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Statistical Profile

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An estimated 791,000 Hispanics of Honduran origin resided in the United States in 2013, according to a Pew Research Center analysis of the Census Bureau's American Community Survey.

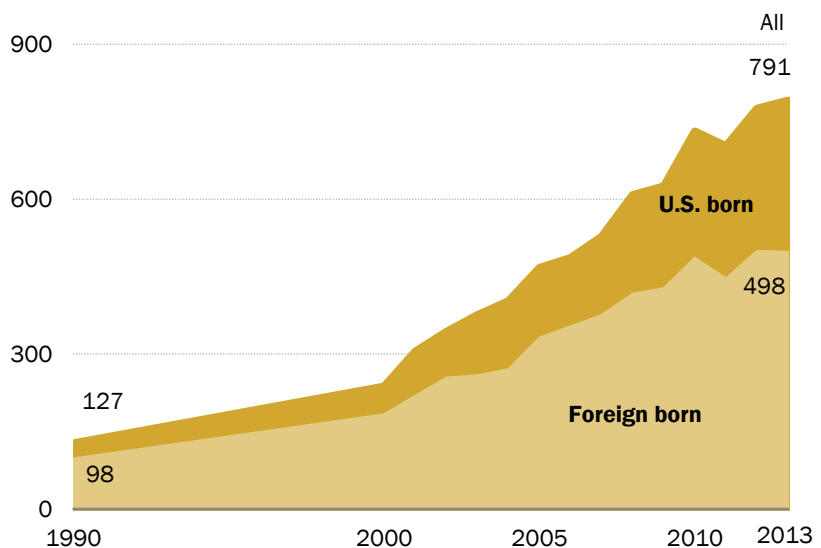
Hondurans in this statistical profile are people who self-identified as Hispanics of Honduran origin; this means either they themselves are Honduran immigrants or they trace their family ancestry to Honduras.

Hondurans are the eighth-largest population of Hispanic origin living in the United States, accounting for 1.5% of the U.S. Hispanic population in 2013. Since 1990, the Honduran-origin population has increased sixfold, growing from 127,000 to 791,000 over the period. At the same time, the foreign-born population of Honduran origin living in the U.S. grew by over 407%, up from 98,000 in 1990 to 498,000 in 2013. In comparison, Mexicans, the nation's largest Hispanic origin group, constituted 34.6 million, or 64.1%, of the Hispanic population in 2013.¹

FIGURE 1

Honduran-Origin Population in the U.S., 1990-2013

In thousands



Note: People in group quarters such as college dormitories or institutions are not included in figures for 2001 to 2005. Changes in the wording of the Hispanic origin question in the 2000 decennial census may have led to an undercount of some Hispanic origin groups in that year. For more, see <http://www.pewhispanic.org/2002/05/09/counting-the-other-hispanics/>.

Source: Pew Research Center tabulations of 1990 and 2000 censuses (5% IPUMS) and 2001-2013 American Community Surveys (1% IPUMS)

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¹ Percentages are computed before numbers are rounded.

This statistical profile compares the demographic, income and economic characteristics of the Honduran population with the characteristics of all Hispanics and the U.S. population overall. It is based on Pew Research Center tabulations of the 2013 American Community Survey. Key facts include:

- **Immigration status.** Nearly two-in-three Hondurans (63%) in the United States are foreign born, compared with 35% of Hispanics and 13% of the U.S. population overall. One-quarter of immigrants from Honduras have been in the U.S. for over 20 years. About two-in-ten Honduran immigrants (21%) are U.S. citizens.
- **Language.** Close to half (48%) of Hondurans ages 5 and older speak English proficiently.² Some 52% of Hondurans report speaking English less than very well, compared with 32% of all Hispanics. In addition, 88% of Hondurans ages 5 and older speak Spanish at home.
- **Age.** Hondurans are younger than the U.S. population. The median age of Hondurans is 28; the median ages of the U.S. population and all Hispanics are 37 and 28, respectively. Among Hondurans, the median age of immigrants is 35 years, while it's only 10 years among the U.S. born.
- **Marital status.** Hondurans ages 18 and older are married at a lower rate (39%) than Hispanics overall (46%) and the U.S. population overall (50%). Among Hondurans ages 18 and older, the foreign born are twice as likely to be married as U.S.-born Hondurans, 43% vs. 19%, respectively.
- **Fertility.** Some 8% of Honduran women ages 15 to 44 gave birth in the 12 months prior to this survey. That was similar to the rate for all Hispanic women (7%) and slightly greater than the overall rate for U.S. women (6%).
- **Regional dispersion.** Hondurans are concentrated in the South (55%), mostly in Florida (16%) and Texas (13%), and in the Northeast (22%), mostly in New York (11%). An additional 17% live in the West.

² This includes Hondurans ages 5 and older who speak only English at home or, if they speak a non-English language at home, indicate they can speak English "very well."

