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An estimated 242,000 Hispanics of Argentinean origin resided in the United States in 2011, according to the Census Bureau's American Community Survey. Argentineans in this statistical profile are people who self-identified as Hispanics of Argentinean origin; this means either they themselves are Argentinean immigrants or they trace their family ancestry to Argentina. Argentineans are the 14th-largest population of Hispanic origin living in the United States, accounting for 0.5% of the U.S. Hispanic population in 2011. Mexicans, the nation's largest Hispanic origin group, constituted 33.5 million, or 64.6%, of the Hispanic population in 2011.<sup>1</sup>

This statistical profile compares the demographic, income and economic characteristics of the Argentinean population with the characteristics of all Hispanics and the U.S. population overall. It is based on tabulations from the 2011 American Community Survey by the Pew Hispanic Center, a project of the Pew Research Center. Key facts include:

- **Immigration status.** About six-in-ten Argentineans (62%) in the United States are foreign born compared with 36% of Hispanics and 13% of the U.S. population overall. About six-in-ten immigrants from Argentina (60%) arrived in the U.S. in 1990 or later. About half of Argentinean immigrants (49%) are U.S. citizens.
- **Language.** Roughly three-quarters (74%) of Argentineans ages 5 and older speak English proficiently.<sup>2</sup> The other 26% of Argentineans report speaking English less than very well, compared with 34% of all Hispanics.
- **Age.** Argentineans are younger than the U.S. population but older than Hispanics overall. The median age of Argentineans is 35; the median ages of the U.S. population and all Hispanics are 37 and 27, respectively.
- **Marital status.** Argentineans ages 15 and older are more likely to be married (56%) than Hispanics overall (43%) and the U.S. population overall (48%).
- **Fertility.** About one-in-ten (7%) Argentinean women ages 15 to 44 gave birth in the 12 months prior to this survey. That was similar to the rate for all Hispanic women—8%—and the overall rate for U.S. women—6%.

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

<sup>2</sup> This includes Argentineans ages 5 and older who report speaking only English at home or speaking English very well.

- **Regional dispersion.** Argentineans are concentrated in the South (39%), mostly in Florida (24%) and the West (30%), mostly in California (23%).
- **Educational attainment.** Argentineans have higher levels of education than the Hispanic population overall and the U.S. population overall. Four-in-ten (40%) Argentineans ages 25 and older—compared with 13% of all U.S. Hispanics and 29% among the U.S. population—have obtained at least a bachelor’s degree.
- **Income.** The median annual personal earnings for Argentineans ages 16 and older were \$30,000 in the year prior to the survey—greater than the median earnings for all U.S. Hispanics (\$20,000) and similar to the median earnings for the U.S. population (\$29,000).
- **Poverty status.** The share of Argentineans who live in poverty, 11%, is lower than the rate for the general U.S. population (16%) and the rate for Hispanics overall (26%).
- **Health Insurance.** Almost one-quarter of Argentineans (22%) do not have health insurance compared with 30% of all Hispanics and 15% of the general U.S. population. Additionally, 11% of Argentineans younger than 18 are uninsured.
- **Homeownership.** The rate of Argentinean homeownership (53%) is higher than the rate for all Hispanics (46%) but lower than the 65% rate for the U.S. population as a whole.

### About the Data

This statistical profile of Hispanics of Argentinean origin is based on the Census Bureau's 2011 [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 2011 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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Table 1  
**U.S. Population, by Ethnicity and Argentinean Origin, 2011**

