

Hispanic Heritage Month 2019:

A Profile of Hispanic Population in Oregon

In September 1968, Congress authorized President Lyndon B. Johnson to proclaim National Hispanic Heritage Week to recognize the rich culture and contributions of Americans who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico, Central America, South America and Spanish-speaking nations of the Caribbean. Just two decades later, lawmakers expanded the observance to a monthlong celebration, stretching from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15.

Population

556,396

The Hispanic population of Oregon as of July 1, 2018, making people of Hispanic origin Oregon's largest ethnic or racial minority group. Hispanics constituted 13.3 percent of Oregon's total population. Nationally, 18.3 percent of the population were of Hispanic origin.

Source: Vintage 2018 Population Estimates

15th

Ranking of Oregon among U.S. states in terms of the Hispanic as a percentage of total population. For the total population, Oregon ranks 27th largest in the nation.

Source: Vintage 2018 Population Estimates

16,083

The number of Hispanics added to Oregon's population between July 1, 2017, and July 1, 2018. This is 36 percent of the 44,121 people added to the state's total population during this period.

Source: Vintage 2018 Population Estimates

3.0%

The percentage increase in the Hispanic population between 2017 and 2018, making Hispanics the second fastest-growing minority group after Asian. The total non-Hispanic population increase for the state was 0.8 percent during the same period. For the nation as a whole, Hispanic population growth was 2.0 percent and overall non-Hispanic population growth was 0.3 percent during the same period.

Source: Vintage 2018 Population Estimates

80.3%

The percentage of those of Hispanic or Latino origin in the Oregon who were of Mexican origin in 2017. Another 2.5 percent were Puerto Rican, 3.0 percent Guatemalan, 1.6 percent Salvadoran. The remainder were of some other Central American, South American, or other Hispanic or Latino origin.

Source: 2017 American Community Survey

Counties

101,582

The Hispanic origin population of Washington County. This was the county with the largest Hispanic population of any county in Oregon in 2018.

Source: Vintage 2018 Population Estimates

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The number of counties with percentage of Hispanic residents in 2018 higher than the state average of 13.3 percent. These counties starting with the largest share, are Morrow, Malheur, Hood River, Umatilla, Marion, Jefferson, Wasco, Washington, Yamhill, Polk, and Klamath.

Source: Vintage 2018 Population Estimates

37.3%

The percentage of the Hispanic population in Morrow County - the highest percentage in Oregon in 2018.

Source: Vintage 2018 Population Estimates

2,897

Marion County had the largest numeric increase of Hispanics from 2017 to 2018, followed by Washington (2,582) and Multnomah (1,929) counties.

Source: Vintage 2018 Population Estimates

13.3%

The percentage increase in Hispanic population in Wallowa County between 2017 and 2018, the highest growth rate for Oregon counties. Other high growth rate counties in Oregon were Wheeler (11.5%, Gilliam (11.0%) and Sherman (8.6%)

Source: Vintage 2018 Population Estimates

Families and Children

136,613

The number of Hispanic households in Oregon in 2017.

Source: 2017 American Community Survey

49.6%

The percentage of Hispanic households that were married-couple households in 2017, slightly higher than the percentage for Non-Hispanic married-couple households (48.6 percent). Of the all Hispanic households, 75.6 percent were family households, compared to 61.9 percent family households for all Non-Hispanic households.

Source: 2017 American Community Survey

Spanish Language

350,388

The number of Oregon residents age 5 and older who spoke Spanish at home in 2017. This is a 321.7 percent increase since 1990 when it was 83,087.

Those who hablan español en casa constituted 9.0 percent of Oregon residents age 5 and older, compared to 13.4 percent nationally.

In Oregon more than half (60.7 percent) of all Spanish speakers and 64.2 percent of Hispanic Spanish speakers) spoke English “very well.”

Source: 2017 American Community Survey

64.8%

The percentage of Hispanics age 5 and older who spoke Spanish at home in 2017. Nationally, 76.4 percent of Hispanics spoke Spanish at home.

Source: 2017 American Community Survey

Income, Poverty and Health Insurance

\$50,117

The median income of Hispanic households in 2017. Median income for the total Oregon households was \$60,212.

Source: 2017 American Community Survey

19.4%

The poverty rate among Hispanics in 2017. Poverty for the all Oregon population was 13.2 percent.

Source: 2017 American Community Survey

16.3%

The percentage of Hispanics who lacked health insurance in 2017. For all Oregonian, 6.8 percent lacked health insurance.

Source: 2017 American Community Survey

Education

68.2%

The percentage of Hispanics age 25 and older who had at least high school diploma or equivalent in 2017. For all population age 25 and over, high school graduation rate was 91.0 percent.

Source: 2017 American Community Survey

16.5%

The percentage of the Hispanic population age 25 and older with a bachelor's degree or higher in 2017. For all population age 25 and over, college graduation rate was 33.7 percent.

Source: 2017 American Community Survey

45,799

The number of Hispanics age 25 and older who had at least a bachelor's degree in 2017.

Source: 2017 American Community Survey,

14.7%

The percentage of students (both undergraduate and graduate) enrolled in college in 2017 who were Hispanic. Nationally, this enrollment percentage was 18.1 percent.

Source: 2017 American Community Survey

22.0%

The percentage of students who were Hispanic of the total enrolled in kindergarten through 12th grade in 2017. Nationally, the percentage was 24.8.

Source: 2017 American Community Survey

Foreign Born

31.0%

The percentage of the Hispanic population that was foreign-born in 2017. Nationally, 33.5 percent of Hispanics were foreign born.

Source: 2017 American Community Survey

54.7%

The percentage of noncitizens in Oregon who were born in Central America.

Source: 2013-17 American Community Survey

Jobs

71.5%

The percentage of Hispanics or Latinos age 16 and older who were in the civilian labor force in 2017. National labor force participation rate was 67.0 percent.

Source: 2017 American Community Survey

22.0%

The percentage of civilian employed Hispanics or Latinos age 17 and older who worked in management, business, education, science and arts occupations in 2017.

Source: 2017 American Community Survey

Serving our Country

10,470

The number of Hispanics or Latinos age 18 and older in Oregon who are veterans of the U.S. armed forces. That is 3.1 percent of the adult population.

Source: 2017 American Community Survey

Business

3,250

The estimated number of Hispanic-owned employer firms in 2016, up from 3,150 or 3.2 percent in 2015. Nationally, the Hispanic-owned employer increased by 7.9 percent during the same period.

Source: 2016 Annual Survey of Entrepreneurs