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Statistical Profile

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An estimated 702,000 Hispanics of Honduran origin resided in the United States in 2011, 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 ninth-largest population of Hispanic origin living in the United States, accounting for 1.4% 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 2011.¹

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 2011 American Community Survey by the Pew Hispanic Center, a project of the Pew Research Center. Key facts include:

- **Immigration status.** About two-thirds of Hondurans (64%) in the United States are foreign born compared with 36% of Hispanics and 13% of the U.S. population overall. Roughly eight-in-ten immigrants from Honduras (78%) arrived in the U.S. in 1990 or later. About two-in-ten Honduran immigrants (22%) are U.S. citizens.
- **Language.** Nearly half (47%) of Hondurans ages 5 and older speak English proficiently.² The other 53% of Hondurans report speaking English less than very well, compared with 34% of all Hispanics.
- **Age.** Hondurans are younger than the U.S. population and slightly 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 ages 15 and older are married at a lower rate (36%) than Hispanics overall (43%) and the U.S. population overall (48%).
- **Fertility.** Less than one-in-ten (8%) Honduran women ages 15 to 44 gave birth in the 12 months prior to this survey. That was equal to the rate for all Hispanic women and slightly higher than the overall rate for U.S. women (6%).

¹ Percentages are computed before numbers are rounded.

² 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 (58%), mostly in Florida (19%) and Texas (14%), and in the Northeast (21%), mostly in New York (11%).
- **Educational attainment.** Hondurans have lower levels of education than the Hispanic population overall and the U.S. population overall. Some 8% of Hondurans ages 25 and older—compared with 13% of all U.S. Hispanics and 29% of the overall U.S. population—have obtained at least a bachelor’s degree.
- **Income.** The median annual personal earnings for Hondurans ages 16 and older were \$17,500 in the year prior to the survey, lower than the median earnings for U.S. Hispanics (\$20,000) and the U.S. population (\$29,000).
- **Poverty status.** The share of Hondurans who live in poverty, 33%, is higher than the rate for the general U.S. population (16%) and the rate for Hispanics overall (26%).
- **Health Insurance.** Almost one-half of Hondurans (46%) do not have health insurance compared with 30% of all Hispanics and 15% of the general U.S. population. Additionally, 13% of Hondurans younger than 18 are uninsured.
- **Homeownership.** The rate of Honduran homeownership (29%) is lower than the rate for all Hispanics (46%) and 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 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/. 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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Table 1
U.S. Population, by Ethnicity and Honduran Origin, 2011

Thousands, unless otherwise noted

	All	Hispanics	Hispanics of Honduran Origin
TOTAL	311,592	51,927	702
Gender			
Male	153,248	26,336	369
Female	158,344	25,591	334
Nativity			
Native Born	271,210	33,139	256
Foreign Born	40,382	18,788	447
Age			
Median (in years)	37	27	28
Age Groups			
Younger than 5	20,024	5,141	70
5-17	53,826	12,245	130
18-29	52,253	10,665	181
30-39	40,205	8,160	141
40-49	43,344	6,762	94
50-64	60,552	6,013	70
65 and older	41,388	2,940	16
Marital Status (ages 15 and older)			
Married	120,912	16,154	189
Never married	81,300	15,417	272
Divorced/separated/widowed	48,223	5,671	70
Fertility (women ages 15 to 44)			
Total number of women	62,611	12,050	185
Women who had a birth in the past 12 months	4,031	932	15
Unmarried women ¹ who had a birth in the past 12 mo	1,544	435	***
School Enrollment (ages 5 to 18)			
K-12	52,875	12,015	128
Educational Attainment (ages 25 and older)			
Less than high school diploma	29,077	10,383	199
High school diploma or equivalent	58,586	7,581	105
Some college	59,874	6,424	71
Bachelor's degree or more	58,996	3,759	33
Median Annual Personal Earnings (in dollars)			
All (ages 16 and older with earnings)	\$29,000	\$20,000	\$17,500
Full-time, year-round workers	\$40,000	\$30,000	\$24,000
Persons in Poverty²			
Younger than 18	16,493	5,894	88
18-64	28,212	6,755	135
65 and older	3,737	556	3
Health Insurance			
Uninsured, all ages	47,903	15,572	324
Uninsured, younger than 18	5,540	2,232	26
Persons in Households by Type of Household³			
In family households	254,071	46,317	604
In married-couple households	182,097	29,159	289
In non-family households	49,515	4,649	86
Citizenship			
Citizen	289,366	38,905	352
Non-citizen	22,226	13,022	350
Language (ages 5 and older)			
Speaks only English at home	230,923	11,827	66
Does not speak only English at home	60,644	34,959	566
Speaks English very well	35,389	19,051	230
Speaks English less than very well	25,255	15,908	336
Year of Entry (foreign-born only)			
Before 1990	15,208	6,658	97
1990-1999	10,759	5,399	128
2000-2005	8,093	4,340	136
2006 or later	6,321	2,391	86
Regional Dispersion			
Northeast	55,522	7,186	151
New York	19,465	3,497	80
New Jersey	8,821	1,599	43
Midwest	67,159	4,772	41
South	116,047	18,820	404
Florida	19,058	4,354	131
Texas	25,675	9,794	97
West	72,865	21,149	107
California	37,692	14,358	79

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>. 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: 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 Honduran origin 4,894. 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.

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Table 2

Household Characteristics, by Ethnicity and Honduran Origin, 2011

	All	Hispanics	Hispanics of Honduran Origin
Total (in thousands)	114,992	13,668	184
Homeownership (household heads)			
In owner-occupied homes (in thousands)	74,376	6,351	54
In renter-occupied homes (in thousands)	40,615	7,317	130
Homeownership rate (%)	64.7	46.5	29.2
Household Annual Income (in dollars)			
Median	\$50,000	\$39,000	\$31,000
Household Size			
Average number of persons	2.6	3.5	3.6

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 Honduran origin 1,354. The symbol *** indicates insufficient number of observations to provide a reliable estimate.

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Table 3

Employment Characteristics, by Ethnicity and Honduran Origin, 2011

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	All	Hispanics	Hispanics of Honduran Origin
Employment Status (civilians ages 16 and older)			
Employed	140,458	21,368	343
Unemployed	16,037	3,014	52
Not in labor force	88,723	11,847	126
Unemployment rate (%)	10.2	12.4	13.2
Industries¹			
Construction, agriculture and mining	11,261	2,799	74
Manufacturing	14,700	2,303	32
Trade and transportation	25,998	4,032	55
Information, finance and other services	88,499	12,233	183
Occupations¹			
Management, professional and related occupations	54,208	4,658	39
Services	22,055	5,138	108
Sales and office support	34,521	4,755	56
Construction, extraction and farming	8,019	2,485	71
Maintenance, production, transportation and material moving	21,656	4,332	68

¹Currently 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 Honduran origin 3,634. The symbol *** indicates insufficient number of observations to provide a reliable estimate.

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