



A Home ON THE Field

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Hispanics/Latinos in America

The Hispanic Population of the United States

- According to the U.S. census, there were 42.7 million Hispanics in the U.S. as of 2005, making them the nation's largest ethnic minority.
- One in every two people added to the U.S. population in 2004–2005 was Hispanic.
- The Hispanic population in the U.S. rose by 3.3% in one year (2004–2005), making it the fastest growing segment of the U.S. population.
- By 2050, studies project that the Hispanic population in the U.S. will constitute 24% of the nation's total population.
- Between 1990–2000, the Hispanic population in the U.S. doubled.
- 49% of the nation's Hispanic population lives in California and Texas.
- Between 1997–2002, Hispanic-owned businesses in the U.S. grew by 31%.
- 64% of Hispanics in the U.S. are of Mexican origin.
- More than one in 10 U.S. households speak Spanish at home.
- 53% of the foreign-born population of the U.S. is Hispanic.

The Hispanic Population of North Carolina

- One in 21 residents of the state is Hispanic.
- Between 1990–2000, the Hispanic population of N.C. grew six to seven times faster than in the rest of the country, a 394% increase.
- 31.7% of Hispanics in N.C. are under 18 years of age (compared to 24.4% in the overall population).
- Siler City is 39.3% Hispanic.

Illegal Immigration

Based on estimations:

- The number of illegal immigrants in the U.S. ranges from 7–20 million (8.7 million according to the U.S. Census Bureau).
- 700,000 illegal immigrants enter the U.S. each year, compared to 600,000 who enter legally.
- One in six Americans is Hispanic (counting illegal immigrants).
- Mexicans make up 57% of illegal immigrants, with another 24% from other Hispanic countries (81% total).
- 90% of illegal immigrants are under 40 years of age.
- Nine states (California, Texas, Florida, New York, New Jersey, Illinois, Arizona, Georgia, and North Carolina) are home to over 50% of illegal immigrants.
- Illegal immigrants from Mexico send between \$12–20 billion a year to their families in Mexico.

Hispanic population of the U.S.



Current: 14.8%



2050 (projected): 24%

Hispanic population of N.C.



Statewide: 4.8%



Siler City: 39.3%

Immigration



Legal: 47%

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Hispanic Students in Higher Education

- Mexican-American students anticipate more barriers associated with ability, preparation, motivation, support, and separation from their families, friends, and teachers than do their white counterparts, and expect those barriers to be more difficult to overcome.
- 6% of the institutions of higher education enroll 52% of the Hispanic population.
- In North Carolina, only five community colleges accept students without a social security number (i.e., undocumented students).
- High school graduation and college access "...is *the* economic development issue for our society, and it is *the* social justice issue of our times. It is the most important long-term issue for the civic health of the republic" (Bob Herbert, "Education's Collateral Damage," *The New York Times*, July 21, 2005).



“¡Sí, se puede!”

- Spanish, "Yes, it's possible!"
- Chanted by the supporters of the Jets, the team Paul Cuadros coaches
- Also used by supporters of Mexico's national soccer team

SOURCES: U.S. 2000 CENSUS, N.C. 2000 CENSUS, *THE NEW YORK TIMES*, AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAW FOUNDATION, CENTER FOR IMMIGRATION STUDIES