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Hispanic or Latino Population in the United States, Washington Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA), and the District of Columbia: 1980 and 2010

Introduction

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) defines “Hispanic or Latino” as a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race. Hispanic origin can be viewed as the heritage, nationality group, lineage, or country of birth of the person or the person’s parents or ancestors before their arrival in the United States. People who identified their origin as Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish may be of any race.

The Hispanic origin question was originally fielded and tested by the Bureau of the Census in the November 1969 Current Population Survey. It was later used in the 1970 Census of Population (5 percent sample). The Hispanic origin question has been asked on a 100 percent basis in every census since 1980, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

This report provides an overview of the geographic distribution of the Hispanic or Latino population at the national level, in the Washington Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA), and in the District of Columbia for years 1980 and 2010.

Figure 1: Question on Hispanic or Latino Origin from the 2010 Census

Is this person of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin?

- No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin
- Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., Chicano
- Yes, Puerto Rican
- Yes, Cuban
- Yes, another Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin - Print origin, for example, Argentinean, Colombian, Dominican, Nicaraguan, Salvadorian, Spaniard and so on

Hispanic or Latino Population in the United States in 1980

According to the 1980 Census, 226,545,805 people resided in the United States on April 1, 1980, of which 14,608,673 or 6.4 percent were of Hispanic or Latino origin. In 1980, nearly two-thirds or 62.9 percent of Hispanics lived in three states (California, Texas and New York). California had the largest Hispanic population (4,544,331), representing nearly one-third or 31.1 percent of the nation’s total Hispanic population. California, Texas, and New York were the only states with Hispanic populations of at least 1 million (Table 1).

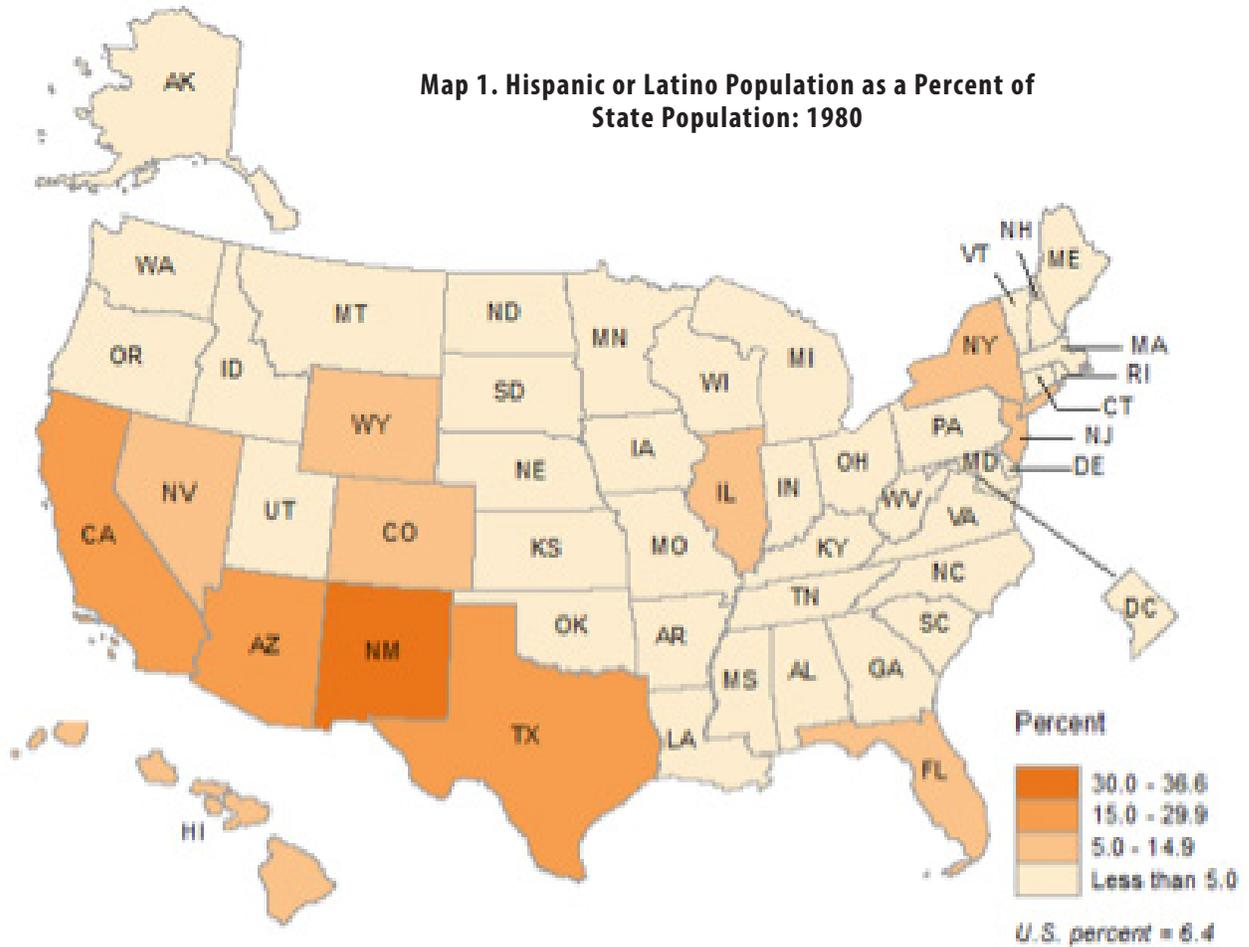
In 1980, ten states (New Mexico, Texas, California, Arizona, Colorado, New York, Florida, Hawaii, New Jersey, and Nevada) had proportions of Hispanic population higher the national average of 6.4 percent. New Mexico had the highest Hispanic population share of its total population (36.6 percent), followed by Texas at 21 percent, California 19.2 percent, and Arizona 16.2 percent (Table 1 and Map 1).

