

# LATINOS IN IOWA: 2014

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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.

## 168,806

The estimated Latino population of Iowa as of July 1, 2013, making people of Latino origin the state's largest race or ethnic minority. Latinos constitute 5.5 percent of the state's total population

## 104.7%

The percent change in the Latino population from 2000 to 2013. This is an 86,333 increase for the period.

## 420,675

The projected Latino population of Iowa as of July 1, 2040. According to the 2014 Woods & Poole Economics Inc., Latinos will constitute 12.4 percent of the state's total population on that date.

## 22.3

The median age of Iowa's Latino population in 2013. The median age for the state of Iowa is 38.0.

## Families and Children

### 31,541

The number of Latino families in 2012 who reside in Iowa.

### 11.8%

Percentage of Latino population under age 5 as of July 1, 2013. Latinos have a higher concentration of preschoolers among the population than any other race or ethnic group.

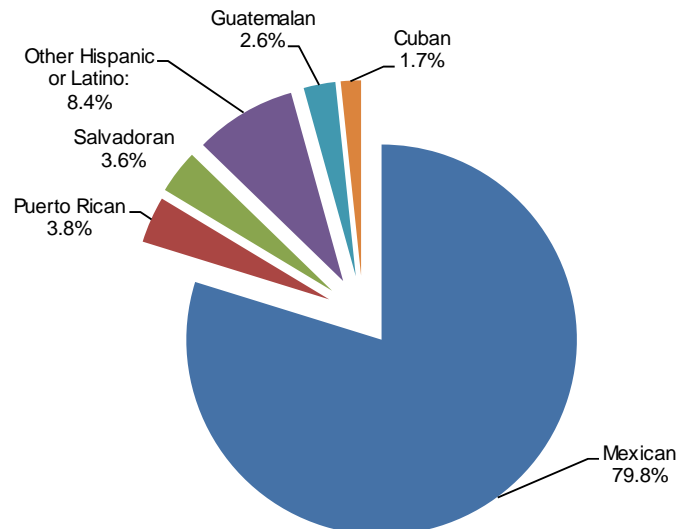
### 2,936

The number of Latino grandparents in 2012 living with their own grandchildren. 32.7% of those are responsible for the own grandchildren under 18 years of age. This compares to 42.4 percent for the U.S..

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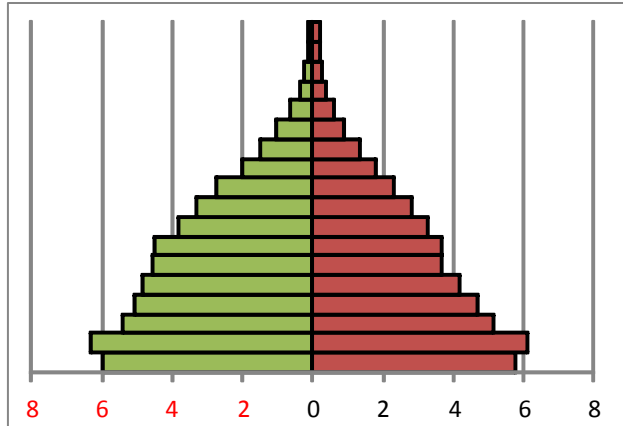
The average family size for the Iowa Latino population in 2010. The average family size in the state of Iowa is 2.97.

## Hispanic or Latino Groups in Iowa: 2012



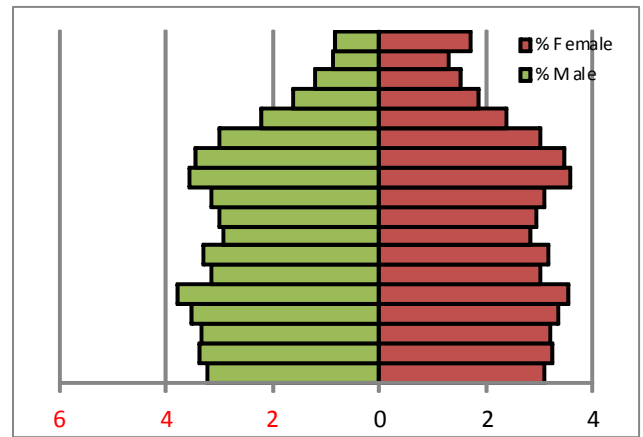
## Age Distribution

Iowa Latino Population by Sex and Age: 2013



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 Population by Sex and Age: 2013



■ % Female  
■ % Male

### Serving Our Nation

**2,841**

The number of Iowa Latino veterans of the U.S. armed forces in 2012.