- **Educational attainment.** Hondurans have lower levels of education than the U.S. Hispanic population and the U.S. population overall. Some 9% of Hondurans ages 25 and older—compared with 14% of all U.S. Hispanics and 30% among the entire U.S. population—have obtained at least a bachelor’s degree. Among Hondurans ages 25 and older, the U.S. born are more likely to have earned a bachelor’s degree or more than foreign-born Hondurans—21% vs. 7%.
- **Income.** The median annual personal earnings for Hondurans ages 16 and older was \$19,000 in the year prior to the survey—lower than the median earnings for all U.S. Hispanics (\$21,900) and the median earnings for the U.S. population (\$30,000).
- **Poverty status.** The share of Hondurans who live in poverty, 28%, is higher than the rate for the general U.S. population (16%) and for Hispanics overall (25%).
- **Health insurance.** Almost half of Hondurans (46%) do not have health insurance compared with 29% of all Hispanics and 15% of the general U.S. population. Some 15% of Hondurans younger than 18 are uninsured. (These data reflect insurance rates prior to the implementation of the individual insurance mandate of the Affordable Care Act.)
- **Homeownership.** The rate of Honduran homeownership (28%) is lower than the rate for all Hispanics (45%) and the U.S. population (64%) as a whole.

About the Data

This statistical profile of Hispanics of Honduras origin is based on the Census Bureau’s 2013 [American Community Survey](#) (ACS). The ACS is the largest household survey in the United States, with a sample of about 3 million addresses. The data used for this statistical profile come from 2013 ACS Integrated Public Use Microdata Series ([IPUMS](#)), representing a 1% sample of the U.S. population.

Like any survey, estimates from the ACS are subject to sampling error and (potentially) measurement error. Information on the ACS sampling strategy and associated error is available at http://www.census.gov/acs/www/methodology/methodology_main/. An example of measurement error is that citizenship rates for the foreign born are estimated to be overstated in the decennial census and other official surveys, such as the ACS (see Jeffrey S. Passel. 2007. “[Growing Share of Immigrants Choosing Naturalization](#).” Washington, D.C.: Pew Research Center, March). Finally, estimates from the ACS may differ from the decennial census or other Census Bureau surveys due to differences in methodology and data collection procedures (see, for example, <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/laborfor/laborfactsheet092209.html> and <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/poverty/about/datasources/factsheet.html>).

Table 1
U.S. Population, by Ethnicity and Honduran Origin, 2013

Thousands, unless otherwise noted

	All	Hispanics	Hispanics of Honduran Origin		
			All	U.S. born	Foreign born
TOTAL	316,129	53,964	791	293	498
Gender					
Male	155,592	27,377	415	155	260
Female	160,537	26,587	376	138	238
Nativity					
U.S. Born	274,788	34,981	293	293	---
Foreign Born	41,341	18,983	498	---	498
Age					
Median (in years)	37	28	28	10	35
Age Groups					
Younger than 5	19,682	5,053	76	73	3
5-17	53,820	12,635	164	135	29
18-29	53,007	10,923	180	55	125
30-39	40,997	8,454	165	16	149
40-49	42,158	7,039	104	8	96
50-64	61,801	6,560	79	5	74
65 and older	44,663	3,301	24	1	23
Marital Status (ages 18 and older)					
Married	122,043	16,750	217	16	200
Never married	71,957	13,603	261	61	200
Divorced/separated/widowed	48,628	5,924	73	7	66
Fertility (women ages 15 to 44)					
Total number of women	63,071	12,411	188	40	148
Women who had a birth in the past 12 months	3,893	873	15	1	14
Unmarried women ¹ who had a birth in the past 12 mo	1,478	393	***	***	***
School Enrollment (ages 5 to 18)					
K-12	52,794	12,383	160	130	30
Educational Attainment (ages 25 and older)					
Less than high school graduate	28,268	10,491	209	8	201
High school graduate ²	58,768	8,037	126	10	116
Two-year degree/Some college	61,501	6,988	80	16	65
Bachelor's degree or more	62,454	4,169	39	9	30
Median Annual Personal Earnings (in dollars)					
All (ages 16 and older with earnings)	\$30,000	\$21,900	\$19,000	\$18,000	\$19,000
Full-time, year-round workers	\$42,000	\$30,000	\$24,000	\$29,000	\$24,000
Persons in Poverty ³					
Younger than 18	16,224	5,739	92	80	12
18-64	28,336	6,693	123	14	109
65 and older	4,155	631	4	<0.5	4
Health Insurance ⁴					
Uninsured, all ages	46,654	15,411	361	48	313
Uninsured, younger than 18	5,245	2,033	36	18	17
Persons in Households by Type of Household ⁵					
In family households	257,066	48,026	685	272	413
In married-couple households	183,952	30,351	349	135	214
In non-family households	51,033	4,944	90	15	74
Citizenship					
Citizen	294,112	41,173	399	293	107
Non-citizen	22,016	12,791	391	---	391
Language (ages 5 and older)					
Speaks only English at home	234,715	12,893	79	55	24
Does not speak only English at home	61,732	36,019	636	165	471
Speaks English very well	36,673	20,287	263	141	122
Speaks English less than very well	25,059	15,732	373	24	349
Years in the U.S. (foreign-born only)					
0 to 5 years	5,959	1,960	79	---	79
6 to 10 years	5,791	2,926	124	---	124
11 to 15 years	7,012	3,811	108	---	108
16 to 20 years	4,915	2,456	61	---	61
Over 20 years	17,664	7,830	126	---	126
Regional Dispersion					
Northeast	55,943	7,537	171	71	100
New York	19,651	3,609	87	36	51
New Jersey	8,899	1,685	49	***	30
Midwest	67,548	4,953	54	21	33
South	118,384	19,724	435	147	289
Florida	19,553	4,620	123	43	80
Texas	26,448	10,155	107	32	75
West	74,254	21,749	131	55	76
California	38,333	14,716	105	43	62