Table 1. Hispanic or Latino Population for the United States and States: 1980

State	Total	Hispanic or Latino		
		Number	Percent of State Total	% of total Hispanic or Latino
United States	226,545,805	14,608,673	6.4	100.0
Alabama	3,893,888	33,299	0.9	0.2
Alaska	401,851	9,507	2.4	0.1
Arizona	2,718,215	440,701	16.2	3.0
Arkansas	2,286,435	17,904	0.8	0.1
California	23,667,902	4,544,331	19.2	31.1
Colorado	2,889,964	339,717	11.8	2.3
Connecticut	3,107,576	124,499	4.0	0.9
Delaware	594,338	9,661	1.6	0.1
District of Columbia	638,333	17,679	2.8	0.1
Florida	9,746,324	858,158	8.8	5.9
Georgia	5,463,105	61,260	1.1	0.4
Hawaii	964,691	71,263	7.4	0.5
Idaho	943,935	36,615	3.9	0.3
Illinois	11,426,518	635,602	5.6	4.4
Indiana	5,490,224	87,047	1.6	0.6
Iowa	2,913,808	25,536	0.9	0.2
Kansas	2,363,679	63,339	2.7	0.4
Kentucky	3,660,777	27,406	0.7	0.2
Louisiana	4,205,900	99,134	2.4	0.7
Maine	1,124,660	5,005	0.4	0.0
Maryland	4,216,975	64,746	1.5	0.4
Massachusetts	5,737,037	141,043	2.5	1.0
Michigan	9,262,078	162,440	1.8	1.1
Minnesota	4,075,970	32,123	0.8	0.2
Mississippi	2,520,638	24,731	1.0	0.2
Missouri	4,916,686	51,653	1.1	0.4
Montana	786,690	9,974	1.3	0.1
Nebraska	1,569,825	28,025	1.8	0.2
Nevada	800,493	53,879	6.7	0.4
New Hampshire	920,610	5,587	0.6	0.0
New Jersey	7,364,823	491,883	6.7	3.4
New Mexico	1,302,894	477,222	36.6	3.3
New York	17,558,072	1,659,300	9.5	11.4
North Carolina	5,881,766	56,667	1.0	0.4
North Dakota	652,717	3,902	0.6	0.0
Ohio	10,797,630	119,883	1.1	0.8
Oklahoma	3,025,290	57,419	1.9	0.4
Oregon	2,633,105	65,847	2.5	0.5
Pennsylvania	11,863,895	153,961	1.3	1.1
Rhode Island	947,154	19,707	2.1	0.1
South Carolina	3,121,820	33,426	1.1	0.2
South Dakota	690,768	4,023	0.6	0.0
Tennessee	4,591,120	34,077	0.7	0.2
Texas	14,229,191	2,985,824	21.0	20.4
Utah	1,461,037	60,302	4.1	0.4
Vermont	511,456	3,304	0.6	0.0
Virginia	5,346,818	79,868	1.5	0.5
Washington	4,132,156	120,016	2.9	0.8
West Virginia	1,949,644	12,707	0.7	0.1
Wisconsin	4,705,767	62,972	1.3	0.4
Wyoming	469,557	24,499	5.2	0.2

