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Statistical Profile

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An estimated 687,000 Hispanics of Ecuadorian origin resided in the United States in 2013, according to a Pew Research Center analysis of the Census Bureau's American Community Survey.

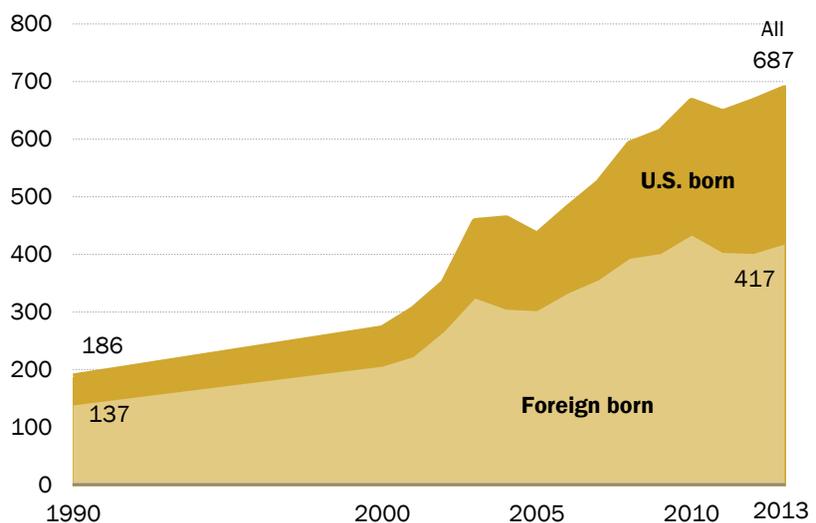
Ecuadorians in this statistical profile are people who self-identified as Hispanics of Ecuadorian origin; this means either they themselves are Ecuadorian immigrants or they trace their family ancestry to Ecuador.

Ecuadorians are the 10th-largest population of Hispanic origin living in the United States, accounting for 1.3% of the U.S. Hispanic population in 2013. Since 1990, the Ecuadorian-origin population has more than tripled, growing from 186,000 to 687,000 over the period. At the same time, the foreign-born population of Ecuadorian origin living in the U.S. grew by 203%, up from 137,000 in 1990 to 417,000 in 2013. In comparison, Mexicans, the nation's largest Hispanic origin group, constituted 34.6 million, or 64.1%, of the Hispanic population in 2013.¹

FIGURE 1

Ecuadorian-Origin Population in the U.S., 1990-2013

In thousands



Note: People in group quarters such as college dormitories or institutions are not included in figures for 2001 to 2005. Changes in the wording of the Hispanic origin question in the 2000 decennial census may have led to an undercount of some Hispanic origin groups in that year. For more, see <http://www.pewhispanic.org/2002/05/09/counting-the-other-hispanics/>

Source: Pew Research Center tabulations of 1990 and 2000 censuses (5% IPUMS) and 2001-2013 American Community Surveys (1% IPUMS)

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¹ Percentages are computed before numbers are rounded.

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 Pew Research Center tabulations of the 2013 American Community Survey. Key facts include:

- **Immigration status.** About six-in-ten Ecuadorians (61%) in the United States are foreign born, compared with 35% of Hispanics and 13% of the U.S. population overall. About one-third of immigrants from Ecuador (35%) have been in the U.S. for over 20 years. About four-in-ten Ecuadorian immigrants (42%) are U.S. citizens.
- **Language.** More than half of Ecuadorians ages 5 and older (55%) speak English proficiently.² The other 45% of Ecuadorians report speaking English less than very well, compared with 32% of all Hispanics. In addition, 87% of Ecuadorians ages 5 and older speak Spanish at home.
- **Age.** Ecuadorians are younger than the U.S. population but older than Hispanics overall. The median age of Ecuadorians is 32; the median ages of the U.S. population and all Hispanics are 37 and 28, respectively. Among Ecuadorians, the median age of immigrants is 41 years, while it's only 13 years among the U.S. born.
- **Marital status.** Ecuadorians ages 18 and older are married at a slightly higher rate (51%) than Hispanics overall (46%) and about the same rate as the U.S. population overall (50%). Among Ecuadorians ages 18 and older, the foreign born are twice as likely to be married than those who are U.S. born—57% vs. 29%.
- **Fertility.** Some 6% of Ecuadorian 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 (7%) and the same as the overall rate for U.S. women.
- **Regional dispersion.** Two-thirds of Ecuadorians (66%) live in the Northeast, and four-in-ten live in New York.
- **Educational attainment.** Ecuadorians have higher levels of education than the U.S. Hispanic population but lower levels than the U.S. population overall. Some 19% of Ecuadorians ages 25 and older—compared with 14% of all U.S. Hispanics and 30% among the entire U.S. population—have obtained at least a bachelor's degree. Among Ecuadorians

