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Statistical Profile

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An estimated 1.9 million Hispanics of Cuban origin resided in the United States in 2010, according to the Census Bureau's American Community Survey. Cubans in this statistical profile are people who self-identified as Hispanics of Cuban origin; this means either they themselves are Cuban immigrants or they trace their family ancestry to Cuba. Cubans are the third-largest population of Hispanic origin living in the United States, accounting for 3.7% of the U.S. Hispanic population in 2010. Mexicans, the nation's largest Hispanic origin group, constituted 32.9 million, or 64.9%, of the Hispanic population in 2010.¹

This statistical profile compares the demographic, income and economic characteristics of the Cuban population with the characteristics of all Hispanics and the U.S. population overall. It is based on tabulations from the 2010 American Community Survey by the Pew Hispanic Center, a project of the Pew Research Center.² Key facts include:

- **Immigration status.** Nearly six-in-ten Cubans (59%) in the United States are foreign born compared with 37% of all Hispanics and 13% of the U.S. population overall. Half of the immigrants from Cuba (52%) arrived in the U.S. in 1990 or later. More than half of Cuban immigrants (55%) are U.S. citizens.
- **Language.** A majority (58%) of Cubans speak English proficiently.³ The other 42% of Cubans ages 5 and older report speaking English less than very well, compared with 35% of all Hispanics.
- **Age.** Cubans are older than the U.S. population and Hispanics overall. The median age of Cubans is 40; the median ages of the U.S. population and all Hispanics are 37 and 27, respectively.
- **Marital status.** Cubans are more likely than Hispanics overall to be married—46% versus 44%.
- **Fertility.** Less than one-in-ten (6%) Cuban women ages 15 to 44 gave birth in the 12 months prior to this survey. That was less than the rate for all Hispanic women—8%—and the overall rate for U.S. women—7%.

¹ Percentages are computed before numbers are rounded.

² The 2010 Census did not collect data on most of the characteristics tabulated in this profile.

³ This includes Cubans ages 5 and older who report speaking only English at home or speaking English very well.

- **Regional dispersion.** Cubans are the most geographically concentrated Hispanic origin group. Nearly seven-in-ten (67%) live in Florida.
- **Educational attainment.** Cubans have higher levels of education than the Hispanic population overall. Some 24% of Cubans ages 25 and older—compared with 13% of all U.S. Hispanics—have obtained at least a bachelor’s degree.
- **Income.** The median annual personal earnings for Cubans ages 16 and older were \$25,000 in 2010; the median earnings for all U.S. Hispanics were \$20,000.
- **Poverty status.** The share of Cubans who live in poverty, 18%, is similar to that of the general U.S. population (15%) and below the 25% share among all Hispanics.
- **Health Insurance.** One-quarter of Cubans (25%) do not have health insurance compared with 31% of all Hispanics and 16% of the general U.S. population. Additionally, 10% of Cubans younger than 18 are uninsured.
- **Homeownership.** The rate of Cuban homeownership (57%) is higher than the rate for all Hispanics (47%) but lower than the 65% rate for the U.S. population as a whole.

About the Data

This statistical profile of Hispanics of Cuban origin is based on the Census Bureau's 2010 [American Community Survey](#) (ACS). The ACS is the largest household survey in the United States, with a sample of about 3 million addresses. The data used for this statistical profile come from 2010 ACS Integrated Public Use Microdata Series ([IPUMS](#)), representing a 1% sample of the U.S. population.

Like any survey, estimates from the ACS are subject to sampling error and (potentially) measurement error. Information on the ACS sampling strategy and associated error is available at http://www.census.gov/acs/www/methodology/methodology_main/. An example of measurement error is that citizenship rates for the foreign born are estimated to be overstated in the Decennial Census and other official surveys, such as the ACS (see Jeffrey Passel. “[Growing Share of Immigrants Choosing Naturalization](#),” Pew Hispanic Center, Washington, D.C. (March 28, 2007)). Finally, estimates from the ACS may differ from the Decennial Census or other Census Bureau surveys due to differences in methodology and data collection procedures (see, for example, http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/methodology/ASA_nelson.pdf, <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/laborfor/laborfactsheet092209.html> and <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/poverty/about/datasources/factsheet.html>).