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1980 Census

Map 1. Hispanic or Latino Population as a Percent of State Population: 1980



Hispanic or Latino Population in the United States in 2010

The 2010 Census showed that the United States population on April 1, 2010, was 308,745,538. Out of the total population, 50,477,594 or 16.3 percent were of Hispanic or Latino origin. This represented a ten percent greater share of the national population than in 1980 when Hispanics were 6.4 percent.

In 2010, more than half or 54.7 percent of Hispanics in the United States lived in three states - California, Texas, and Florida – with Florida replacing New York as the third most populous. California remained the state with the largest Hispanic population (14,013,719), followed by Texas (9,460,921), representing 27.8 percent and 18.7 percent, respectively. Eight states (California, Texas, Florida, New York, Illinois, Arizona, New Jersey, and Colorado) had Hispanic population of at least 1 million (Table 2).

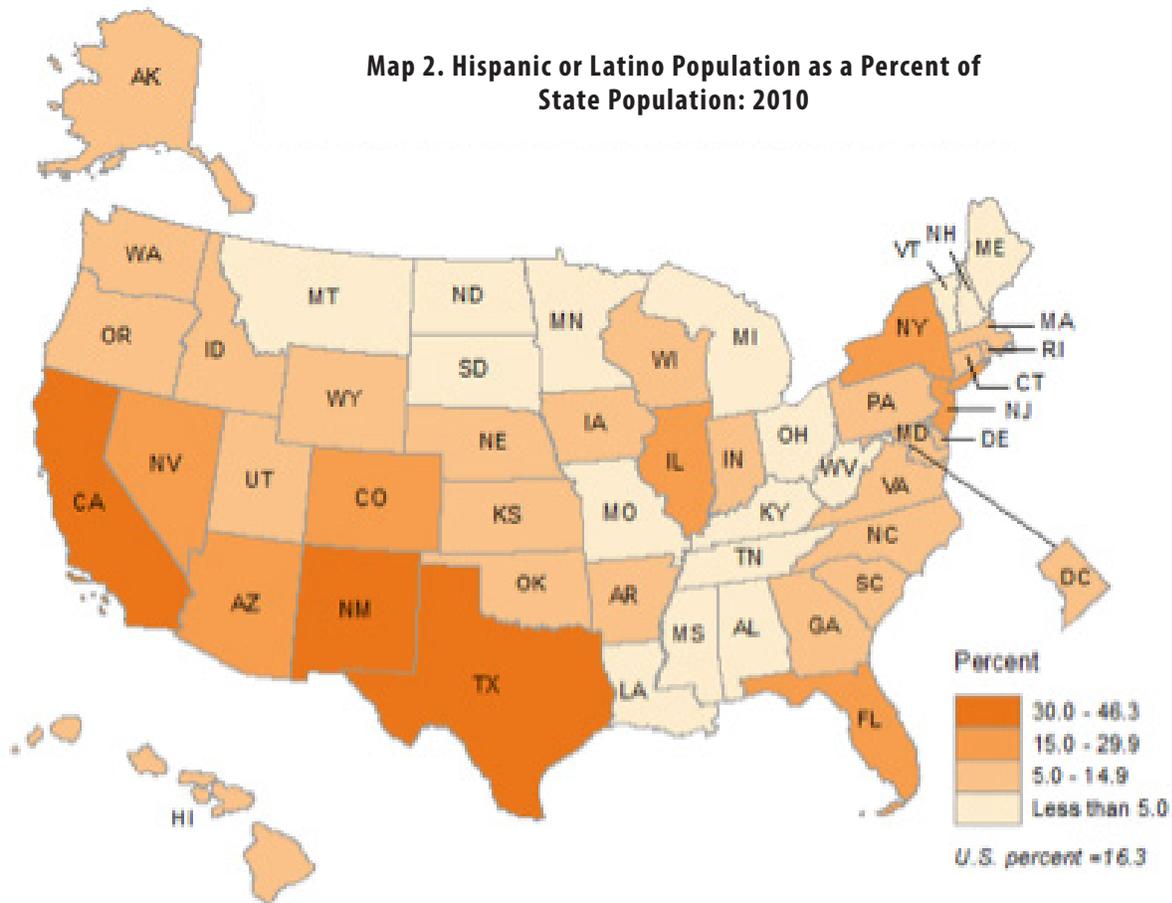
In 2010, nine states (New Mexico, California, Texas, Arizona, Nevada, Florida, Colorado, New Jersey, and New York) had proportions of Hispanic population higher than the national average of 16.3 percent. New Mexico had the highest Hispanic population share of its total population (46.3 percent), followed by California at 37.6 percent, Texas 37.6 percent, Arizona 29.6 percent, and Nevada 26.5 percent (Table 2 and Map 2).

