

# LATINOS IN IOWA: 2011

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.

## 151,544

The estimated Latino population of Iowa as of April 1, 2010, making people of Latino origin the state's largest race or ethnic minority. Latinos constitute 5.0 percent of the state's total population.

## 69,071

The numeric change in the Latino population from 2000 to 2010. This is a 83.7 percent increase for the period.

## 415,890

The projected Latino population of Iowa as of July 1, 2040. According to the 2011 Woods & Pool Economics Inc., Latinos will constitute 11.9 percent of the state's total population on that date.

## Families and Children

### 28,299

The number of Latino families in 2010 who reside in Iowa. Of these families, 71.2 percent include related children under 18 years of age, compared to 44.0 percent for the state of Iowa.

### 43.3%

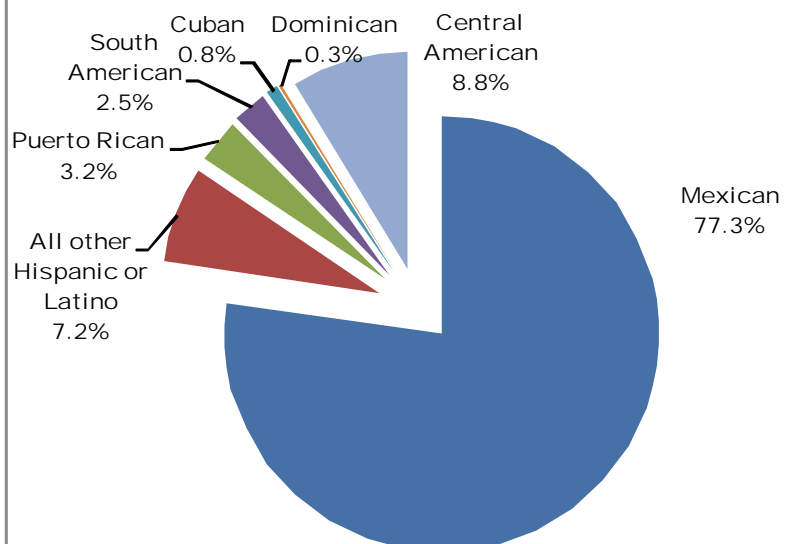
3.5% percentage of Latino grandparents in 2009 live with their grandchildren and 43.3% of those are responsible for the own grandchildren under 18 years of age. This compares to 42.7 percent for the state of Iowa.

### 11.5%

Percentage of Latino population under age 5, as of April 1, 2010. Latinos have a higher concentration of preschoolers among the population than any other race or ethnic group.

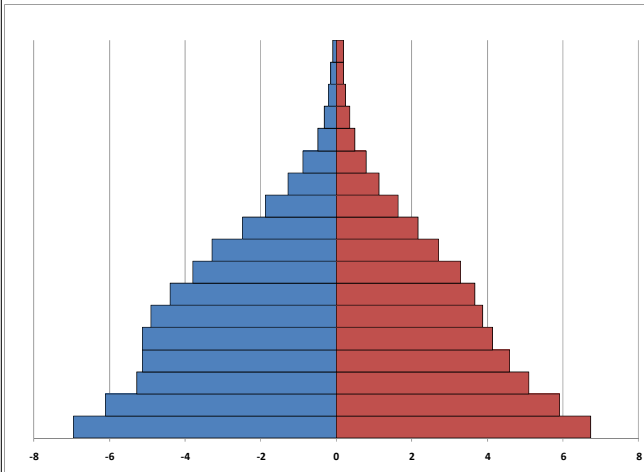


### Hispanic or Latino Groups in Iowa: 2010



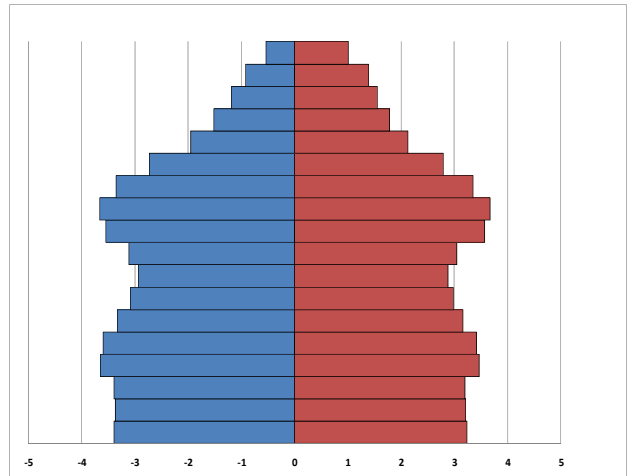
# AGE DISTRIBUTION

Iowa Latino Population by Sex and Age: 2010



85 and over  
80 to 84  
75 to 79  
70 to 74  
65 to 69  
60 to 64  
55 to 59  
50 to 54  
45 to 49  
40 to 44  
35 to 39  
30 to 34  
25 to 29  
20 to 24  
15 to 19  
10 to 14  
5 to 9  
Under 5

Iowa Total Population by Sex and Age: 2010



## SPANISH LANGUAGE

**113,816**

The number of Iowa residents age 5 and older in 2009 who speak Spanish at home. Among those who speak Spanish at home, more than two-thirds say they speak English "very well."

