

LATINOS IN IOWA: 2012

SEPTEMBER 2012

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.

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.

158,014

The estimated Latino population of Iowa as of July 1, 2011, making people of Latino origin the state's largest race or ethnic minority. Latinos constitute 5.2 percent of the state's total population

75,541

The numeric change in the Latino population from 2000 to 2011. This is a 91.6 percent increase for the period.

430,344

The projected Latino population of Iowa as of July 1, 2040. According to the 2012 Woods & Pool Economics Inc., Latinos will constitute 12.7 percent of the state's total population on that date.

22.2

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



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.

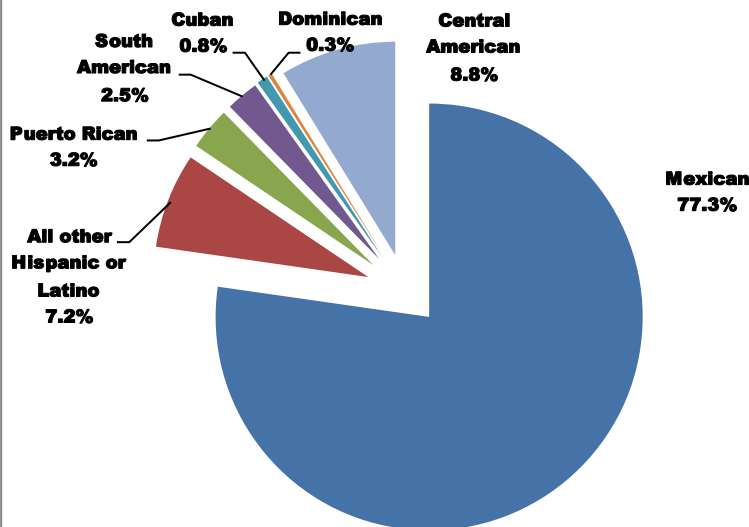
36,216

The number of Latino grandparents in 2010 living with their own grandchildren. 49.2% of those are responsible for the own grandchildren under 18 years of age. This compares to 39.1 percent for the U.S..

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

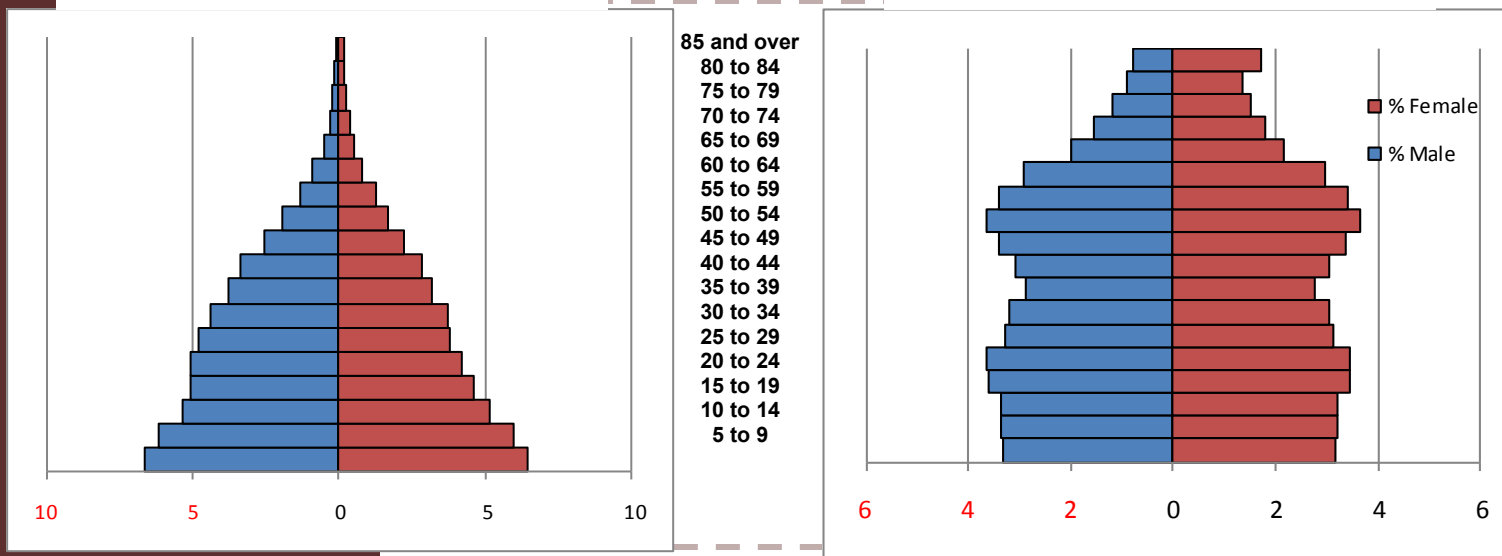
Hispanic or Latino Groups in Iowa: 2010



Age Distribution

Iowa Latino Population by Sex and Age: 2011

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Serving Our Nation

2,591

The number of Iowa Latino veterans of the U.S. armed forces in 2010.

