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Statistical Profile

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An estimated 731,000 Hispanics of Honduran origin resided in the United States in 2010, according to the Census Bureau's American Community Survey. Hondurans in this statistical profile are people who self-identified as Hispanics of Honduran origin; this means either they themselves are Honduran immigrants or they trace their family ancestry to Honduras. Hondurans are the eighth-largest population of Hispanic origin living in the United States, accounting for 1.4% 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 Honduran 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.** Two-thirds of Hondurans (67%) in the United States are foreign born compared with 37% of Hispanics and 13% of the U.S. population overall. Four-in-five immigrants from Honduras (80%) arrived in the U.S. in 1990 or later. About one-in-five Honduran immigrants (21%) are U.S. citizens.
- **Language.** More than two-fifths (42%) of Hondurans ages 5 and older speak English proficiently.³ The other 58% of Hondurans report speaking English less than very well, compared with 35% of all Hispanics.
- **Age.** Hondurans are younger than the U.S. population and older than Hispanics overall. The median age of Hondurans is 28; the median ages of the U.S. population and all Hispanics are 37 and 27, respectively.
- **Marital status.** Hondurans are less likely than Hispanics overall to be married—38% versus 44%.
- **Fertility.** More than one-in-ten (11%) Honduran women ages 15 to 44 gave birth in the 12 months prior to this survey. That was greater 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 Hondurans ages 5 and older who report speaking only English at home or speaking English very well.

- **Regional dispersion.** Hondurans are concentrated in the South (59%), mostly in Florida (18%) and Texas (14%), and in the Northeast (21%), mostly in New York (12%).
- **Educational attainment.** Hondurans have lower levels of education than the Hispanic population overall. Some 10% of Hondurans 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 Hondurans ages 16 and older were \$18,000 in 2010; the median earnings for all U.S. Hispanics were \$20,000.
- **Poverty status.** The share of Hondurans who live in poverty, 27%, is higher than the rate for the general U.S. population (15%) and about the same as the rate for Hispanics overall (25%).
- **Health Insurance.** One-half of Hondurans (50%) do not have health insurance compared with 31% of all Hispanics and 16% of the general U.S. population. Additionally, 20% of Hondurans younger than 18 are uninsured.
- **Homeownership.** The rate of Honduran homeownership (29%) is lower than the rate for all Hispanics (47%) and also lower than the 65% rate for the U.S. population as a whole.

About the Data

This statistical profile of Hispanics of Honduran 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 Honduran Origin
Total	309,350	50,730	731
Gender			
Male	152,055	25,723	380
Female	157,294	25,007	351
Nativity			
Native Born	269,433	31,912	244
Foreign Born	39,917	18,817	487
Age			
Median (in years)	37	27	28
Age Groups			
Younger than 5	20,095	5,089	76
5-17	54,037	12,093	133
18-29	51,776	10,471	187
30-39	40,245	8,060	156
40-49	43,723	6,526	99
50-64	59,025	5,681	61
65 and older	40,449	2,810	19
Marital Status (ages 15 and older)			
Married	120,934	16,067	208
Never married	79,570	14,749	276
Divorced/separated/widowed	47,550	5,411	67
Fertility (women ages 15 to 44)			
Total number of women	62,479	11,856	189
Women who had a birth in the past 12 months	4,078	963	20
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	131
Educational Attainment (ages 25 and older)			
Less than high school diploma	29,433	10,306	201
High school diploma or equivalent	58,212	7,216	109
Some college	59,030	6,226	72
Bachelor's degree or more	57,672	3,589	41
Median Annual Personal Earnings (in dollars)			
All (ages 16 and older with earnings)	\$28,500	\$20,000	\$18,000
Full-time, year-round workers	\$40,000	\$29,000	\$22,200
Persons in Poverty²			
Younger than 18	15,916	5,518	71
18-64	26,672	6,268	120
65 and older	3,535	513	5
Health Insurance			
Uninsured, all ages	48,794	15,828	368
Uninsured, younger than 18	5,971	2,446	41
Persons in Households by Type of Household³			
In family households	252,342	45,437	633
In married-couple households	182,448	28,957	323
In non-family households	49,021	4,360	87
Citizenship			
Citizen	286,889	37,457	347
Non-citizen	22,461	13,272	384
Language (ages 5 and older)			
Speaks only English at home	229,736	11,203	56
Does not speak only English at home	59,519	34,438	599
Speaks English very well	34,308	18,356	219
Speaks English less than very well	25,211	16,082	380
Year of Entry (foreign-born only)			
Before 1990	15,233	6,689	99
1990-1999	10,827	5,403	143
2000 or later	13,857	6,726	244
Regional Dispersion			
Northeast	55,361	7,022	151
New York	19,392	3,434	87
New Jersey	8,802	1,564	40
Midwest	66,976	4,671	48
South	114,866	18,315	429
Florida	18,843	4,253	129
Texas	25,257	9,533	103
West	72,147	20,721	103
California	37,349	14,092	80

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 Honduran origin 5,070. 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 Honduran Origin
Total (in thousands)	114,567	13,269	286
Homeownership (household heads)			
In owner-occupied homes (in thousands)	74,948	6,278	51
In renter-occupied homes (in thousands)	39,620	6,991	129
Homeownership rate (%)	65.4	47.3	28.6
Household Annual Income (in dollars)			
Median	\$49,800	\$40,000	\$38,000
Household Size			
Average number of persons	2.6	3.6	3.9

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. Numbers may not sum to the total due to rounding. Analysis is based on the following number of observations: all 1,203,777; Hispanics 115,695; Hispanics of Honduran origin 1,359. 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://usa.ipums.org/usa/design.shtml>

	All	Hispanics	Hispanics of Honduran Origin
Employment Status (civilians ages 16 and older)			
Employed	139,103	20,739	360
Unemployed	16,870	3,070	53
Not in labor force	86,814	11,412	130
Unemployment rate (%)	10.8	12.9	12.8
Industries¹			
Construction, agriculture and mining	11,305	2,789	85
Manufacturing	14,432	2,183	30
Trade and transportation	25,761	3,872	50
Information, finance and other services	87,605	11,895	195
Occupations¹			
Management, professional and related occupations	53,511	4,480	47
Services	21,578	4,984	119
Sales and office support	34,768	4,628	46
Construction, extraction and farming	8,075	2,495	79
Maintenance, production, transportation and material moving	21,170	4,154	69

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 Honduran origin 3,737. 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://usa.ipums.org/usa/design.shtml>