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An estimated 1.5 million Hispanics of Dominican origin resided in the United States in 2010, according to the Census Bureau's American Community Survey. Dominicans in this statistical profile are people who self-identified as Hispanics of Dominican origin; this means either they themselves are Dominican immigrants or they trace their family ancestry to the Dominican Republic. Dominicans are the fifth-largest population of Hispanic origin living in the United States, accounting for 3.0% 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.<sup>1</sup>

This statistical profile compares the demographic, income and economic characteristics of the Dominican 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.<sup>2</sup> Key facts include:

- **Immigration status.** Nearly six-in-ten Dominicans (57%) in the United States are foreign born compared with 37% of Hispanics and 13% of the U.S. population overall. Most immigrants from the Dominican Republic (63%) arrived in the U.S. in 1990 or later. Less than half of Dominican immigrants (47%) are U.S. citizens.
- **Language.** A majority (55%) of Dominicans speak English proficiently.<sup>3</sup> The other 45% of Dominicans ages 5 and older report speaking English less than very well, compared with 35% of all Hispanics.
- **Age.** Dominicans are younger than U.S. population and older than Hispanics overall. The median age of Dominicans is 29; the median ages of the U.S. population and all Hispanics are 37 and 27, respectively.
- **Marital status.** Dominicans are less likely than Hispanics overall to be married—36% versus 44%.
- **Fertility.** More than half (54%) of Dominican women ages 15 to 44 who gave birth in the 12 months prior to the survey were unmarried. That was

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<sup>1</sup> Percentages are computed before numbers are rounded.

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

<sup>3</sup> This includes Dominicans ages 5 and older who report speaking only English at home or speaking English very well.

higher than the rate for all Hispanic women—42%—and the overall rate for U.S. women—36%.

- **Regional dispersion.** Eight-in-ten Dominicans (79%) live in the Northeast, and nearly half (48%) live in New York.
- **Educational attainment.** Dominicans have higher levels of education than the Hispanic population overall. Some 15% of Dominicans 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 Dominicans ages 16 and older were \$20,000 in 2010, the same as the earnings of all Hispanics; the median earnings for the U.S. population were \$28,500.
- **Poverty status.** The share of Dominicans who live in poverty, 26%, is higher than the rate for the general U.S. population (15%) and similar to the rate for Hispanics overall (25%).
- **Health Insurance.** More than one-fifth of Dominicans (22%) do not have health insurance compared with 31% of all Hispanics and 16% of the general U.S. population. Additionally, 9% of Dominicans younger than 18 are uninsured.
- **Homeownership.** The rate of Dominican homeownership (24%) is lower than the rate for all Hispanics (47%) and the U.S. population (65%) as a whole.

### About the Data

This statistical profile of Hispanics of Dominican 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/](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/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>).