## Spanish Language

**112,700**

The number of Iowa residents age 5 and older in 2012 who speak Spanish at home. Among those who speak Spanish at home, 58.8 percent say they speak English "very well."

**17,840**

The number of Spanish speaking English Language Learners in Iowa's public schools during the 2013-2014 school year. This represents a 188.3 percent increase from the 1999-2000 school year.

Source: Iowa Department of Education



## Education

**51,089**

The number Latinos enrolled in the state's elementary and high schools during the 2013-2014 school year.

**56.4%**

The percentage of Iowa Latinos age 25 and over, who had at least a high school education in 2012. In Iowa the percentage of total population with at least a high school education was 91.6%

**208.4%**

Percent increase in Latino enrollment between the 1999-2000 school year and 2013-2014.

Source: Iowa Department of Education

**10.2%**

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

higher in 2012. In Iowa the percentage of total population with a bachelor's degree or higher was 26.3%.

**2,676**

Number of Iowa Latinos 25 years and older with a graduate degree in 2012.

# Occupation

**31.6%**

The percent in 2012 of Iowa Latinos in the production, transportation, and material moving occupations.

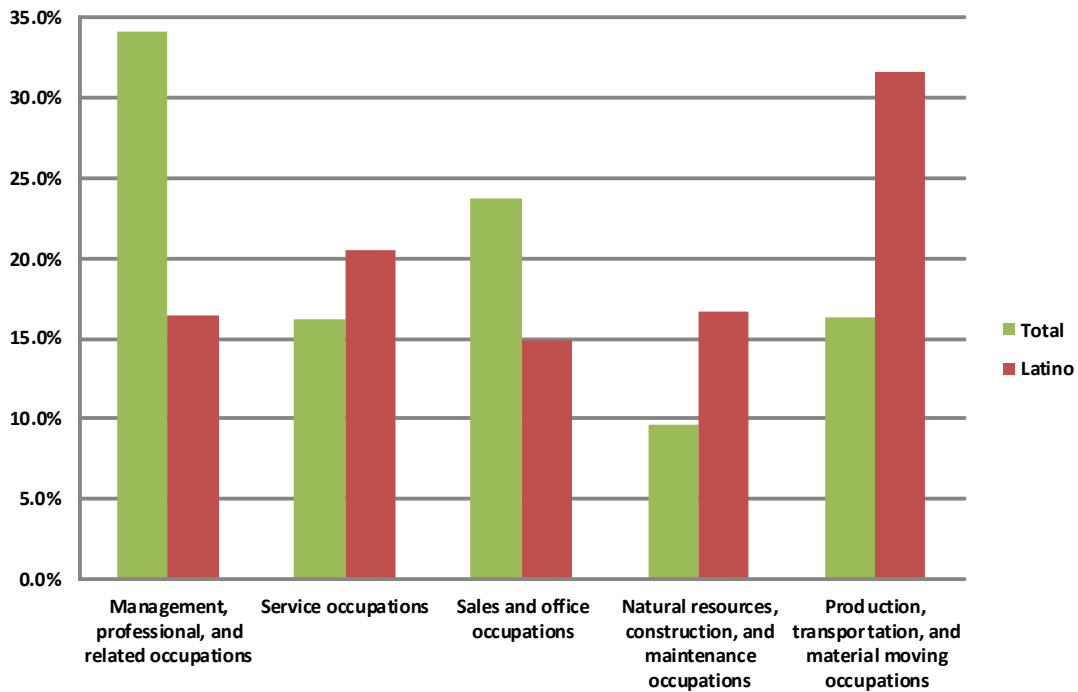
**13,499**

The number of Iowa Latinos in the construction and extraction occupations in 2012. Latinos are represented in a wide

variety of occupations. For instance, there are about 6,733 food preparation and serving related occupations; 2,784 in education, training, and healthcare; 2,444 in farming, fishing, and forestry occupations; 3,071 in management occupations; and 5,540 in office and administrative support occupations.



