

Hispanic Heritage Month in Pennsylvania

HARRISBURG – The U.S. Census Bureau latest Population Estimates show that the U.S. Hispanic population reached 62.6 million in 2021, making people of Hispanic origin the nation’s largest racial or ethnic group — 18.9% of the nation’s total population.

Pennsylvania was one of fourteen states with a population of one million or more Hispanic residents in 2021. Other states included Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Texas, and Washington.

While Pennsylvania’s overall population decreased slightly (less than 1%) from 2020 to 2021, the number of residents who identify as Hispanic increased by 2.8 percent. As of 2021, Hispanic or Latino residents accounted for 8.4% of Pennsylvania’s population. The counties with the most residents who identify as Hispanic or Latino (of any race) are Lehigh (28.0%), Berks (23.9%), Monroe (18.3%), Luzerne (16.0%), and Philadelphia (15.9%).

Hispanic-Owned Businesses

According to the American Business Survey, in Pennsylvania there are more than 3,000 classifiable* Hispanic-owned businesses. The three sectors with the most Hispanic-owned businesses are:

- Accommodations and food (14.2%)
- Professional scientific and technical (11.1%)
- Transportation and warehousing (7.0%)

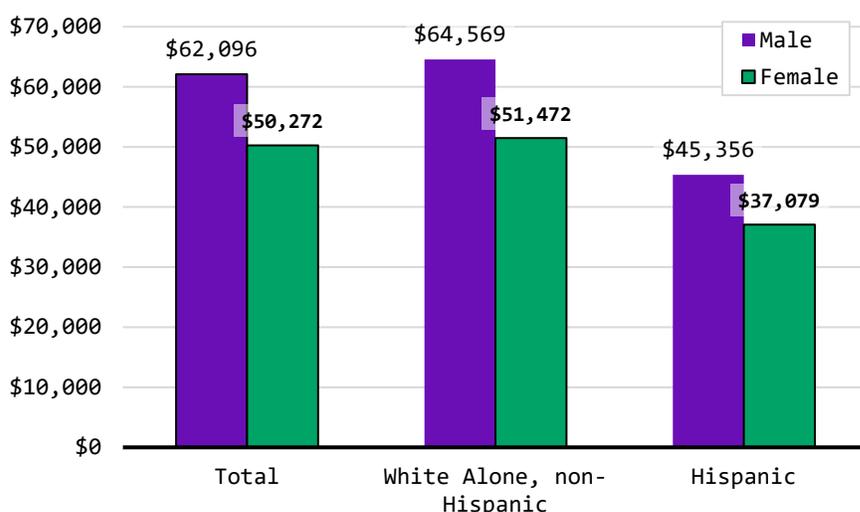
Among Hispanic-owned businesses, 66.7 percent are owned by males, 22.1 percent are owned by females, and 11.3 percent are equally owned by males and females. This breakdown is in line with the Pennsylvania average.

Employment Status and Earnings

Data from the American Community Survey 2021 1-Year Estimates show that, among those age 16 years and over, 47.3 percent of male residents worked full time, year-round compared to 35.7 percent of female residents in Pennsylvania. Among Hispanic residents age 16 years and older, 46.7 percent of males and 36.8 percent of females worked full time, year-round.

While the percent of those worked full time, year-round were mirrored the proportion for all Pennsylvania residents, earnings were not equivalent. In Pennsylvania, non-Hispanic white males earned more when compared non-Hispanic white females, the total population (males and females) of any race and ethnicity, and male and female residents who identify as Hispanic or Latino.

Among Pennsylvania residents age 16 and older who worked full time, year-round, 67.5 percent of non-Hispanic



Median earnings for full-time, year-round workers by ethnicity and sex. Dollar values are listed in 2021-adjusted values.

white males and 53.2 percent of non-Hispanic white females earned more than \$50,000 compared to and 64.4 percent of males and 50.2 percent of females of any race or ethnicity. Among Hispanic residents, only 44.6 percent of males and 31.6 percent of females earn more than \$50,000.

Explore the American Business Survey and the 2021 ACS 1-Year estimates through the U.S. Census Bureau's data dissemination platform at data.census.gov.

Notes & Sources:

**In the American Business Survey, firms unclassifiable by sex, ethnicity, race, and veteran status include firms that have no owners with a 10% or greater ownership of the stock or equity in the business.*

U.S. Census Bureau. Vintage 2021 Population Estimates.

U.S. Census Bureau. 2019 Annual Business Survey.

U.S. Census Bureau. 2021 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates.

The Pennsylvania State Data Center is the commonwealth's official source for population and economic statistics. It is based at Penn State Harrisburg's Institute of State and Regional Affairs. The Pennsylvania State Data Center is part of the U.S. Census Bureau's National State Data Center Program.

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