²This includes Ecuadorians ages 5 and older who speak only English at home or, if they speak a non-English language at home, indicate they can speak English "very well."

ages 25 and older, the U.S. born are more likely to have earned a bachelor's degree or more than foreign-born Ecuadorians—35% vs. 16%.

- **Income.** The median annual personal earnings for Ecuadorians ages 16 and older was \$24,000 in the year prior to the survey—higher than the median earnings for all U.S. Hispanics (\$21,900) but lower than the median earnings for the U.S. population (\$30,000).
- **Poverty status.** The share of Ecuadorians who live in poverty, 19%, is higher than the rate for the general U.S. population (16%) and lower than the rate for Hispanics overall (25%).
- **Health insurance.** About three-in-ten Ecuadorians (31%) do not have health insurance, compared with 29% of all Hispanics and 15% of the general U.S. population. One-in-ten Ecuadorians younger than 18 are uninsured. (These data reflect insurance rates prior to the implementation of the individual insurance mandate of the Affordable Care Act.)
- **Homeownership.** The rate of Ecuadorian homeownership (39%) is lower than the rate for all Hispanics (45%) and the U.S. population (64%) as a whole.

About the Data

This statistical profile of Hispanics of Ecuadorian origin is based on the Census Bureau's 2013 [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 2013 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 S. Passel. 2007. "[Growing Share of Immigrants Choosing Naturalization](#)." Washington, D.C.: Pew Research Center, March). 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/hhes/www/laborfor/laborfactsheet092209.html> and <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/poverty/about/datasources/factsheet.html>).

Table 1
U.S. Population, by Ethnicity and Ecuadorian Origin, 2013

Thousands, unless otherwise noted

	All		Hispanics		
	All	Hispanics	All	U.S. born	Foreign born
TOTAL	316,129	53,964	687	270	417
Gender					
Male	155,592	27,377	356	140	216
Female	160,537	26,587	331	130	201
Nativity					
U.S. Born	274,788	34,981	270	270	---
Foreign Born	41,341	18,983	417	---	417
Age					
Median (in years)	37	28	32	13	41
Age Groups					
Younger than 5	19,682	5,053	58	55	3
5-17	53,820	12,635	130	110	20
18-29	53,007	10,923	125	54	71
30-39	40,997	8,454	127	28	99
40-49	42,158	7,039	108	15	93
50-64	61,801	6,560	90	6	84
65 and older	44,663	3,301	49	1	48
Marital Status (ages 18 and older)					
Married	122,043	16,750	253	31	223
Never married	71,957	13,603	166	64	102
Divorced/separated/widowed	48,628	5,924	79	10	69
Fertility (women ages 15 to 44)					
Total number of women	63,071	12,411	157	54	103
Women who had a birth in the past 12 months	3,893	873	10	4	6
Unmarried women ¹ who had a birth in the past 12 mo	1,478	393	***	***	***
School Enrollment (ages 5 to 18)					
K-12	52,794	12,383	128	108	***
Educational Attainment (ages 25 and older)					
Less than high school graduate	28,268	10,491	129	5	124
High school graduate ²	58,768	8,037	111	13	98
Two-year degree/Some college	61,501	6,988	106	25	81
Bachelor's degree or more	62,454	4,169	80	23	57
Median Annual Personal Earnings (in dollars)					
All (ages 16 and older with earnings)	\$30,000	\$21,900	\$24,000	\$22,000	\$24,000
Full-time, year-round workers	\$42,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$38,200	\$30,000
Persons in Poverty ³					
Younger than 18	16,224	5,739	52	46	5
18-64	28,336	6,693	68	15	54
65 and older	4,155	631	9	<0.5	9
Health Insurance ⁴					
Uninsured, all ages	46,654	15,411	213	38	175
Uninsured, younger than 18	5,245	2,033	18	11	7
Persons in Households by Type of Household ⁵					
In family households	257,066	48,026	613	249	364
In married-couple households	183,952	30,351	410	162	248
In non-family households	51,033	4,944	65	16	49
Citizenship					
Citizen	294,112	41,173	445	270	175
Non-citizen	22,016	12,791	241	---	241
Language (ages 5 and older)					
Speaks only English at home	234,715	12,893	77	61	16
Does not speak only English at home	61,732	36,019	552	155	398
Speaks English very well	36,673	20,287	268	134	134
Speaks English less than very well	25,059	15,732	284	20	264
Years in the U.S. (foreign-born only)					
0 to 5 years	5,959	1,960	49	---	49
6 to 10 years	5,791	2,926	71	---	71
11 to 15 years	7,012	3,811	84	---	84
16 to 20 years	4,915	2,456	68	---	68
Over 20 years	17,664	7,830	145	---	145
Regional Dispersion					
Northeast	55,943	7,537	453	165	288
New York	19,651	3,609	277	99	178
New Jersey	8,899	1,685	125	46	79
Midwest	67,548	4,953	52	20	32
South	118,384	19,724	127	56	71
Florida	19,553	4,620	70	30	40
West	74,254	21,749	56	29	26
California	38,333	14,716	40	21	19