**Employment by Occupation: 2012  
(Percent of Population)**



## Income and poverty

**\$36,642**

The median income of Latino households in 2012. The median household income for the state was \$50,957.

**\$36,967**

The median income of Latino families in 2012. The median family income for the state was \$64,122.

**24.0%**

The percent of Iowa Latino population with no health insurance coverage in 2012. The corresponding rate for all Iowa is 8.4 percent.

**\$13,280**

The per capita income of Latinos in 2012. The per capita income for the state was \$26,436.

**26.0%**

The poverty rate for the Latino population in 2012. The corresponding rate for Iowa is 12.7 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

**39.1%**

Percentage in 2012 of Iowa's foreign-born population from Latin America. This amounts to 53,961 people.

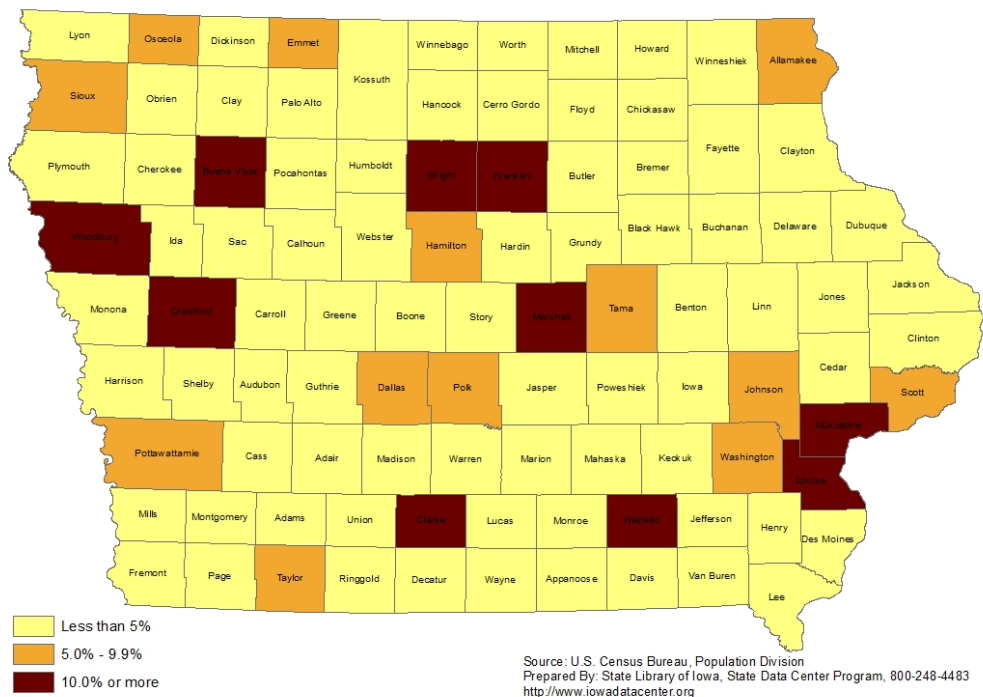
**32.8%**

The percent of Iowa Latinos in 2012 who are foreign-born.

**41,156**

The number of foreign-born Iowans in 2012 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 (3,786), Columbia (757), and Brazil (651).

**Latinos as a Percent of Total Population in Iowa's Counties: 2013**



# Iowa Counties

**36,023**

The number of Latinos in Polk County in 2013, making it largest population of Latinos in any county at 21.3% of the state-wide population.

**27.5%**

The percent of total population in Crawford County who are Latino in 2013. Other Iowa counties with a high percentage of Latinos are

Buena Vista (24.8%), Marshall (19.5%), Muscatine (16.8%), Louisa (16.2%).

**49.9%**

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

**48.3%**

Nearly half of the growth in Iowa's Latino population from 2000-2013 occurred in six counties: Polk, Woodbury, Johnson, Marshall, Scott, Pottawattamie, and Linn. The Latino population in Ringgold increased by 700% between 2000 and 2012.