Table 2. Hispanic or Latino Population for the United States and States: 2010

State	Total	Hispanic or Latino		
		Number	Percent of State Total	% of total Hispanic or Latino
United States	308,745,538	50,477,594	16.3	100
Alabama	4,779,736	185,602	3.9	0.4
Alaska	710,231	39,249	5.5	0.1
Arizona	6,392,017	1,895,149	29.6	3.8
Arkansas	2,915,918	186,050	6.4	0.4
California	37,253,956	14,013,719	37.6	27.8
Colorado	5,029,196	1,038,687	20.7	2.1
Connecticut	3,574,097	479,087	13.4	0.9
Delaware	897,934	73,221	8.2	0.1
District of Columbia	601,723	54,749	9.1	0.1
Florida	18,801,310	4,223,806	22.5	8.4
Georgia	9,687,653	853,689	8.8	1.7
Hawaii	1,360,301	120,842	8.9	0.2
Idaho	1,567,582	175,901	11.2	0.3
Illinois	12,830,632	2,027,578	15.8	4
Indiana	6,483,802	389,707	6	0.8
Iowa	3,046,355	151,544	5	0.3
Kansas	2,853,118	300,042	10.5	0.6
Kentucky	4,339,367	132,836	3.1	0.3
Louisiana	4,533,372	192,560	4.2	0.4
Maine	1,328,361	16,935	1.3	0
Maryland	5,773,552	470,632	8.2	0.9
Massachusetts	6,547,629	627,654	9.6	1.2
Michigan	9,883,640	436,358	4.4	0.9
Minnesota	5,303,925	250,258	4.7	0.5
Mississippi	2,967,297	81,481	2.7	0.2
Missouri	5,988,927	212,470	3.5	0.4
Montana	989,415	28,565	2.9	0.1
Nebraska	1,826,341	167,405	9.2	0.3
Nevada	2,700,551	716,501	26.5	1.4
New Hampshire	1,316,470	36,704	2.8	0.1
New Jersey	8,791,894	1,555,144	17.7	3.1
New Mexico	2,059,179	953,403	46.3	1.9
New York	19,378,102	3,416,922	17.6	6.8
North Carolina	9,535,483	800,120	8.4	1.6
North Dakota	672,591	13,467	2	0
Ohio	11,536,504	354,674	3.1	0.7
Oklahoma	3,751,351	332,007	8.9	0.7
Oregon	3,831,074	450,062	11.7	0.9
Pennsylvania	12,702,379	719,660	5.7	1.4
Rhode Island	1,052,567	130,655	12.4	0.3
South Carolina	4,625,364	235,682	5.1	0.5
South Dakota	814,180	22,119	2.7	0
Tennessee	6,346,105	290,059	4.6	0.6
Texas	25,145,561	9,460,921	37.6	18.7
Utah	2,763,885	358,340	13	0.7
Vermont	625,741	9,208	1.5	0
Virginia	8,001,024	631,825	7.9	1.3
Washington	6,724,540	755,790	11.2	1.5
West Virginia	1,852,994	22,268	1.2	0
Wisconsin	5,686,986	336,056	5.9	0.7
Wyoming	563,626	50,231	8.9	0.1

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census

Map 2. Hispanic or Latino Population as a Percent of State Population: 2010



Hispanic or Latino Population in the Washington Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA) in 1980

The Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA) includes 22 jurisdictions, with the District of Columbia at the hub of the region, joined by Montgomery, Prince George’s, Charles, and Frederick counties in Maryland; Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William, Stafford, Spotsylvania, Fauquier, Clarke, and Warren counties, and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, Manassas Park, and Fredericksburg in Virginia; and Jefferson County in West Virginia.

