

2000 U.S. CENSUS THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY



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PROFILE

The Hispanic or Latino population is the fastest growing racial/ethnic group in Montgomery County, increasing by 80 percent between 1990 and 2000. With almost half of Maryland's Hispanics residing here, the County is home to the largest Latino community in the Washington, D.C. area. Great diversity underlies the Latino community, with Salvadorans comprising the largest group in the County. The following statistics are from the 2000 U.S. Census of Population and Housing.

The term Hispanic or Latino, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau, refers to those whose origins were reported as Mexican, Puerto Rican, or Cuban and those whose origins are from Spain or the Spanish-speaking countries of Central or South America. It also includes those who identified their origin as being Spanish, Spanish-American, Hispanic, Latino, etc. Origin can be viewed as the heritage, nationality group, lineage, or country in which the person or person's parents or ancestors were born before their arrival in the United States. *Persons who identify their origin as Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino may be of any race.*

POPULATION

TOTAL POPULATION	County	Hispanic Population	% of County Population
1980.....	579,053	22,790	3.9%
1990.....	757,027	55,684	7.4%
2000.....	873,341	100,604	11.5%
In households.....	863,910	97,025	11.2%
In group quarters.....	9,431	3,679	39.0%

AGE DISTRIBUTION

	Number	% Hispanic
Under 5.....	9,443	9.4%
5 to 9.....	9,039	9.0%
10 to 14.....	8,100	8.0%
15 to 19.....	7,864	7.8%
20 to 24.....	9,074	9.0%
25 to 34.....	20,280	20.2%
35 to 44.....	17,412	17.3%
45 to 54.....	10,136	10.1%
55 to 64.....	5,044	5.0%
65 to 74.....	2,692	2.7%
75 to 84.....	1,154	1.1%
85 and older.....	366	0.4%
Under 18.....	31,220	31.0%
18 to 64.....	65,172	64.8%
65 and older.....	4,212	4.2%

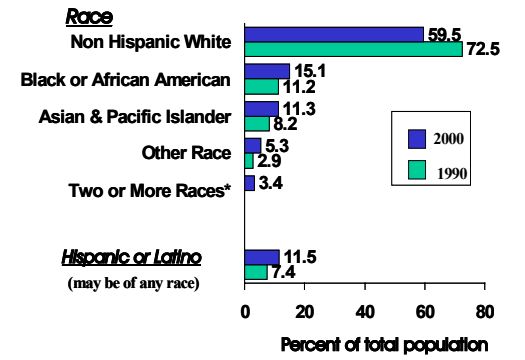
POPULATION (continued)

MEDIAN AGE (Years)	Hispanic	County
Total population.....	28.5	36.8
Male.....	27.3	35.6
Female.....	29.9	37.9

SEX	Number	Percent
Male.....	44,296	44.0%
Female.....	56,308	56.0%

DETAILED RACE	Number	Percent
White alone.....	46,401	46.1%
Black alone.....	2,885	2.9%
Am Indian/Alaska Native alone.....	788	0.8%
Asian & Pacific Islander alone.....	431	0.4%
Some other race.....	41,012	40.8%
Two or more races.....	9,087	9.0%

**GROWING MINORITY POPULATION
ACROSS THE DECADE**



* New category in 2000 Census.

NATIVITY AND PLACE OF BIRTH

	Number	Percent
Total Population.....	100,309	100.0%
Native.....	35,590	35.5%
Maryland.....	16,767	16.7%
Different state.....	15,833	15.8%
Born outside US.....	2,990	3.0%
Foreign Born.....	64,719	64.5%
Naturalized citizen.....	19,986	19.9%
Not a citizen.....	44,733	44.6%

POPULATION (continued)

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	Number	Percent
Mexico	8,917	8.9%
Puerto Rico	5,319	5.3%
Cuba	2,739	2.7%
Dominican Republic	2,368	2.4%
Central America	29,611	29.4%
Costa Rica	482	0.5%
Guatemala	3,448	3.4%
Honduras	2,010	2.0%
Nicaragua	2,319	2.3%
Panama	646	0.6%
El Salvador	19,271	19.2%
Other Central American	1,435	1.4%
South America	16,811	16.7%
Argentina	1,379	1.4%
Bolivia	2,398	2.4%
Chile	1,430	1.4%
Colombia	3,240	3.2%
Ecuador	1,604	1.6%
Peru	4,301	4.3%
Other South American	2,141	2.1%
Other Hispanic/Latino	34,839	34.6%

ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH

	Number	Percent
Population 5 years and older	90,890	100.0%
Speak only English	8,800	9.7%
Speak other languages	82,090	90.3%
Speak English 'very well'	39,147	43.1%
Speak English 'well'	20,135	22.1%
Speak English 'not well'	16,241	17.9%
Speak English 'not at all'	6,567	7.2%

RESIDENCE IN 1995

	Number	Percent
Population 5 years and over	90,890	100.0%
Same house in 1995	35,474	39.0%
Different house in US, 1995	41,167	45.3%
Same county	27,129	29.8%
Different county	14,038	15.4%
Same state	3,688	4.1%
Different state	10,350	11.4%
Elsewhere in 1995	14,249	15.7%

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

	Number	Percent
Adults age 25 and older	57,404	100.0%
Less than HS diploma	22,218	38.7%
High school diploma	10,692	18.6%
Assoc. degree/trade school	2,392	4.2%
Some college	9,436	16.4%
Bachelor degree or higher	12,666	22.1%
Bachelor's degree	6,673	11.7%
Graduate/professional degree	5,993	10.4%