## Hispanics of Dominican Origin in the United States, 2010

	All	Hispanics	Hispanics of Dominican Origin
<b>Total</b>	309,350	50,730	1,509
<b>Gender</b>			
Male	152,055	25,723	704
Female	157,294	25,007	805
<b>Nativity</b>			
Native Born	269,433	31,912	656
Foreign Born	39,917	18,817	853
<b>Age</b>			
Median (in years)	37	27	29
<b>Age Groups</b>			
Younger than 5	20,095	5,089	120
5-17	54,037	12,093	319
18-29	51,776	10,471	327
30-39	40,245	8,060	220
40-49	43,723	6,526	213
50-64	59,025	5,681	214
65 and older	40,449	2,810	95
<b>Marital Status (ages 15 and older)</b>			
Married	120,934	16,067	414
Never married	79,570	14,749	504
Divorced/separated/widowed	47,550	5,411	233
<b>Fertility (women ages 15 to 44)</b>			
Total number of women	62,479	11,856	389
Women who had a birth in the past 12 months	4,078	963	26
Unmarried women <sup>1</sup> who had a birth in the past 12 months	1,557	434	14
<b>School Enrollment (ages 5 to 18)</b>			
K-12	52,994	11,824	312
<b>Educational Attainment (ages 25 and older)</b>			
Less than high school diploma	29,433	10,306	297
High school diploma or equivalent	58,212	7,216	228
Some college	59,030	6,226	208
Bachelor's degree or more	57,672	3,589	129
<b>Median Annual Personal Earnings (in dollars)</b>			
All (ages 16 and older with earnings)	\$28,500	\$20,000	\$20,000
Full-time, year-round workers	\$40,000	\$29,000	\$28,000
<b>Persons in Poverty<sup>2</sup></b>			
Younger than 18	15,916	5,518	151
18-64	26,672	6,268	213
65 and older	3,535	513	28
<b>Health Insurance</b>			
Uninsured, all ages	48,794	15,828	331
Uninsured, younger than 18	5,971	2,446	38
<b>Persons in Households by Type of Household<sup>3</sup></b>			
In family households	252,342	45,437	1,353
In married-couple households	182,448	28,957	632
In non-family households	49,021	4,360	127
<b>Citizenship</b>			
Citizen	286,889	37,457	1,056
Non-citizen	22,461	13,272	453
<b>Language (ages 5 and older)</b>			
Speaks only English at home	229,736	11,203	127
Does not speak only English at home	59,519	34,438	1,263
Speaks English very well	34,308	18,356	637
Speaks English less than very well	25,211	16,082	626
<b>Year of Entry (foreign-born only)</b>			
Before 1990	15,233	6,689	315
1990-1999	10,827	5,403	252
2000 or later	13,857	6,726	286
<b>Regional Dispersion</b>			
Northeast	55,361	7,022	1,188
New York	19,392	3,434	724
New Jersey	8,802	1,564	205
Massachusetts	6,557	631	121
Pennsylvania	12,710	719	62
Midwest	66,976	4,671	30
South	114,866	18,315	268
Florida	18,843	4,253	180
West	72,147	20,721	23

<sup>1</sup>Unmarried women includes those who were never married, divorced, separated or widowed. <sup>2</sup>For detailed information on how poverty status is determined, see [http://usa.ipums.org/usa-action/variables/POVERTY#description\\_tab](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. <sup>3</sup>The 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 Dominican origin 11,243. 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](http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/data_documentation/Accuracy/ACS_Accuracy_of_Data_2010.pdf).

## Hispanics of Dominican Origin in the United States, 2010

	All	Hispanics	Hispanics of Dominican Origin
<b>Total (in thousands)</b>	114,567	13,269	433
<b>Homeownership (household heads)</b>			
In owner-occupied homes (in thousands)	74,948	6,278	105
In renter-occupied homes (in thousands)	39,620	6,991	328
Homeownership rate (%)	65.4	47.3	24.2
<b>Household Annual Income (in dollars)</b>			
Median	\$49,800	\$40,000	\$34,000
<b>Household Size</b>			
Average number of persons	2.6	3.6	3.4

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 Dominican origin 3,369. 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

	All	Hispanics	Hispanics of Dominican Origin
<b>Employment Status (civilians ages 16 and older)</b>			
Employed	139,103	20,739	631
Unemployed	16,870	3,070	113
Not in labor force	86,814	11,412	375
Unemployment rate (%)	10.8	12.9	15.3
<b>Industries<sup>1</sup></b>			
Construction, agriculture and mining	11,305	2,789	26
Manufacturing	14,432	2,183	56
Trade and transportation	25,761	3,872	149
Information, finance and other services	87,605	11,895	400
<b>Occupations<sup>1</sup></b>			
Management, professional and related occupations	53,511	4,480	158
Services	21,578	4,984	160
Sales and office support	34,768	4,628	162
Construction, extraction and farming	8,075	2,495	24
Maintenance, production, transportation and material moving	21,170	4,154	127

<sup>1</sup>Currently 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 Dominican origin 8,287. 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