According to the 1980 Census, the total population of the Washington Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area was 3,397,935 on April 1, 1980, of which 96,126 or 2.8 percent were of Hispanic or Latino origin.

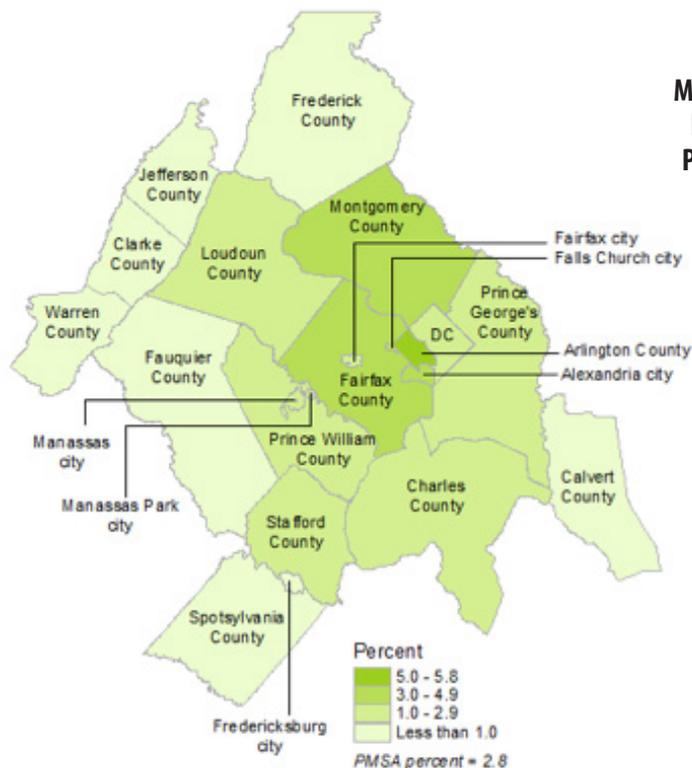
In 1980, more than half or 62.4 percent of Hispanics in the Washington Primary Metropolitan area lived in Montgomery County, MD, Fairfax County, VA and the District of Columbia. Montgomery County had the largest Hispanic population (22,790), representing 23.7 percent of the Washington Primary Metropolitan area’s total Hispanic population, followed by Fairfax county with 19,535 or 20.3 percent and the District of Columbia with 17,679 or 18.4 percent (Table 3).

In 1980, Arlington County, VA had the highest Hispanic population share of its total population (5.8 percent), followed by Montgomery County, MD at 3.9 percent, Alexandria City, VA at 3.9 percent, and Fairfax County, VA at 3.3 percent (Table 3 and Map 3).

Table 3. Washington Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA) Hispanic or Latino Population by County: 1980

Geography	Total Population	Hispanic or Latino		
		Number	Percent	% of total Hispanic or Latino
Washington Metro Area total	3,397,935	96,126	2.8	100
Alexandria city, Virginia	103,217	4,042	3.9	4.2
Fairfax city, Virginia	19,390	379	2	0.4
Falls Church city, Virginia	9,515	315	3.3	0.3
Manassas city, Virginia	15,438	194	1.3	0.2
Charles County, Maryland	72,751	940	1.3	1
Frederick County, Maryland	114,792	826	0.7	0.9
Stafford County, Virginia	40,470	502	1.2	0.5
Prince George's County, Maryland	665,071	14,421	2.2	15
Jefferson County, West Virginia	30,302	245	0.8	0.3
Montgomery County, Maryland	579,053	22,790	3.9	23.7
Calvert County, Maryland	34,638	260	0.8	0.3
Fairfax County, Virginia	596,901	19,535	3.3	20.3
District of Columbia	638,333	17,679	2.8	18.4
Prince William County, Virginia	144,703	3,272	2.3	3.4
Loudoun County, Virginia	57,427	853	1.5	0.9
Clarke County, Virginia	9,965	40	0.4	0
Fredericksburg city, Virginia	15,322	128	0.8	0.1
Manassas Park city, Virginia	6,524	97	1.5	0.1
Arlington County, Virginia	152,599	8,863	5.8	9.2
Warren County, Virginia	21,200	194	0.9	0.2
Fauquier County, Virginia	35,889	259	0.7	0.3
Spotsylvania County, Virginia	34,435	292	0.8	0.3

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1980 Census



Map 3. Washington Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA) Hispanic or Latino Population as a Percent of County Population: 1980

Hispanic or Latino Population in the Washington Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA) in 2010

According to the 2010 Census, the total population of the Washington Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA) was 5,582,170 on April 1, 2010, of which 770,795 or 13.8 percent were of Hispanic or Latino origin. The Hispanic population grew by over 670,000 in the 30 years since 1980.