Spanish Language

115,252

The number of Iowa residents age 5 and older in 2010 who speak Spanish at home. Among those who speak Spanish at home, 55.7 percent say they speak English "very well."

16,171

The number of Spanish speaking English Language Learners in Iowa's public schools during the 2011-2012 school year. This represents a 161.4 percent increase from the 1999-2000 school year.



Education

46,070

The number Latinos enrolled in the state's elementary and high schools during the 2011-2012 school year.

53.2%

The percentage of Iowa Latinos age 25 and over, who had at least a high school education in 2010. In Iowa the percentage of total population with at least a high school education was 89.0%

192.0%

Percent increase in Latino enrollment between the 1999-2000 school year and 2011-2012.

Source: Iowa Department of Education

9.5%

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

higher in 2010. In Iowa the percentage of total population with a bachelor's degree or higher was 15.1%

6,514

Number of Iowa Latinos 25 years and older with an bachelor's degree in 2010.

Occupation

30.5%

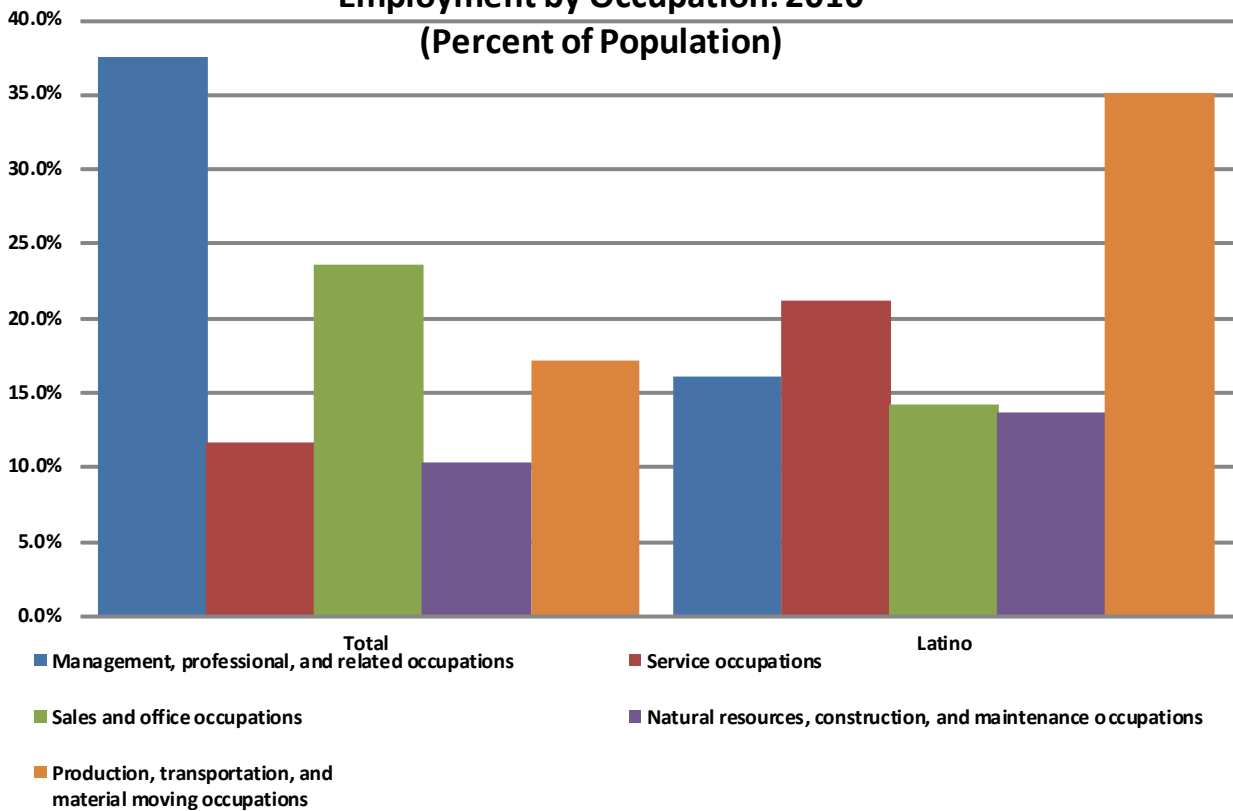
The percent in 2009 of Iowa Latinos in the production, transportation, and material moving occupations.