Thousands, unless otherwise noted

	All	Hispanics	Hispanics of Argentinean Origin
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>311,592</b>	<b>51,927</b>	<b>242</b>
<b>Gender</b>			
Male	153,248	26,336	121
Female	158,344	25,591	121
<b>Nativity</b>			
Native Born	271,210	33,139	91
Foreign Born	40,382	18,788	151
<b>Age</b>			
Median (in years)	37	27	35
<b>Age Groups</b>			
Younger than 5	20,024	5,141	16
5-17	53,826	12,245	42
18-29	52,253	10,665	34
30-39	40,205	8,160	52
40-49	43,344	6,762	39
50-64	60,552	6,013	33
65 and older	41,388	2,940	28
<b>Marital Status (ages 15 and older)</b>			
Married	120,912	16,154	108
Never married	81,300	15,417	52
Divorced/separated/widowed	48,223	5,671	33
<b>Fertility (women ages 15 to 44)</b>			
Total number of women	62,611	12,050	59
Women who had a birth in the past 12 months	4,031	932	4
Unmarried women <sup>1</sup> who had a birth in the past 12 mo	1,544	435	***
<b>School Enrollment (ages 5 to 18)</b>			
K-12	52,875	12,015	39
<b>Educational Attainment (ages 25 and older)</b>			
Less than high school diploma	29,077	10,383	21
High school diploma or equivalent	58,586	7,581	38
Some college	59,874	6,424	40
Bachelor's degree or more	58,996	3,759	66
<b>Median Annual Personal Earnings (in dollars)</b>			
All (ages 16 and older with earnings)	\$29,000	\$20,000	\$30,000
Full-time, year-round workers	\$40,000	\$30,000	\$41,100
<b>Persons in Poverty<sup>2</sup></b>			
Younger than 18	16,493	5,894	7
18-64	28,212	6,755	16
65 and older	3,737	556	4
<b>Health Insurance</b>			
Uninsured, all ages	47,903	15,572	53
Uninsured, younger than 18	5,540	2,232	6
<b>Persons in Households by Type of Household<sup>3</sup></b>			
In family households	254,071	46,317	205
In married-couple households	182,097	29,159	163
In non-family households	49,515	4,649	34
<b>Citizenship</b>			
Citizen	289,366	38,905	165
Non-citizen	22,226	13,022	77
<b>Language (ages 5 and older)</b>			
Speaks only English at home	230,923	11,827	52
Does not speak only English at home	60,644	34,959	174
Speaks English very well	35,389	19,051	116
Speaks English less than very well	25,255	15,908	58
<b>Year of Entry (foreign-born only)</b>			
Before 1990	15,208	6,658	61
1990-1999	10,759	5,399	29
2000-2005	8,093	4,340	48
2006 or later	6,321	2,391	14
<b>Regional Dispersion</b>			
Northeast	55,522	7,186	58
New York	19,465	3,497	27
New Jersey	8,821	1,599	17
Midwest	67,159	4,772	17
South	116,047	18,820	94
Florida	19,058	4,354	57
Texas	25,675	9,794	10
West	72,865	21,149	73
California	37,692	14,358	55

<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>. 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: Numbers may not sum to the total due to rounding. Analysis is based on the following number of observations: all 3,112,017; Hispanics 427,432; Hispanics of Argentinean origin 2,172. The symbol \*\*\* indicates insufficient number of observations to provide a reliable estimate.

Source: Pew Hispanic Center tabulations of the 2011 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\\_2011.pdf](http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/data_documentation/Accuracy/ACS_Accuracy_of_Data_2011.pdf).

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Table 2

**Household Characteristics, by Ethnicity and Argentinean Origin, 2011**

	All	Hispanics	Hispanics of Argentinean Origin
<b>Total</b> (in thousands)	<b>114,992</b>	<b>13,668</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>Homeownership</b> (household heads)			
In owner-occupied homes (in thousands)	74,376	6,351	47
In renter-occupied homes (in thousands)	40,615	7,317	41
Homeownership rate (%)	64.7	46.5	53.2
<b>Household Annual Income</b> (in dollars)			
Median	\$50,000	\$39,000	\$55,000
<b>Household Size</b>			
Average number of persons	2.6	3.5	2.8

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 1,204,830; Hispanics 118,668; Hispanics of Argentinean origin 793. The symbol \*\*\* indicates insufficient number of observations to provide a reliable estimate.

Source: Pew Hispanic Center tabulations of the 2011 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\\_2011.pdf](http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/data_documentation/Accuracy/ACS_Accuracy_of_Data_2011.pdf).

Table 3

**Employment Characteristics, by Ethnicity and Argentinean Origin, 2011**

Thousands, unless otherwise noted

	All	Hispanics	Hispanics of Argentinean Origin
<b>Employment Status</b> (civilians ages 16 and older)			
Employed	140,458	21,368	123
Unemployed	16,037	3,014	10
Not in labor force	88,723	11,847	56
Unemployment rate (%)	10.2	12.4	7.8
<b>Industries<sup>1</sup></b>			
Construction, agriculture and mining	11,261	2,799	10
Manufacturing	14,700	2,303	9
Trade and transportation	25,998	4,032	22
Information, finance and other services	88,499	12,233	82
<b>Occupations<sup>1</sup></b>			
Management, professional and related occupations	54,208	4,658	54
Services	22,055	5,138	22
Sales and office support	34,521	4,755	29
Construction, extraction and farming	8,019	2,485	8
Maintenance, production, transportation and material moving	21,656	4,332	11

<sup>1</sup>Currently employed civilians ages 16 and older.

Note: Analysis is based on the following number of observations: all 2,509,144; Hispanics 303,057; Hispanics of Argentinean origin 1,706. The symbol \*\*\* indicates insufficient number of observations to provide a reliable estimate.

Source: Pew Hispanic Center tabulations of the 2011 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\\_2011.pdf](http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/data_documentation/Accuracy/ACS_Accuracy_of_Data_2011.pdf).