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	All	Hispanics	Hispanics of Cuban Origin
Total	309,350	50,730	1,884
Gender			
Male	152,055	25,723	954
Female	157,294	25,007	930
Nativity			
Native Born	269,433	31,912	775
Foreign Born	39,917	18,817	1,108
Age			
Median (in years)	37	27	40
Age Groups			
Younger than 5	20,095	5,089	106
5-17	54,037	12,093	294
18-29	51,776	10,471	284
30-39	40,245	8,060	251
40-49	43,723	6,526	314
50-64	59,025	5,681	320
65 and older	40,449	2,810	315
Marital Status (ages 15 and older)			
Married	120,934	16,067	712
Never married	79,570	14,749	479
Divorced/separated/widowed	47,550	5,411	362
Fertility (women ages 15 to 44)			
Total number of women	62,479	11,856	364
Women who had a birth in the past 12 months	4,078	963	21
Unmarried women ¹ who had a birth in the past 12 months	1,557	434	***
School Enrollment (ages 5 to 18)			
K-12	52,994	11,824	285
Educational Attainment (ages 25 and older)			
Less than high school diploma	29,433	10,306	309
High school diploma or equivalent	58,212	7,216	376
Some college	59,030	6,226	315
Bachelor's degree or more	57,672	3,589	310
Median Annual Personal Earnings (in dollars)			
All (ages 16 and older with earnings)	\$28,500	\$20,000	\$25,000
Full-time, year-round workers	\$40,000	\$29,000	\$33,300
Persons in Poverty²			
Younger than 18	15,916	5,518	76
18-64	26,672	6,268	189
65 and older	3,535	513	64
Health Insurance			
Uninsured, all ages	48,794	15,828	475
Uninsured, younger than 18	5,971	2,446	40
Persons in Households by Type of Household³			
In family households	252,342	45,437	1,579
In married-couple households	182,448	28,957	1,088
In non-family households	49,021	4,360	263
Citizenship			
Citizen	286,889	37,457	1,387
Non-citizen	22,461	13,272	497
Language (ages 5 and older)			
Speaks only English at home	229,736	11,203	321
Does not speak only English at home	59,519	34,438	1,457
Speaks English very well	34,308	18,356	713
Speaks English less than very well	25,211	16,082	743
Year of Entry (foreign-born only)			
Before 1990	15,233	6,689	535
1990-1999	10,827	5,403	216
2000 or later	13,857	6,726	358
Regional Dispersion			
Northeast	55,361	7,022	213
New Jersey	8,802	1,564	96
New York	19,392	3,434	70
Midwest	66,976	4,671	69
South	114,866	18,315	1,437
Florida	18,843	4,253	1,266
Texas	25,257	9,533	48
West	72,147	20,721	164
California	37,349	14,092	98

¹Unmarried women includes those who were never married, divorced, separated or widowed. ²For detailed information on how poverty status is determined, see http://usa.ipums.org/usa-action/variables/POVERTY#description_tab. Due to the way in which the IPUMS assigns poverty values, these data will differ from those that might be provided by the U.S. Census Bureau. ³The household population excludes persons living in institutions, college dormitories and other group quarters.

Note: Analysis is based on the following number of observations: all 3,061,692; Hispanics 416,860; Hispanics of Cuban origin 16,723. The symbol *** indicates insufficient number of observations to provide a reliable estimate.

Source: Pew Hispanic Center tabulations of the 2010 ACS (1% IPUMS sample). More information on the source data and sampling error is available at <http://usa.ipums.org/usa/design.shtml> and http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/data_documentation/Accuracy/ACS_Accuracy_of_Data_2010.pdf.

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	All	Hispanics	Hispanics of Cuban Origin
Total (in thousands)	114,567	13,269	642
Homeownership (household heads)			
In owner-occupied homes (in thousands)	74,948	6,278	368
In renter-occupied homes (in thousands)	39,620	6,991	274
Homeownership rate (%)	65.4	47.3	57.3
Household Annual Income (in dollars)			
Median	\$49,800	\$40,000	\$40,000
Household Size			
Average number of persons	2.6	3.6	2.9

Note: The household population excludes persons living in institutions, college dormitories and other group quarters. Households are classified by the ethnicity of the household head. Analysis is based on the following number of observations: all 1,203,777; Hispanics 115,695; Hispanics of Cuban origin 6,220. The symbol *** indicates insufficient number of observations to provide a reliable estimate.
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	All	Hispanics	Hispanics of Cuban Origin
Employment Status (civilians ages 16 and older)			
Employed	139,103	20,739	814
Unemployed	16,870	3,070	133
Not in labor force	86,814	11,412	581
Unemployment rate (%)	10.8	12.9	14
Industries¹			
Construction, agriculture and mining	11,305	2,789	57
Manufacturing	14,432	2,183	60
Trade and transportation	25,761	3,872	180
Information, finance and other services	87,605	11,895	517
Occupations¹			
Management, professional and related occupations	53,511	4,480	272
Services	21,578	4,984	143
Sales and office support	34,768	4,628	216
Construction, extraction and farming	8,075	2,495	47
Maintenance, production, transportation and material moving	21,170	4,154	136

¹Currently employed civilians ages 16 and older.
Note: Analysis is based on the following number of observations: all 2,443,926; Hispanics 291,505; Hispanics of Cuban origin 13,601. The symbol *** indicates insufficient number of observations to provide a reliable estimate.
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