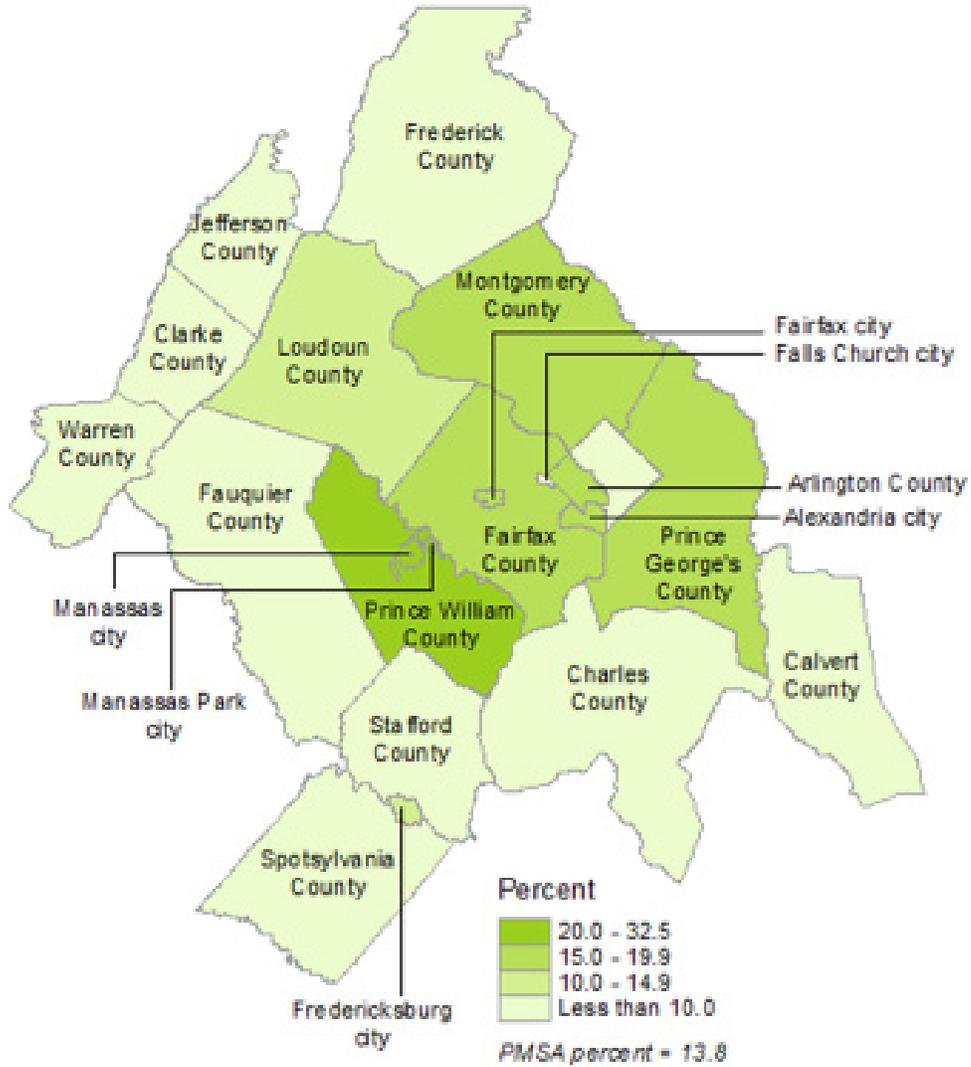
In 2010, more than half or 60.1 percent of Hispanics in the Washington Primary Metropolitan Area lived in Fairfax County, VA, Montgomery County, MD, and Prince George’s County, MD. Fairfax County had the largest Hispanic population (168,482), representing 21.9 percent of the Washington Primary Metropolitan Area’s total Hispanic population, followed by Montgomery County with 165,398 or 21.5 percent and Prince George’s County with 128,972 or 16.7 percent (Table 4).

Manassas Park City, VA had the highest Hispanic population share of its total population (32.5 percent), followed by Manassas City, VA at 31.4 percent, Prince William County, VA at 20.3 percent, and Montgomery County, MD at 17 percent (Table 4 and Map 4).

