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An estimated 665,000 Hispanics of Ecuadorian origin resided in the United States in 2010, according to the Census Bureau's American Community Survey. Ecuadorians in this statistical profile are people who self-identified as Hispanics of Ecuadorian origin; this means either they themselves are Ecuadorian immigrants or they trace their family ancestry to Ecuador.

Ecuadorians are the ninth-largest population of Hispanic origin living in the United States, accounting for 1.3% 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 Ecuadorian 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.** Two-thirds of Ecuadorians (65%) in the United States are foreign born compared with 37% of Hispanics and 13% of the U.S. population overall. Two-thirds of immigrants from Ecuador (67%) arrived in the U.S. in 1990 or later. Nearly four-in-ten Ecuadorian immigrants (38%) are U.S. citizens.
- **Language.** Half of Ecuadorians (50%) speak English proficiently.<sup>3</sup> The other half of Ecuadorians ages 5 and older report speaking English less than very well, compared with 35% of all Hispanics.
- **Age.** Ecuadorians are younger than U.S. population and older than Hispanics overall. The median age of Ecuadorians is 31; the median ages of the U.S. population and all Hispanics are 37 and 27, respectively.
- **Marital status.** Ecuadorians are more likely than Hispanics overall to be married—49% versus 44%.
- **Fertility.** Less than one-in-ten (7%) Ecuadorian women ages 15 to 44 gave birth in the 12 months prior to this survey. That was less than the overall rate for all Hispanic women—8%—and the same as the rate for U.S. women—7%.

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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 Ecuadorians ages 5 and older who report speaking only English at home or speaking English very well.

- **Regional dispersion.** Two-thirds of Ecuadorians (68%) live in the Northeast, and four-in-ten (40%) live in New York.
- **Educational attainment.** Ecuadorians have higher levels of education than the Hispanic population overall. Some 18% of Ecuadorians 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 Ecuadorians ages 16 and older were \$22,000 in 2010; the median earnings for all U.S. Hispanics were \$20,000.
- **Poverty status.** The share of Ecuadorians who live in poverty, 18%, is similar to the rate for the general U.S. population (15%) and lower than the rate for Hispanics overall (25%).
- **Health Insurance.** Nearly four-in-ten Ecuadorians (36%) do not have health insurance compared with 31% of all Hispanics and 16% of the general U.S. population. Additionally, 12% of Ecuadorians younger than 18 are uninsured.
- **Homeownership.** The rate of Ecuadorian homeownership (39%) 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 Ecuadorian 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>).

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	All	Hispanics	Hispanics of Ecuadorian Origin
<b>Total</b>	309,350	50,730	665
<b>Gender</b>			
Male	152,055	25,723	345
Female	157,294	25,007	320
<b>Nativity</b>			
Native Born	269,433	31,912	232
Foreign Born	39,917	18,817	432
<b>Age</b>			
Median (in years)	37	27	31
<b>Age Groups</b>			
Younger than 5	20,095	5,089	55
5-17	54,037	12,093	116
18-29	51,776	10,471	138
30-39	40,245	8,060	128
40-49	43,723	6,526	99
50-64	59,025	5,681	86
65 and older	40,449	2,810	43
<b>Marital Status (ages 15 and older)</b>			
Married	120,934	16,067	254
Never married	79,570	14,749	192
Divorced/separated/widowed	47,550	5,411	74
<b>Fertility (women ages 15 to 44)</b>			
Total number of women	62,479	11,856	161
Women who had a birth in the past 12 months	4,078	963	12
Unmarried women <sup>1</sup> who had a birth in the past 12 months	1,557	434	***
<b>School Enrollment (ages 5 to 18)</b>			
K-12	52,994	11,824	114
<b>Educational Attainment (ages 25 and older)</b>			
Less than high school diploma	29,433	10,306	127
High school diploma or equivalent	58,212	7,216	111
Some college	59,030	6,226	106
Bachelor's degree or more	57,672	3,589	77
<b>Median Annual Personal Earnings (in dollars)</b>			
All (ages 16 and older with earnings)	\$28,500	\$20,000	\$22,000
Full-time, year-round workers	\$40,000	\$29,000	\$30,000
<b>Persons in Poverty<sup>2</sup></b>			
Younger than 18	15,916	5,518	42
18-64	26,672	6,268	70
65 and older	3,535	513	5
<b>Health Insurance</b>			
Uninsured, all ages	48,794	15,828	237
Uninsured, younger than 18	5,971	2,446	20
<b>Persons in Households by Type of Household<sup>3</sup></b>			
In family households	252,342	45,437	608
In married-couple households	182,448	28,957	397
In non-family households	49,021	4,360	52
<b>Citizenship</b>			
Citizen	286,889	37,457	396
Non-citizen	22,461	13,272	269
<b>Language (ages 5 and older)</b>			
Speaks only English at home	229,736	11,203	55
Does not speak only English at home	59,519	34,438	554
Speaks English very well	34,308	18,356	251
Speaks English less than very well	25,211	16,082	303
<b>Year of Entry (foreign-born only)</b>			
Before 1990	15,233	6,689	142
1990-1999	10,827	5,403	116
2000 or later	13,857	6,726	174
<b>Regional Dispersion</b>			
<b>Northeast</b>	55,361	7,022	451
New York	19,392	3,434	264
New Jersey	8,802	1,564	139
Connecticut	3,577	482	27
<b>Midwest</b>	66,976	4,671	41
<b>South</b>	114,866	18,315	123
Florida	18,843	4,253	63
<b>West</b>	72,147	20,721	50
California	37,349	14,092	37

<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 Ecuadorian origin 5,002. 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).

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	All	Hispanics	Hispanics of Ecuadorian Origin
<b>Total (in thousands)</b>	114,567	13,269	182
<b>Homeownership (household heads)</b>			
In owner-occupied homes (in thousands)	74,948	6,278	71
In renter-occupied homes (in thousands)	39,620	6,991	111
Homeownership rate (%)	65.4	47.3	39.2
<b>Household Annual Income (in dollars)</b>			
Median	\$49,800	\$40,000	\$50,000
<b>Household Size</b>			
Average number of persons	2.6	3.6	3.7

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 Ecuadorian origin 1,445. 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 Ecuadorian Origin
<b>Employment Status (civilians ages 16 and older)</b>			
Employed	139,103	20,739	333
Unemployed	16,870	3,070	34
Not in labor force	86,814	11,412	143
Unemployment rate (%)	10.8	12.9	9.3
<b>Industries<sup>1</sup></b>			
Construction, agriculture and mining	11,305	2,789	44
Manufacturing	14,432	2,183	31
Trade and transportation	25,761	3,872	70
Information, finance and other services	87,605	11,895	187
<b>Occupations<sup>1</sup></b>			
Management, professional and related occupations	53,511	4,480	68
Services	21,578	4,984	84
Sales and office support	34,768	4,628	73
Construction, extraction and farming	8,075	2,495	41
Maintenance, production, transportation and material moving	21,170	4,154	66

<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 Ecuadorian origin 3,797. 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