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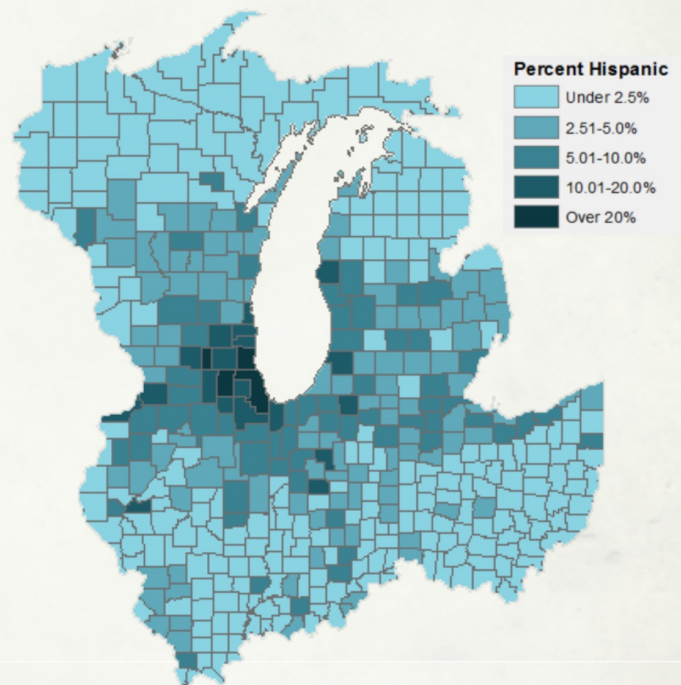
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Hispanics in the Midwest

The United States continues to have an ever-increasing Hispanic population, and the Midwest is no exception. In 2014, there were over 55 million Hispanics/Latinos (referred to as Hispanics) living in the East North Central Midwest (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin, referred to as the Midwest), an increase of 5 million since 2010. Ohio had the largest increase in Hispanic population in the Midwest from 2010 to 2014, growing at a faster rate than the United States as a whole. While the Hispanic population is growing, the Midwest is home to just under 7% of the U.S. Hispanic population.

Within the Midwest, Illinois has the largest Hispanic population at over 2 million. A large number live in Cook County, home of Chicago, where 1 in 4 residents was Hispanic in 2014. In fact, the counties with the largest percentage of Hispanic population in Illinois and Indiana border Chicago--Lake County in Illinois (North of Chicago) is 31.1% Hispanic, and Lake County in Indiana (Southeast of Chicago) is 17.4% Hispanic. In Wisconsin, the county with the largest percentage Hispanic population is Milwaukee County, with 13.8% of the population being Hispanic. Michigan's Oceana County (14.1% Hispanic) and Ohio's Defiance County (9.3%) have the largest Hispanic percentages for their respective states and are both rural, agricultural counties.

Figure 1. Percentage Hispanic by County, 2014



Source: American Community Survey, 2014 5-Year Estimates

Table 1. Hispanic Population Totals & Change

State	2000	2010	2014	Numeric Increase (2010-2014)	% Growth (2010-2014)
Illinois	1,530,262	2,027,578	2,151,506	123,928	6.1%
Indiana	214,536	389,707	425,462	35,755	9.2%
Michigan	323,877	436,358	475,095	38,737	8.9%
Ohio	217,123	354,674	398,706	44,032	12.4%
Wisconsin	192,921	336,056	370,982	34,926	10.4%
East North Central Midwest	2,478,719	3,544,373	3,821,751	277,378	7.8%
U.S. Total	35,305,818	50,477,594	55,279,452	4,801,858	9.5%

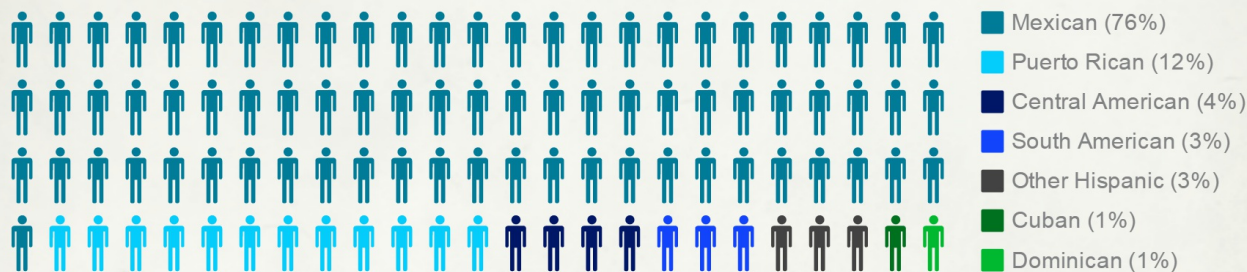
Source: Decennial Census 2000 & 2010; American Community Survey, 2014 1-Year Estimates

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Who is Considered Hispanic?

The United States Census Bureau defines Hispanic ethnicity as follows: "Hispanic or Latino refers to a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race." In all five states of the Midwest, most Hispanics identify as Mexican, accounting for three-quarters of the the total Hispanic population. In Ohio, this number is smaller than for the other states, with only 49% of Hispanics identifying as Mexican. Twenty-seven percent identify as Puerto Rican, which is greater than the Midwestern average of 12%. Ohio is also home to the largest total number and percentage of Hispanics who identify as Dominican of the the Midwest, at 2.7%.

Figure 2. Major Hispanic Groups in the Midwest, 2014

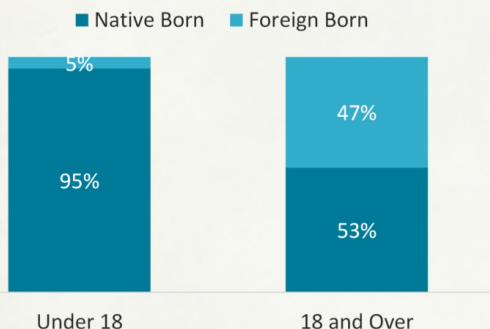


Source: American Community Survey, 2014 1-Year Estimates

Age, Nativity, & Citizenship

The Hispanic population in the Midwest is young, with over half (55%) of the population under the age of 30 compared to 39% of the total population of the Midwest.

Figure 3. Nativity of the Midwest Hispanic Population, 2014



Source: American Community Survey, 2014 1-Year Estimates

Following national trends, they are also increasingly native born, with only 5% of the under-18 population being foreign born. In contrast, of those 18 and older, 47% are foreign born, with the highest levels in the 40-49 (60%) and 50-59 (56%) age groups.

Of those who are foreign born, 33% are citizens. Citizenship is positively related to age, with older age groups having greater citizenship rates. Over half of foreign-born Hispanics in the Midwest over the age of 60 are citizens. Females are more likely to be citizens than males, with 35% of foreign-born females aged 18 and over in the Midwest, compared to 30% of their male counterparts.