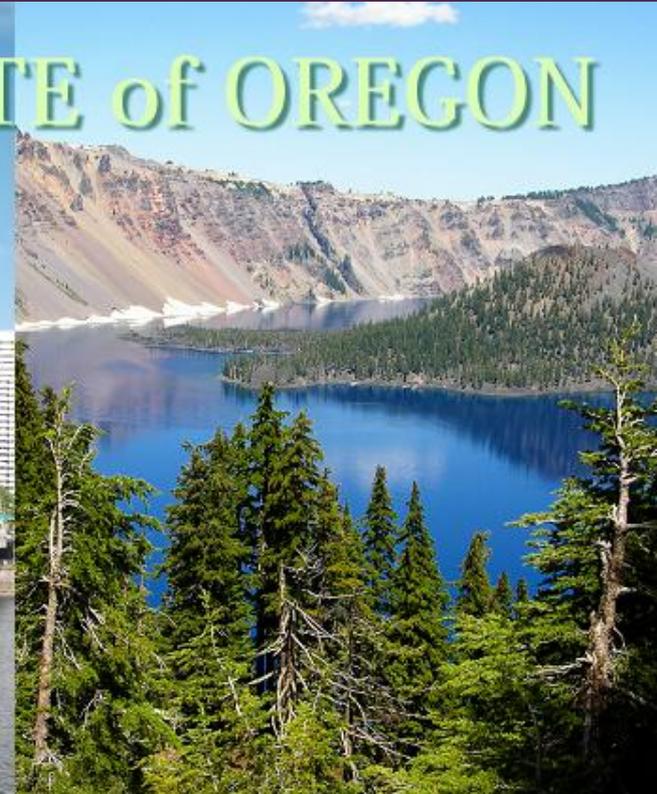


Forecast for 2012-2013

Oregon Commission
on Hispanic Affairs

1983 – 2013 – 30 Years of Service



OCHA Mandate

- The Commission is authorized by Oregon Revised Statute 185.310 - 185.330 to:
 - 1. Monitor existing programs and legislation designed to meet the needs of Oregon's Hispanic population.
 - 2. Identify and research problem areas and issues affecting the Hispanic community and recommend actions to the Governor and the Legislative Assembly, including recommendations on legislative programs.
 - 3. Maintain a liaison between the Hispanic community and government entities.
 - 4. Encourage Hispanic representation on state boards and commissions.
 - 5. Hold meetings to conduct its business.

Tasks

- Researches and collates data on issues pertinent to the Hispanic community.
- Focuses on a statewide context – from the rural, urban, suburban, and coastal regions—to identify current programs and determine what gaps exist in social services.
- Refers people to professionals—putting seekers of specific services together with the individual or organization most capable of meeting their needs.
- Monitors existing programs that affect the Latino community within state government and the private sector.
- Develops and monitors legislation that affects the Hispanic/Latino community in Oregon.

Tasks

- Testifies before the Oregon Legislature on bills and measures deemed appropriate by the Commission and constituency.
- Encourages Oregon residents to resolve their own local issues in a positive, productive manner, with appropriate community stakeholders.
- Seeks and identifies emerging Hispanic leadership throughout the state.
- Promotes positive aspects of the Hispanic community.
- Works with its sister advocacy commissions, the Commissions on Women, Black, and Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs to foster greater community as well as the implementation and establishment of economic, social, legal and political equality for minorities in Oregon.

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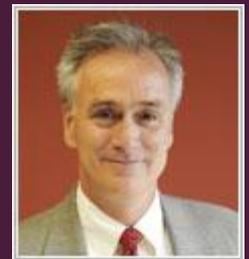
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OCHA History

- 1971 - Commission on Chicano Affairs

Created to address the needs and concerns of migrant workers. Governor Tom McCall appointed 15 members to work with a ten thousand-dollar grant from the Oregon Department of Human Resources to identify Hispanic concerns, educate themselves on policy and policy making, and seek methods for improving working conditions and community relations for Oregon's Hispanic population.