POPULATION (continued)

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

	Number	Percent
Age 16 and older	72,704	100.0%
Civilian Labor Force	49,576	68.2%
Employed	46,769	64.3%
Male	25,330	34.8%
Female	21,439	29.5%
Unemployed	2,807	3.9%
Armed Forces	330	0.5%

COMMUTE TO WORK

	Number	Percent
Workers 16 and older	46,134	100.0%
Drove alone	25,717	55.7%
Carpooled	9,223	20.0%
Public Transit	8,320	18.0%
Other	1,706	3.7%
Worked at home	1,168	2.5%

HOUSING

HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS BY TENURE

	Number	Percent
Total number of households	25,064	100.0%
Average household size	3.87	
Average family size	3.96	
Owner occupied	13,138	52.4%
Avg. household size	4.10	
Median monthly cost	\$1,462	
Median value*	\$161,900	
Renter occupied	11,926	47.6%
Avg. household size	3.62	
Median rent	\$867	

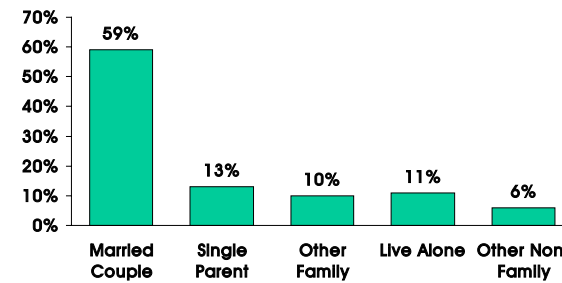
*Owner estimate

HOUSEHOLD TYPE

	Number	Percent
Total number of households	25,064	100.0%
Family households	20,816	83.1%
Married couple	14,832	59.2%
With related children	10,155	40.5%
No related children	4,677	18.7%
Other family households	5,984	23.9%
Male single-parent	865	3.5%
Male householder, no related children	1,085	4.3%
Female single-parent	2,495	10.0%
Female householder, no related children	1,539	6.1%
Non-family households	4,248	16.9%
Living alone	2,674	10.7%
Not living alone	1,574	6.2%

HOUSING (continued)

3 OUT OF 5 LATINO HOUSEHOLDS ARE MARRIED COUPLES



HOUSEHOLD TYPE BY SIZE

	Number	Percent
Total households	25,064	100.0%
Family households	20,816	83.1%
2-person	3,667	14.6%
3-person	4,087	16.3%
4-person	5,048	20.1%
5 or more	8,014	32.1%
Non-family households	4,248	16.9%
1-person	2,674	10.7%
2-person	897	3.5%
3-person	303	1.2%
4-person	170	0.7%
5 or more	204	0.8%

INCOME

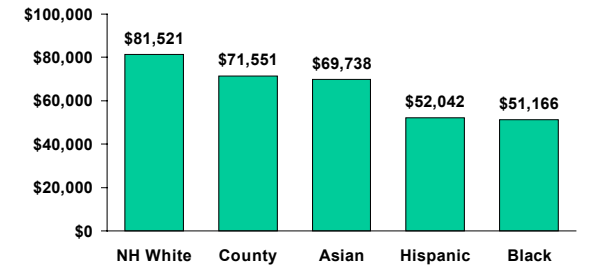
1999 HISPANIC HOUSEHOLD INCOME

	Number	Percent
Under \$10,000	1,202	4.7%
\$10,000 - 14,999	910	3.5%
\$15,000 - 24,999	2,161	8.4%
\$25,000 - 34,999	2,957	11.5%
\$35,000 - 44,999	3,305	12.8%
\$45,000 - 59,999	4,513	17.5%
\$60,000 - 74,999	3,099	12.0%
\$75,000 - 99,999	3,529	13.7%
\$100,000 - 124,999	1,698	6.6%
\$125,000 - 149,999	901	3.5%
\$150,000 - 199,999	831	3.2%
\$200,000 and more	644	2.5%

1999 Median Hispanic household income	\$52,042
1999 Median Hispanic family income	\$49,269
1999 Median County household income	\$71,551
1999 Median family income	\$84,035

INCOME (continued)

1999 MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME BY RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN



POVERTY STATUS IN 1999

	No. Below Poverty	% Below Poverty
Families below poverty level	1,947	8.9%
Married-couple family	889	5.7%
With related children	744	6.9%
No related children	145	3.0%
Other family	1,058	16.9%
Male single-parent	199	3.2%
Male householder, No related children	39	4.8%
Female single-parent	719	18.0%
Female householder, No related children	101	9.9%
Individuals below poverty level	11,203	11.1%
< 18 years	3,794	12.7%
18 years and older	7,409	10.5%
65 years and older	462	12.5%

MONTHLY HOUSING COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF 1999 HOUSEHOLD INCOME

	Total	Percent
Total owner units	11,790	100.0%
Monthly owner cost <35%	8,120	68.9%
Monthly owner cost 35%+	2,879	31.1%
Total renter units	11,698	100.0%
Monthly renter cost <35%	8,176	69.9%
Monthly renter cost 35%+	3,522	30.1%

Median monthly housing cost as a percentage of 1999 household income

Home ownership	24.9%
Gross rent	26.0%