-born population from Latin America. This amounts to 51,336 people.

38,730

The number of foreign-born Iowans in 2007 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 areas of origin with a large foreign-born population are El Salvador (3,767), Caribbean (2,105), Guatemala (2,686) and Honduras (798).

41.4%

The percent of Iowa Latinos in 2007 who are foreign-born.

INCOME AND POVERTY

\$36,600

The median income of Latino households in 2007. The median household income for the state was \$47,292.

23.5%

The poverty rate for the Latino population in 2007. The corresponding rate for Iowa is 11.0 percent

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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

28,438

The number of Latinos in Polk County in 2008, making it largest population of Latinos in any county.

20.8%

The percent of total population in Buena Vista County who are Latino in 2008. Other Iowa coun-

ties with a high percentage of Latinos are Crawford (20.0%), Louisa (15.7%), Marshall (14.7%) and Muscatine (13.9%).

47.9%

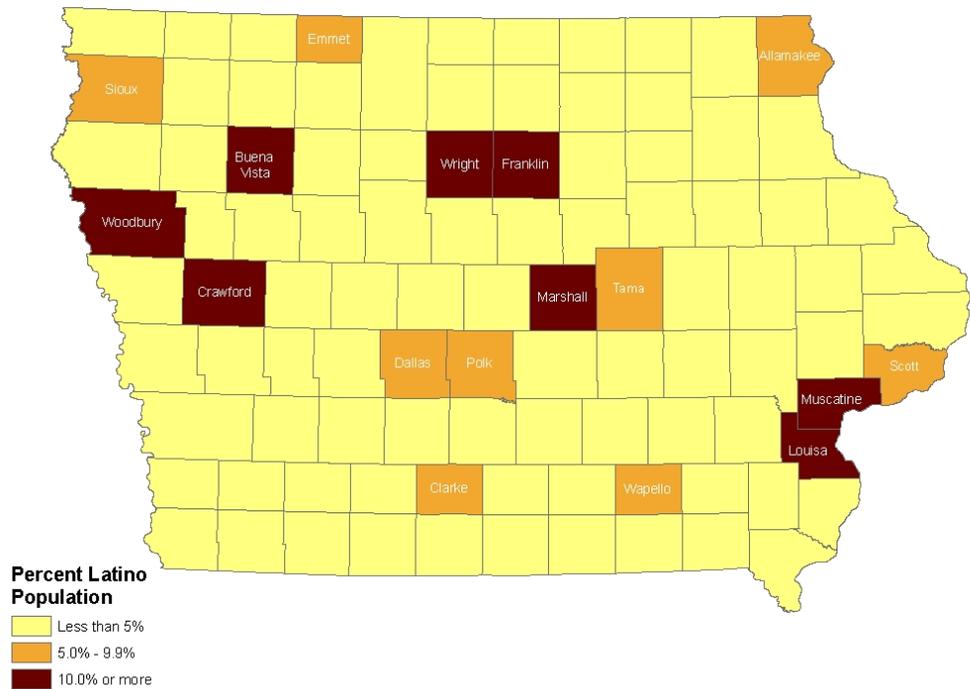
Nearly half of the total Latino population live in Polk, Woodbury, Scott, Muscatine and Marshall

counties.

51.2%

Over half of the growth in Iowa's Latino population from 2000-2008 occurred in six counties: Polk, Woodbury, Marshall, Linn, Crawford, and Scott. The Latino population in Wapello increased by 195.1% between 2000 and 2008.

Latinos as a Percent of Total Population in Iowa's Counties: 2008



21,620

The number of Latinos in Des Moines in 2007, making it largest population of Latinos in any city in Iowa.

59%

The percent of total population in Conesville who are Latino in 2000. 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.

Data Source (unless otherwise noted) :
U.S. Census Bureau,
2007 American Community Survey
2008 Population Estimates