¹Unmarried women includes those who were never married, divorced, separated or widowed. ²High school graduate" includes those who have attained a high school diploma or its equivalent, such as a General Education Development (GED) certificate. ³For 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. ⁴These data reflect insurance coverage prior to the implementation of the individual insurance mandate of the Affordable Care Act. ⁵The 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, 3,132,795; Hispanics, 435,427; Hispanics of Ecuadorian origin, 5,039; U.S.-born Ecuadorians, 2,001; foreign-born Ecuadorians, 3,038. The symbol *** indicates insufficient number of observations to provide a reliable estimate.

Source: Pew Research Center tabulations of the 2013 American Community Survey (1% IPUMS). 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_2013.pdf.

Table 2

Household Characteristics, by Ethnicity and Ecuadorian Origin, 2013

	All	Hispanics	Hispanics of Ecuadorian Origin		
			All	U.S. born	Foreign born
Total (in thousands)	116,291	14,246	192	33	158
Homeownership (household heads)					
In owner-occupied homes (in thousands)	73,933	6,452	75	15	60
In renter-occupied homes (in thousands)	42,358	7,794	117	18	99
Homeownership rate (%)	63.6	45.3	38.9	44.9	37.7
Household Annual Income (in dollars)					
Median	\$52,000	\$41,000	\$48,000	\$60,000	\$45,980
Household Size					
Average number of persons	2.6	3.5	3.6	3.0	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. Numbers may not sum to the total due to rounding. Analysis is based on the following number of observations: all, 1,211,264; Hispanics, 121,664; Hispanics of Ecuadorian origin, 1,499; U.S.-born Ecuadorians, 281; foreign-born Ecuadorians, 1,218.

Source: Pew Research Center tabulations of the 2013 American Community Survey (1% IPUMS). 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_2013.pdf.

Table 3

Employment Characteristics, by Ethnicity and Ecuadorian Origin, 2013

Thousands, unless otherwise noted

	All	Hispanics	Hispanics of Ecuadorian Origin		
			All	U.S. born	Foreign born
Employment Status (civilians ages 16 and older)					
Employed	145,238	22,948	334	70	264
Unemployed	13,365	2,535	27	8	19
Not in labor force	91,321	12,437	155	38	117
Unemployment rate (%)	8.4	9.9	7.5	10.5	6.7
Industries¹					
Construction, agriculture and mining	11,827	3,116	44	2	42
Manufacturing	15,283	2,383	29	4	25
Trade and transportation	26,636	4,322	68	15	53
Information, finance and other services	91,492	13,127	193	49	144
Occupations					
Management, professional and related occupations	56,566	5,087	76	25	51
Services	22,944	5,522	82	14	68
Sales and office support	35,127	5,037	69	23	46
Construction, extraction and farming	8,287	2,724	41	2	40
Maintenance, production, transportation and material moving	22,314	4,577	65	6	59

¹Currently employed civilians ages 16 and older.

Note: Analysis is based on the following number of observations: all, 2,530,954; Hispanics, 311,328; Hispanics of Ecuadorian origin, 3,845; U.S.-born Ecuadorians, 931; foreign-born Ecuadorians, 2,914.

Source: Pew Research Center tabulations of the 2013 American Community Survey (1% IPUMS). 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_2013.pdf.