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

**Employment by Occupation: 2010
(Percent of Population)**



Income and poverty

\$37,192

The median income of Latino households in 2010. The median household income for the state was \$47,961.

\$38,030

The median income of Latino families in 2010. The median family income for the state was \$60,917.

26.6%

The percent of Iowa Latino population with no health insurance coverage in 2010. The corresponding rate for all Iowa is 9.3 percent.

\$12,394

The per capita income of Latinos in 2010. The per capita income for the state was \$24,883.

27.2%

The poverty rate for the Latino population in 2010. The corresponding rate for Iowa is 12.6 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.

Coming to America

42.7%

Percentage in 2010 of Iowa's foreign-born population from Latin America. This amounts to 59,571 people.

44,680

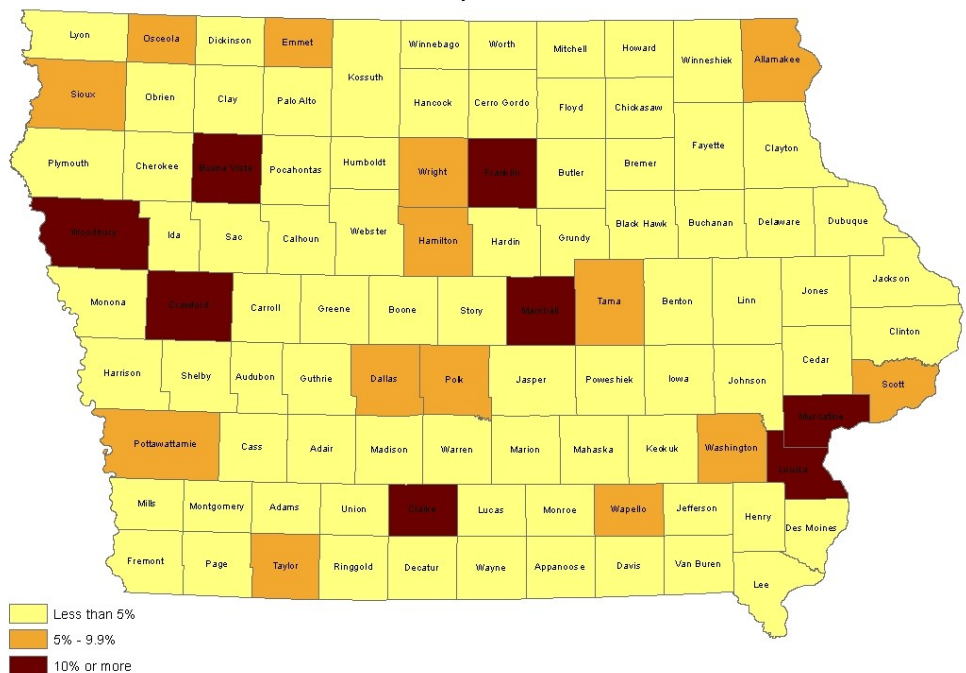
The number of foreign-born Iowans in 2010 who were

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 (2,871), Other Central Americans (6,670), and South Americans (4,085).

38.1%

The percent of Iowa Latinos in 2010 who are foreign-born.

Latinos as a Percent of Total Population in Iowa's Counties: 2011



Iowa Counties

34,076

The number of Latinos in Polk County in 2011, making it largest population of Latinos in any county at 21.6% of the state-wide population.

25.3%

The percent of total population in Crawford County who are Latino in 2011. Other Iowa counties with a

high percentage of Latinos are Buena Vista (23.6%), Marshall (18.0%), Muscatine (16.2%), Louisa (16.1%).

53.8%

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

52.3%

Over half of the growth in Iowa's Latino population from 2000-2011 occurred in seven counties: Polk, Woodbury, Marshall, Johnson, Pottawattamie, Linn and Scott. The Latino population in Ringgold increased by 561.5% between 2000 and 2011.