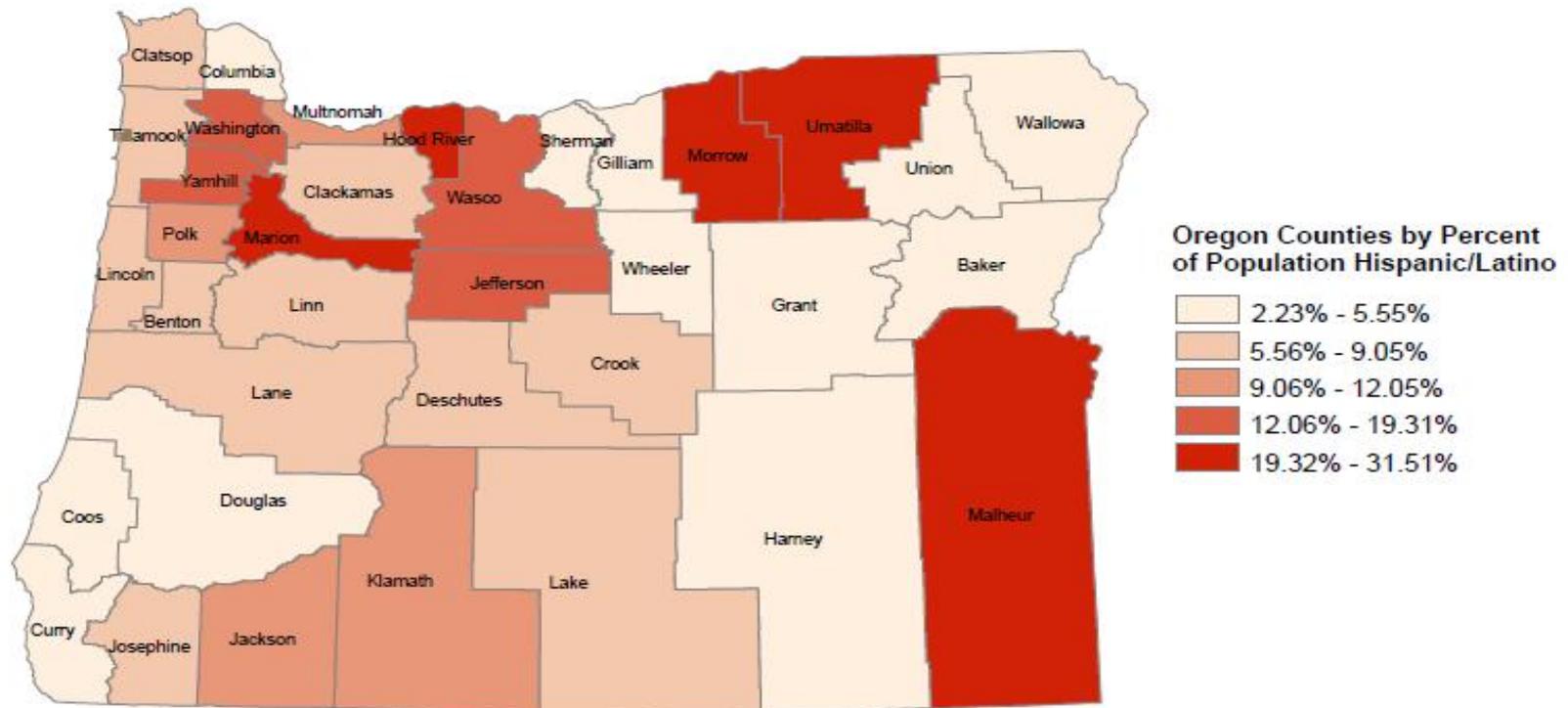
1981 - Governor's Commission on Hispanic Affairs

Created by Governor Vic Atiyeh with nine appointed members.

1983 - Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs

The Commission on Hispanic Affairs was created by the 1983 Legislative Assembly to work for the implementation of economic, social, legal, and political equality for Hispanics in Oregon. The Commission monitors existing programs and legislation to ensure that the needs of Hispanics in Oregon are met. The Commission researches problems and issues and recommends appropriate action, maintains a liaison between the Hispanic community and government entities, and encourages Hispanic representation on state boards and commissions. See the [Oregon Blue Book](#) for more information about the history of the Commission.

