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Statistical Profile

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An estimated 746,000 Hispanics of Spanish origin resided in the United States in 2013, according to a Pew Research Center analysis of the Census Bureau's American Community Survey.

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

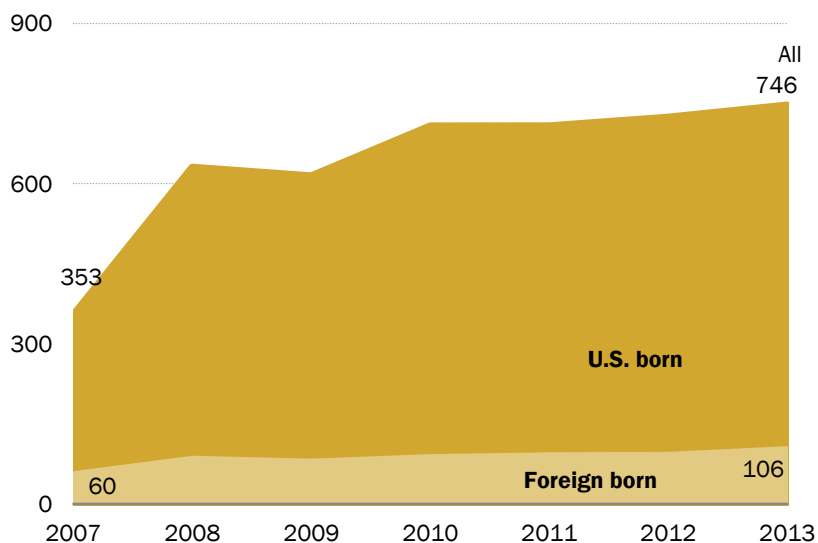
Spaniards are the ninth-largest population of Hispanic origin living in the United States, accounting for 1.4% of the U.S. Hispanic population in 2013. Since 2007, the Spanish-origin

population has more than doubled, growing from 353,000 to 746,000 over the period. At the same time, the foreign-born population of Spanish origin living in the U.S. almost doubled, from 60,000 in 2007 to 106,000 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

Spanish-Origin Population in the U.S., 2007-2013

In thousands



Note: People in group quarters such as college dormitories or institutions are not included in figures for 2001 to 2005. Population estimates for the Spanish-origin population in the U.S. are available from 1990 to 2006, but changes in the U.S. Census Bureau's question on Hispanic origin in 2000 may have led to many Spanish-origin Hispanics not indicating their Hispanic origin, resulting in low population estimates for this group in that year. For more see <http://www.pewhispanic.org/2002/05/09/counting-the-other-hispanics/>

Source: Pew Research Center tabulations of 2007-2013 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 Spanish 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.** Some 14% of Spaniards in the United States are foreign born, compared with 35% of Hispanics and 13% of the U.S. population overall. Roughly half of immigrants from Spain (53%) have been in the U.S. for over 20 years. Half of Spanish immigrants are U.S. citizens.
- **Language.** Almost all (93%) Spaniards ages 5 and older speak English proficiently.² The other 7% of Spaniards report speaking English less than very well, compared with 32% of all Hispanics. In addition, 28% of Spaniards ages 5 and older speak Spanish at home.
- **Age.** Spaniards are younger than the U.S. population but older than Hispanics overall. The median age of Spaniards is 34; the median ages of the U.S. population and all Hispanics are 37 and 28, respectively. Among Spaniards, the median age of immigrants is 48 years old, while it's 30 years among the U.S. born.
- **Marital status.** About half of Spaniards ages 18 and older are married (48%), similar to the rate of Hispanics overall (46%) and the U.S. population overall (50%).
- **Fertility.** Some 6% of Spanish 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.** Spaniards are concentrated in the West (49%), mostly in California (21%), and in the South (29%), mostly in Texas (11%) and in Florida (8%).
- **Educational attainment.** Spaniards have higher levels of education than the U.S. Hispanic population and similar levels to the U.S. population overall. Some 32% of Spaniards 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 Spaniards ages 25 and older, the foreign born are more likely to have earned a bachelor's degree or more than U.S.-born Spaniards—48% vs. 28%.

² This includes Spaniards 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."

- **Income.** The median annual personal earnings for Spaniards ages 16 and older was \$31,200 in the year prior to the survey—higher than the median earnings for all U.S. Hispanics (\$21,900) and for the U.S. population (\$30,000).
- **Poverty status.** The share of Spaniards who live in poverty, 13%, is lower than the rate for the general U.S. population (16%) and for Hispanics overall (25%).
- **Health insurance.** Some 13% of Spaniards do not have health insurance, compared with 29% of all Hispanics and 15% of the general U.S. population. Some 6% of Spaniards 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 Spanish homeownership (60%) is higher than the rate for all Hispanics (45%) but lower than the U.S. population (64%) as a whole.