Geography	Total Population	Hispanic or Latino		
		Number	Percent	% of total Hispanic or Latino
Washington Metro Area total	5,582,170	770,795	13.8	100.0
Alexandria city, Virginia	139,966	22,524	16.1	2.9
Fairfax city, Virginia	22,565	3,556	15.8	0.5
Falls Church city, Virginia	12,332	1,109	9.0	0.1
Manassas city, Virginia	37,821	11,876	31.4	1.5
Charles County, Maryland	146,551	6,259	4.3	0.8
Frederick County, Maryland	233,385	17,135	7.3	2.2
Stafford County, Virginia	128,961	11,875	9.2	1.5
Prince George's County, Maryland	863,420	128,972	14.9	16.7
Jefferson County, West Virginia	53,498	2,489	4.7	0.3
Montgomery County, Maryland	971,777	165,398	17.0	21.5
Calvert County, Maryland	88,737	2,437	2.7	0.3
Fairfax County, Virginia	1,081,726	168,482	15.6	21.9
District of Columbia	601,723	54,749	9.1	7.1
Prince William County, Virginia	402,002	81,460	20.3	10.6
Loudoun County, Virginia	312,311	38,576	12.4	5.0
Clarke County, Virginia	14,034	490	3.5	0.1
Fredericksburg city, Virginia	24,286	2,607	10.7	0.3
Manassas Park city, Virginia	14,273	4,645	32.5	0.6
Arlington County, Virginia	207,627	31,382	15.1	4.1
Warren County, Virginia	37,575	1,318	3.5	0.2
Fauquier County, Virginia	65,203	4,178	6.4	0.5
Spotsylvania County, Virginia	122,397	9,278	7.6	1.2

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census

Map 4. Washington Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA) Hispanic or Latino Population as a Percent of County Population: 2010



Hispanic or Latino Population in the District of Columbia in 1980

Census 1980 counted 638,333 residents in the District of Columbia on April 1, 1980, of which 17,679 or 2.8 percent were of Hispanic or Latino origin. Hispanics lived in all Wards across the District, however, the highest concentrations of Hispanics were in Wards 1, 2, and 3 (Map 5).

In 1980, using the 2012 Ward boundaries, more than one-fourth or 29 percent of Hispanics lived in Mount Pleasant, Lanier Heights, and Adams Morgan neighborhoods of Ward 1; 20.8 percent of Hispanics lived in Dupont Circle, West End, and Downtown neighborhoods of Ward 2; and 18.8 percent of Hispanics lived in Woodley Park, Cleveland Park, and Forest Hills neighborhoods of Ward 3. Ward 1 also had the highest Hispanic population share of its total population (7.6 percent), while Ward 7 had the lowest share at 0.8 percent (Table 5).

Map 5. District of Columbia Hispanic or Latino Population as a Percent of Census Tract Population: 1980