Latino Population Percentage (2010)



Source: Census 2010

NEW AMERICANS IN OREGON

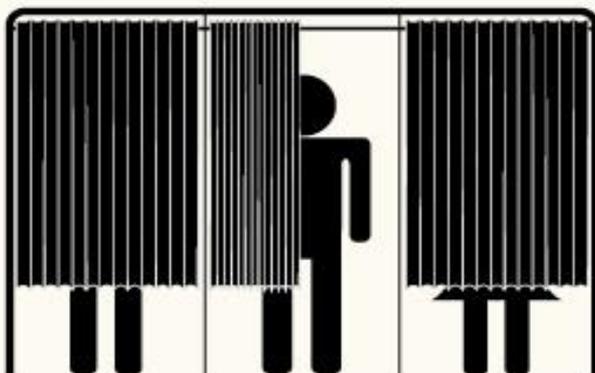


9.8% of Oregonians are foreign born.

15.5% of Oregonians are Latino or Asian.

37.4% of immigrants in the state are eligible to vote.

5.8% of registered voters are New Americans.



Oregon has 7,506 foreign students who contribute **\$225.5 million** to the state economy.

33.6% of foreign-born adults have a bachelor's degree or higher.

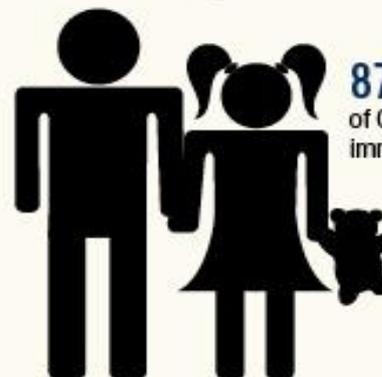


Immigrants are **12.5%** of the state's workforce. **5.3%** of the workforce is unauthorized.

Asian-owned businesses in Oregon have sales and receipts of **\$3.2 billion**.

Latino-owned businesses in Oregon have sales and receipts of **\$1.7 billion**.

The purchasing power of Oregon's Latino population and Asian population, respectively, is **\$7.5 billion** and **\$5.1 billion**.



87.1% of Oregon's children with immigrant parents are U.S. citizens.

79.8% of children with immigrant parents are English proficient.

DID YOU KNOW? Oregon would lose **\$3.4 billion** in economic activity if all unauthorized immigrants were removed.

www.immigrationpolicy.org

STATE OF OREGON

Hispanic/Latino/Indígena Orgs

- Oregon Latino Agenda for Action
- Oregon Hispanic Bar Association
- Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers
- Oregon Association of Latino Administrators
- Latino Health Coalition Network
- Oregon Latina Nurses Association
- Organización de Campesinos Indígenas de Oregón
- Oregon Child Development Coalition
- Oregon Human Development Corp.
- Rural Development Initiative
- Rural Organizing Project
- Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce
- Latino Alliance of Willamette Valley
- Hispanic Entrepreneurs, Rogue Valley
- Latino Network
- Centro Latinoamericano
- Centro Cultural
- Latino Community Association
- Adelante Mujeres
- Una Voz Unida
- PCUN
- CAUSA
- UNETE
- Latino Union Leadership Network

OCHA PRIORITIES

A Culture of Presence, Participation, Perspective

- Leadership - Identify, Develop, Involve
- Civic Engagement - Fed, State, Local
- Voter Registration & Education
- Public Policy on ALL Issues
- Diversity of Narratives
- Relationships & Community Building
- Strategic Legislative Activity & Advocacy

2012 Legislative Session

- JOBS – Livable & Family Wages, Job Security
- EDUCATION – Access, Affordability, Achievement
- HEALTH – Access, Equity, Affordability
- GENDER EQUITY – Employment, Boards etc.
- STATE BUDGET – Services, Social Safety Net, OR Advocacy Commissions

2013 Legislative Session

- PUBLIC SAFETY
- HOUSING
- STATE OF OREGON 10 YEAR PLAN
- CIVIL LIBERTIES
- LABOR

Web Sources

- Pew Hispanic Research Center <http://www.pewhispanic.org/>
- 150 years of Latino Contributions in Oregon
[http://www.oregon.gov/Hispanic/pdfs/150 Years of Latino Contributions in Oregon.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/Hispanic/pdfs/150_Years_of_Latino_Contributions_in_Oregon.pdf)
- Immigration Policy Center – “New Americans in the Beaver State: the Political and Economic Power of Immigrants, Latinos, & Asians in Oregon”
- Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs
http://www.oregon.gov/Hispanic/about_us.shtml

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OCHA is one of four governor-appointed advocacy commissions serving the State of Oregon. Others are Commission on women, Commission on Black Affairs, Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

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