¹Unmarried women includes those who were never married, divorced, separated or widowed. ²High school graduate" includes those who have attained a high school diploma or its equivalent, such as a General Education Development (GED) certificate. ³For detailed information on how poverty status is determined, see <http://usa.ipums.org/usa-action/variables/POVERTY>. Due to the way in which the IPUMS assigns poverty values, these data will differ from those that might be provided by the U.S. Census Bureau. ⁴These data reflect insurance coverage prior to the implementation of the individual insurance mandate of the Affordable Care Act. ⁵The household population excludes persons living in institutions, college dormitories and other group quarters.

Note: Numbers may not sum to the total due to rounding. Analysis is based on the following number of observations: all, 3,132,795; Hispanics, 435,427; Hispanics of Honduran origin, 5,325; U.S.-born Hondurans, 1,984; foreign-born Hondurans, 3,341. The symbol *** indicates insufficient number of observations to provide a reliable estimate.

Source: Pew Research Center tabulations of the 2013 American Community Survey (1% IPUMS). More information on the source data and sampling error is available at <http://usa.ipums.org/usa/design.shtml> and http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/data_documentation/Accuracy/ACS_Accuracy_of_Data_2013.pdf.

Table 2

Household Characteristics, by Ethnicity and Honduran Origin, 2013

	All	Hispanics	Hispanics of Honduran Origin		
			All	U.S. born	Foreign born
Total (in thousands)	116,291	14,246	195	18	177
Homeownership (household heads)					
In owner-occupied homes (in thousands)	73,933	6,452	56	***	50
In renter-occupied homes (in thousands)	42,358	7,794	140	***	127
Homeownership rate (%)	63.6	45.3	28.5	***	28.1
Household Annual Income (in dollars)					
Median	\$52,000	\$41,000	\$36,080	***	\$36,000
Household Size					
Average number of persons	2.6	3.5	3.8	***	3.9

Note: The household population excludes persons living in institutions, college dormitories and other group quarters. Households are classified by the ethnicity of the household head. Numbers may not sum to the total due to rounding. Analysis is based on the following number of observations: all, 1,211,264; Hispanics, 121,664; Hispanics of Honduran origin, 1,412; U.S.-born Hondurans, 157; foreign-born Hondurans, 1,255. The symbol *** indicates insufficient number of observations to provide a reliable estimate.

Source: Pew Research Center tabulations of the 2013 American Community Survey (1% IPUMS). More information on the source data and sampling error is available at <http://usa.ipums.org/usa/design.shtml> and http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/data_documentation/Accuracy/ACS_Accuracy_of_Data_2013.pdf.

Table 3

Employment Characteristics, by Ethnicity and Honduran Origin, 2013

Thousands, unless otherwise noted

	All	Hispanics	Hispanics of Honduran Origin		
			All	U.S. born	Foreign born
Employment Status (civilians ages 16 and older)					
Employed	145,238	22,948	377	54	323
Unemployed	13,365	2,535	44	8	36
Not in labor force	91,321	12,437	147	33	114
Unemployment rate (%)	8.4	9.9	10.5	12.9	10.1
Industries¹					
Construction, agriculture and mining	11,827	3,116	87	3	84
Manufacturing	15,283	2,383	35	4	31
Trade and transportation	26,636	4,322	62	13	48
Information, finance and other services	91,492	13,127	194	34	159
Occupations					
Management, professional and related occupations	56,566	5,087	46	14	31
Services	22,944	5,522	116	12	104
Sales and office support	35,127	5,037	56	17	40
Construction, extraction and farming	8,287	2,724	84	3	81
Maintenance, production, transportation and material moving	22,314	4,577	75	9	66

¹Currently employed civilians ages 16 and older.

Note: Analysis is based on the following number of observations: all, 2,530,954; Hispanics, 311,328; Hispanics of Honduran origin, 3,897; U.S.-born Hondurans, 722; foreign-born Hondurans, 3,175.

Source: Pew Research Center tabulations of the 2013 American Community Survey (1% IPUMS). More information on the source data and sampling error is available at <http://usa.ipums.org/usa/design.shtml> and http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/data_documentation/Accuracy/ACS_Accuracy_of_Data_2013.pdf.