



Ohio Latino Demographics

each one counts

The Ohio Hispanic/Latino* community stands at over 505,000 people strong accounting for more than 4.3 percent of the state's total population. The current median age for Latinos within the state of Ohio is 25.8 years of age with 30 percent of the total Latino population being 15 years or younger. In comparison, in Ohio, the average age for non-Hispanic is 39.5 years. In spite of the relatively young Ohio Latino population, only 27% of Latinos over the age of 25 hold a post-secondary degree. Currently, there are 117,000 Hispanic children enrolled in Ohio public schools. Additionally, within the state of Ohio, of the top five institutions which enrolled Latinos, only one was a four-year institution.

All of these of these facts combined highlight the need for increased college access efforts that specifically target Latino populations.

While there is a clear need for an increase in educational outreach for the Latino population within the state of Ohio, the problem that presents itself is the geographical variation of the Latino population within the state; which leads to existing college access efforts and educational outreach programs that are not well integrated in Latino community networks and schools. Given the rapid population increase beginning in 2000, the Hispanic organization networks in Ohio are emerging and dispersed.

Demographics show that three out of every ten Hispanic Ohioans live in one of the three metropolitan areas of Cleveland, Columbus, or Toledo which are located in the northeast, northwest and central parts of the state, respectively. Hispanics make up a higher proportion of county populations in the north and northwest sections of Ohio, many of which are rural in nature. Because of the dispersion of Latinos students across the state and the relatively small numbers of Latino youth in concentrated in a single metro area Latino Educational Solutions pursues an authentic, cultural engagement experience for our clients.

- The terms Hispanic and Latino are used interchangeably.

<https://development.ohio.gov/files/research/p7002.pdf>¹

<https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/OH/RHI725221>