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Statistical Profile

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An estimated 556,000 Hispanics of Peruvian origin resided in the United States in 2011, according to the Census Bureau's American Community Survey. Peruvians in this statistical profile are people who self-identified as Hispanics of Peruvian origin; this means either they themselves are Peruvian immigrants or they trace their family ancestry to Peru. Peruvians are the 11th-largest population of Hispanic origin living in the United States, accounting for 1.1% 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 Peruvian 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.** More than two-thirds of Peruvians (68%) in the United States are foreign born compared with 36% of Hispanics and 13% of the U.S. population overall. Seven-in-ten immigrants from Peru (70%) arrived in the U.S. in 1990 or later. Almost half of Peruvian immigrants (48%) are U.S. citizens.
- **Language.** Six-in-ten (60%) Peruvians ages 5 and older speak English proficiently.² The other 40% of Peruvians report speaking English less than very well, compared with 34% of all Hispanics.
- **Age.** Peruvians are younger than the U.S. population but older than Hispanics overall. The median age of Peruvians is 35; the median ages of the U.S. population and all Hispanics are 37 and 27, respectively.
- **Marital status.** Peruvians ages 15 and older are more likely to be married (47%) than Hispanics overall (43%) but about as likely as the U.S. population overall (48%) to be married.
- **Fertility.** One-in-twenty (5%) Peruvian women ages 15 to 44 gave birth in the 12 months prior to this survey. That was less than the rate for all Hispanic women—8%—and similar to the rate for U.S. women—6%.

¹ Percentages are computed before numbers are rounded.

² This includes Peruvians ages 5 and older who report speaking only English at home or speaking English very well.

- **Regional dispersion.** Peruvians are concentrated in the South (39%), mostly in Florida (19%), and in the Northeast (34%), mostly in New Jersey (14%) and New York (12%). An additional 16% live in California.
- **Educational attainment.** Peruvians have higher levels of education than the Hispanic population overall and slightly higher levels than the U.S. population overall. Some 31% of Peruvians 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 Peruvians ages 16 and older were \$24,000 in the year prior to the survey—more than the median earnings for all U.S. Hispanics (\$20,000) but less than the median earnings for the U.S. population (\$29,000).
- **Poverty status.** The share of Peruvians who live in poverty, 13%, is slightly lower than the rate for the general U.S. population (16%) and less than the rate for Hispanics overall (26%).
- **Health Insurance.** Almost three-in-ten Peruvians (28%) do not have health insurance compared with 30% of all Hispanics and 15% of the general U.S. population. Additionally, 12% of Peruvians younger than 18 are uninsured.
- **Homeownership.** The rate of Peruvian homeownership (50%) 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 Peruvian 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 Peruvian Origin, 2011

Thousands, unless otherwise noted			
	All	Hispanics	Hispanics of Peruvian Origin
TOTAL	311,592	51,927	556
Gender			
Male	153,248	26,336	267
Female	158,344	25,591	289
Nativity			
Native Born	271,210	33,139	181
Foreign Born	40,382	18,788	376
Age			
Median (in years)	37	27	35
Age Groups			
Younger than 5	20,024	5,141	40
5-17	53,826	12,245	91
18-29	52,253	10,665	100
30-39	40,205	8,160	86
40-49	43,344	6,762	98
50-64	60,552	6,013	93
65 and older	41,388	2,940	48
Marital Status (ages 15 and older)			
Married	120,912	16,154	213
Never married	81,300	15,417	159
Divorced/separated/widowed	48,223	5,671	82
Fertility (women ages 15 to 44)			
Total number of women	62,611	12,050	140
Women who had a birth in the past 12 months	4,031	932	7
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	90
Educational Attainment (ages 25 and older)			
Less than high school diploma	29,077	10,383	36
High school diploma or equivalent	58,586	7,581	103
Some college	59,874	6,424	114
Bachelor's degree or more	58,996	3,759	111
Median Annual Personal Earnings (in dollars)			
All (ages 16 and older with earnings)	\$29,000	\$20,000	\$24,000
Full-time, year-round workers	\$40,000	\$30,000	\$33,000
Persons in Poverty²			
Younger than 18	16,493	5,894	21
18-64	28,212	6,755	44
65 and older	3,737	556	8
Health Insurance			
Uninsured, all ages	47,903	15,572	158
Uninsured, younger than 18	5,540	2,232	16
Persons in Households by Type of Household³			
In family households	254,071	46,317	494
In married-couple households	182,097	29,159	323
In non-family households	49,515	4,649	55
Citizenship			
Citizen	289,366	38,905	361
Non-citizen	22,226	13,022	196
Language (ages 5 and older)			
Speaks only English at home	230,923	11,827	74
Does not speak only English at home	60,644	34,959	443
Speaks English very well	35,389	19,051	235
Speaks English less than very well	25,255	15,908	207
Year of Entry (foreign-born only)			
Before 1990	15,208	6,658	114
1990-1999	10,759	5,399	103
2000-2005	8,093	4,340	113
2006 or later	6,321	2,391	46
Regional Dispersion			
Northeast	55,522	7,186	190
New Jersey	8,821	1,599	80
New York	19,465	3,497	66
Midwest	67,159	4,772	23
South	116,047	18,820	215
Florida	19,058	4,354	108
Virginia	8,097	649	38
West	72,865	21,149	128
California	37,692	14,358	89

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 Peruvian origin 4,560. 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 Peruvian Origin, 2011

	All	Hispanics	Hispanics of Peruvian Origin
Total (in thousands)	114,992	13,668	162
Homeownership (household heads)			
In owner-occupied homes (in thousands)	74,376	6,351	81
In renter-occupied homes (in thousands)	40,615	7,317	81
Homeownership rate (%)	64.7	46.5	49.8
Household Annual Income (in dollars)			
Median	\$50,000	\$39,000	\$50,000
Household Size			
Average number of persons	2.6	3.5	3.3

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 Peruvian origin 1,427. The symbol *** indicates insufficient number of observations to provide a reliable estimate.

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Table 3

Employment Characteristics, by Ethnicity and Peruvian Origin, 2011

Thousands, unless otherwise noted

	All	Hispanics	Hispanics of Peruvian Origin
Employment Status (civilians ages 16 and older)			
Employed	140,458	21,368	290
Unemployed	16,037	3,014	30
Not in labor force	88,723	11,847	123
Unemployment rate (%)	10.2	12.4	9.3
Industries¹			
Construction, agriculture and mining	11,261	2,799	17
Manufacturing	14,700	2,303	25
Trade and transportation	25,998	4,032	58
Information, finance and other services	88,499	12,233	190
Occupations¹			
Management, professional and related occupations	54,208	4,658	88
Services	22,055	5,138	70
Sales and office support	34,521	4,755	75
Construction, extraction and farming	8,019	2,485	12
Maintenance, production, transportation and material moving	21,656	4,332	45

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 Peruvian origin 3,602. The symbol *** indicates insufficient number of observations to provide a reliable estimate.

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