About the Data

This statistical profile of Hispanics of Spanish 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 Spanish Origin, 2013

Thousands, unless otherwise noted

	All	Hispanics	Hispanics of Spanish Origin		
			All	U.S. born	Foreign born
TOTAL	316,129	53,964	746	640	106
Gender					
Male	155,592	27,377	375	322	53
Female	160,537	26,587	371	318	53
Nativity					
U.S. Born	274,788	34,981	640	640	---
Foreign Born	41,341	18,983	106	---	106
Age					
Median (in years)	37	28	34	30	48
Age Groups					
Younger than 5	19,682	5,053	55	53	2
5-17	53,820	12,635	145	140	4
18-29	53,007	10,923	128	120	8
30-39	40,997	8,454	100	79	20
40-49	42,158	7,039	104	82	22
50-64	61,801	6,560	127	100	27
65 and older	44,663	3,301	87	66	22
Marital Status (ages 18 and older)					
Married	122,043	16,750	260	194	66
Never married	71,957	13,603	174	160	14
Divorced/separated/widowed	48,628	5,924	113	93	20
Fertility (women ages 15 to 44)					
Total number of women	63,071	12,411	158	138	20
Women who had a birth in the past 12 months	3,893	873	9	8	1
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	144	139	***
Educational Attainment (ages 25 and older)					
Less than high school graduate	28,268	10,491	50	39	11
High school graduate ²	58,768	8,037	110	93	17
Two-year degree/Some college	61,501	6,988	156	134	22
Bachelor's degree or more	62,454	4,169	150	104	47
Median Annual Personal Earnings (in dollars)					
All (ages 16 and older with earnings)	\$30,000	\$21,900	\$31,200	\$30,000	\$43,000
Full-time, year-round workers	\$42,000	\$30,000	\$48,000	\$47,000	\$54,000
Persons in Poverty ³					
Younger than 18	16,224	5,739	34	32	***
18-64	28,336	6,693	56	48	8
65 and older	4,155	631	8	6	3
Health Insurance ⁴					
Uninsured, all ages	46,654	15,411	97	82	15
Uninsured, younger than 18	5,245	2,033	11	11	***
Persons in Households by Type of Household ⁵					
In family households	257,066	48,026	609	526	83
In married-couple households	183,952	30,351	437	366	71
In non-family households	51,033	4,944	118	97	21
Citizenship					
Citizen	294,112	41,173	693	640	53
Non-citizen	22,016	12,791	53	---	53
Language (ages 5 and older)					
Speaks only English at home	234,715	12,893	476	461	15
Does not speak only English at home	61,732	36,019	216	126	90
Speaks English very well	36,673	20,287	166	111	55
Speaks English less than very well	25,059	15,732	50	16	35
Years in the U.S. (foreign-born only)					
0 to 5 years	5,959	1,960	23	---	23
6 to 10 years	5,791	2,926	9	---	9
11 to 15 years	7,012	3,811	10	---	10
16 to 20 years	4,915	2,456	8	---	8
Over 20 years	17,664	7,830	57	---	57
Regional Dispersion					
Northeast	55,943	7,537	103	74	30
Midwest	67,548	4,953	60	52	7
South	118,384	19,724	215	175	40
Texas	26,448	10,155	82	74	***
Florida	19,553	4,620	61	42	***
West	74,254	21,749	369	339	30
California	38,333	14,716	156	135	21
New Mexico	2,085	987	70	70	***
Colorado	5,268	1,109	43	41	***

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 Spanish origin, 6,909; U.S.-born Spaniards, 5,849; foreign-born Spaniards, 1,060. 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 Spanish Origin, 2013

	All	Hispanics	Hispanics of Spanish Origin		
			All	U.S. born	Foreign born
Total (in thousands)	116,291	14,246	267	217	51
Homeownership (household heads)					
In owner-occupied homes (in thousands)	73,933	6,452	160	128	31
In renter-occupied homes (in thousands)	42,358	7,794	108	89	19
Homeownership rate (%)	63.6	45.3	59.7	59.1	62.1
Household Annual Income (in dollars)					
Median	\$52,000	\$41,000	\$55,900	\$54,800	\$61,000
Household Size					
Average number of persons	2.6	3.5	2.7	2.7	2.6

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, 1,211,264; Hispanics, 121,664; Hispanics of Spanish origin, 2,595; U.S.-born Spaniards, 2,108; foreign-born Spaniards, 487.

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 Spanish Origin, 2013

Thousands, unless otherwise noted

	All	Hispanics	Hispanics of Spanish Origin		
			All	U.S. born	Foreign born
Employment Status (civilians ages 16 and older)					
Employed	145,238	22,948	334	271	63
Unemployed	13,365	2,535	34	30	4
Not in labor force	91,321	12,437	197	163	34
Unemployment rate (%)	8.4	9.9	9.3	10.0	6.2
Industries¹					
Construction, agriculture and mining	11,827	3,116	23	17	6
Manufacturing	15,283	2,383	27	22	5
Trade and transportation	26,636	4,322	57	47	10
Information, finance and other services	91,492	13,127	228	185	42
Occupations					
Management, professional and related occupations	56,566	5,087	145	109	36
Services	22,944	5,522	54	47	8
Sales and office support	35,127	5,037	85	72	13
Construction, extraction and farming	8,287	2,724	14	11	2
Maintenance, production, transportation and material moving	22,314	4,577	36	33	4

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 Spanish origin, 5,383; U.S.-born Spaniards, 4,374; foreign-born Spaniards, 1,009.

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.