**22,275**

The number of Spanish speaking English Language Learners in Iowa's public and non-public schools during the 2010-2011 school year. This represents a 220.1 percent increase from the 1999-2000 school year.

## EDUCATION

**44,035**

The number Latinos enrolled in the state's elementary and high schools during the 2010-2011 school year.

**266.6%**

Percent increase in Latino enrollment between the 1999-2000 school year and 2010-2011.

Source: Iowa Department of Education

**58.6%**

The percentage of Iowa Latinos age 25 and over, who had at least a high school education in 2009.

**11.4%**

The percentage of Iowa Latinos age 25 and over, with a bachelor's degree or higher in 2009.

**7,254**

Number of Iowa Latinos 25 years and older with an bachelor's degree in 2009.

**22.2**

The median age of Iowa's Latino population in 2010. The median age for the state of Iowa is 38.1.

**3.92**

The average family size for the Iowa Latino population in 2010. The average family size in the state of Iowa is 2.97.

**Serving Our Nation**

**3,569**

The number of Iowa Latino veterans of the U.S. armed forces in 2009.



## OCCUPATION

**30.5%**

The percent in 2009 of Iowa Latinos in the production, transportation, and material moving occupations.

**7,308**

The number of Iowa Latinos in the construction and extraction occupations in 2009. Latinos are represented in a wide variety of occupations. For instance, there are about 11,594 food preparation and serving related occupations; 8,132 office and administrative support; 6,594 in education, training, and healthcare; 1,758 in farming, fishing, and forestry occupations; 9,396 in management and professional occupations; and 16,759 in production, transportation and material moving occupations.

## BUSINESS AND JOBS

**2,455**

The number of Latino-owned firms in 2007.

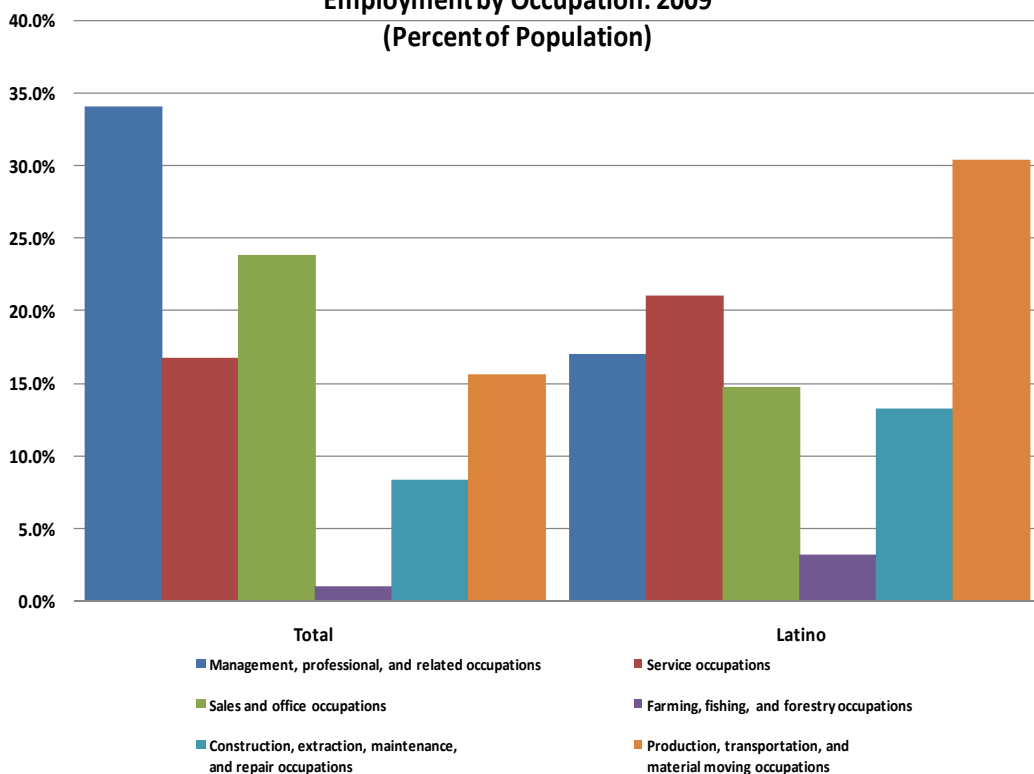
**159.8%**

The percent increase in Latino-owned firms between 2002 and 2007.