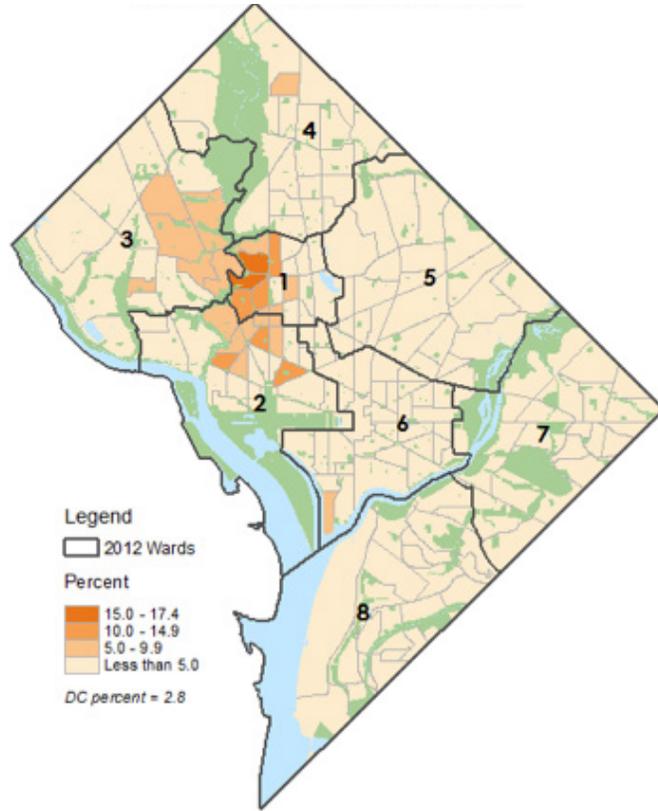


Table 5. District of Columbia Hispanic or Latino Population by Ward: 1980

Ward*	Total	Hispanic or Latino		
		Number	Percent	% of total Hispanic or Latino
District total	638,333	17,679	2.8	100.0
Ward 1	67,626	5,130	7.6	29.0
Ward 2	58,774	3,684	6.3	20.8
Ward 3	67,004	3,320	5.0	18.8
Ward 4	87,231	1,613	1.8	9.1
Ward 5	88,771	923	1.0	5.2
Ward 6	80,707	1,115	1.4	6.3
Ward 7	91,400	734	0.8	4.2
Ward 8	96,820	1,160	1.2	6.6

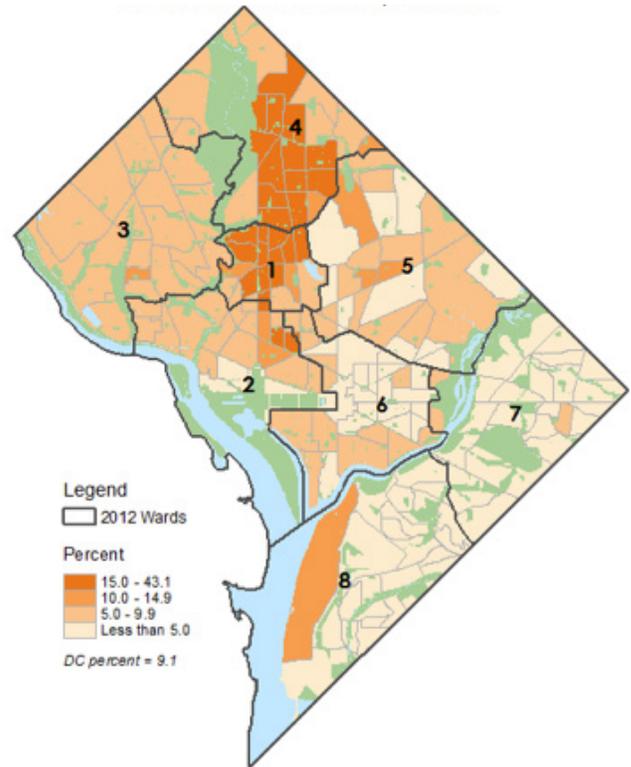
*1980 data by 2012 Ward Boundaries
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1980 Census

Hispanic or Latino Population in the District of Columbia in 2010

According to Census 2010, the total population of the District of Columbia was 601,723, of which 54,749 or 9.1 percent were of Hispanic or Latino origin. While Hispanics lived in all Wards throughout the District, they resided predominantly in Wards 1, 4 and 2 (Map 6).

In 2010, using the 2012 Ward boundaries, more than one-fourth or 28.7 percent of Hispanics lived in Mount Pleasant, Columbia Heights, Pleasant Plains, and Park View neighborhoods of Ward 1; 25.9 percent of Hispanics lived in Petworth, 16th Street Heights, Brightwood, and Brightwood Park neighborhoods of Ward 4; and 13.3 percent of Hispanics lived in Logan Circle/Shaw, Downtown, and Dupont Circle neighborhoods of Ward 2. Ward 1 also had the highest Hispanic population share of its total population (21.1 percent), while Ward 8 had the lowest share at 1.8 percent (Table 6).

Map 6. District of Columbia Hispanic or Latino Population as a Percent of Census Tract Population: 2010



Ward*	Total	Hispanic or Latino		
		Number	Percent	% of total Hispanic or Latino
District total	601,723	54,749	9.1	100.0
Ward 1	74,462	15,709	21.1	28.7
Ward 2	76,645	7,299	9.5	13.3
Ward 3	78,887	5,914	7.5	10.8
Ward 4	75,773	14,179	18.7	25.9
Ward 5	74,308	4,707	6.3	8.6
Ward 6	76,238	3,670	4.8	6.7
Ward 7	71,748	1,934	2.7	3.5
Ward 8	73,662	1,337	1.8	2.4

*2010 data by 2012 Ward Boundaries
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census

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