**8.2%**

The unemployment rate for Iowa Latinos in 2009. The Iowa unemployment rate at that time was 4.1%.

Employment by Occupation: 2009  
(Percent of Population)



### Coming to America

**42.0%**

Percentage in 2009 of Iowa's foreign-born population from Latin America. This amounts to 48,831 people.

**35,751**

The number of foreign-born Iowans in 2009 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 (3,422), Other Central Americans (6,457), and South Americans (2,492).

**36.8%**

The percent of Iowa Latinos in 2009 who are foreign-born.

## INCOME AND POVERTY

**\$38,135**

The median income of Latino households in 2009. The median household income for the state was \$48,044.

**24.5%**

The poverty rate for the Latino population in 2009. The corresponding rate for Iowa is 11.8 percent.

**26.5%**

The percent of Iowa Latino population with no health insurance coverage in 2009. The corresponding rate for all Iowa is 8.6 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**

**32,647**

The number of Latinos in Polk County in 2010, making it largest population of Latinos in any county at 12% of the state-wide population.

**24.2%**

The percent of total population in Crawford County who are Latino in 2010. Other Iowa

counties with a high percentage of Latinos are Buena Vista (22.7%), Marshall (17.3%), Muscatine (15.9%), Louisa (15.8%).

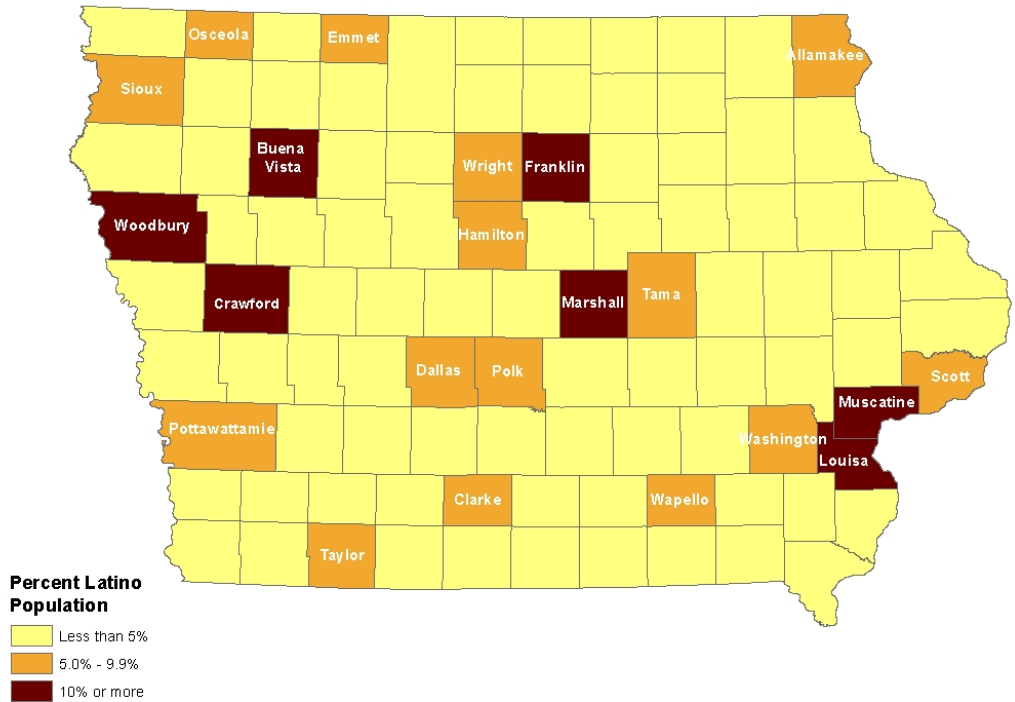
**50.0%**

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

**52.7%**

Over half of the growth in Iowa's Latino population from 2000-2010 occurred in seven counties: Polk, Woodbury, Marshall, Johnson, Pottawattamie, Linn and Scott. The Latino population in Lyon increased by 504.0% between 2000 and 2010.

**Latinos as a Percent of Total Population in Iowa's Counties: 2010**



**24,334**

The number of Latinos in Des Moines in 2009, making it largest population of Latinos in any city in Iowa.

**63%**

The percent of total population in Conesville who are Latino in 2010. Other Iowa cities with a high percentage of Latinos are West Liberty (52.2%), Columbus Junction (48.0%), Fredonia (43.9%) and Denison (42.1%).

**37.7%**

The percentage of Iowa's total Latino population living in 5 cities in 2010: Des Moines, Sioux City, Davenport, Marshalltown and Council Bluffs.

Data Source (unless otherwise noted) :  
U.S. Census Bureau,  
2009 American Community Survey  
2010 Decennial  
The most current data is provided for a particular data item.