

Utah's Hispanic Population, 2016

This snapshot provides insights about Utah's Hispanic population using the 1-year estimates from the American Community Survey (ACS). The ACS is a self-response based sample-survey. Data from the ACS are period estimates, representing the collection of information throughout the entire year. To compare, the decennial census provides point estimates.

Although there are many different ethnic groups in the United States, the Census Bureau uses the term "ethnicity" to indicate whether people identify as Hispanic or Latino or not. To estimate the Hispanic or Latino population, respondents self-identify if they are Hispanic or Latino or not. In the ACS, the question asked is "Is this person Spanish/Hispanic/Latino?" with options identifying various countries of origin (Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba, etc.).

In 2016, 13.8 percent of Utah's population identified as Hispanic or Latino, making them the largest minority group. Almost three-quarters of the Hispanic population identifies as Mexican. The next largest share of Utah's Hispanic population in 2016 were people from South America, followed by Central America.

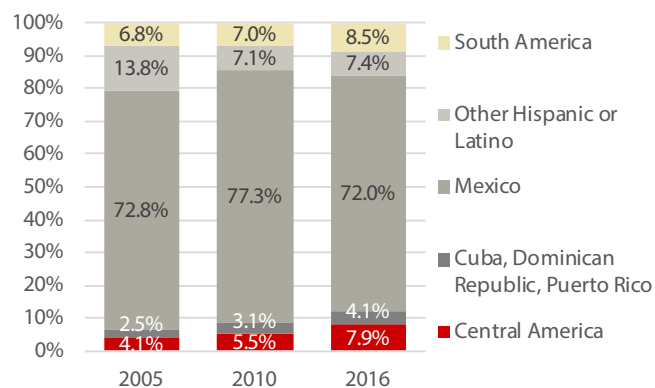
Race is considered a person's self-identification with one or more social groups. In 2016, just over half of Utah's Hispanic population identified as White. The next largest group was some other race (38.5 percent), followed by two or more races (4.4 percent).

Table 1: Utah Population

	2005	2010	2016
Total Population	2,427,350	2,776,469	3,051,217
Hispanic or Latino			
Count	264,084	361,956	420,440
Share of Total	10.8%	13.0%	13.8%

Source: American Community Survey, 1-year estimates.

Figure 1: Utah Hispanic Population by Country of Origin



Source: American Community Survey, 1-year estimates.

Table 2: Race and Ethnicity, Utah Hispanic Population

	2005	2010	2016
American Indian and Alaska Native	1.0%	1.5%	1.2%
Asian	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%
Black or African American	0.3%	0.6%	0.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.3%	0.5%	0.1%
Some other race	37.8%	27.7%	38.5%
Two or more races	3.5%	4.6%	4.4%
White	57.0%	65.2%	55.2%

Source: American Community Survey, 1-year estimates.

Table 3: Citizenship and Nativity, Share of Utah Hispanic Population by Selected Age Groups

	2005	2010	2016
18 and over			
Foreign born	36.8%	33.1%	32.0%
Naturalized U.S. Citizen	19.0%	24.6%	27.7%
Not a U.S. Citizen	81.0%	75.4%	72.3%
Native born	26.1%	26.8%	30.0%
Under 18			
Foreign born	5.6%	3.4%	1.5%
Naturalized U.S. Citizen	17.0%	7.1%	16.7%
Not a U.S. Citizen	83.0%	92.9%	83.3%
Native born	31.6%	36.8%	36.5%

Source: American Community Survey, 1-year estimates.

The Hispanic or Latino population in Utah has a higher share of children (ages 0 to 17) and a lower share of retirement age (ages 65 and over) than the total population of the state. The share of working age population (ages 18 to 64) is similar.

Utah's Hispanic population made up about 11.6 percent of the 25 years and over population statewide. The Hispanic 25 and over population has a higher share of residents with no high school diploma and high school graduates than their statewide peers. The differences in educational attainment are also seen in lower shares of the Utah Hispanic population attaining post-secondary education than the statewide shares.

In Utah, median family income is higher than median household income. This is also seen in the Hispanic population, with median household income at \$47,167 and family median income at \$49,167 in 2016. The vast majority of the Hispanic population between ages 16 and 64 that is participating in the labor force are employed.

Ten percent of households in Utah are Hispanic or Latino. Across Hispanic households, there is a nearly 50/50 split between home owners and renters. Statewide, 70 percent of households are owner-occupied, while 30 percent are renter-occupied.

Utah's Hispanic households are primarily family households (80 percent) - the majority of which are married couple households. Nonfamily households comprise almost 1 in 5 Hispanic households in Utah. Of these, the majority are single person households. More than 12,000 Hispanic grandparents live with their grandchildren. Just over 22 percent of these grandparents are responsible for the care of their grandchildren.

Table 4: Selected Age Groups, Share of Utah Hispanic and Total Population

	2005	2010	2016
Hispanic or Latino Population			
Under 5	13.0%	12.5%	11.0%
5 to 17	24.1%	27.6%	27.0%
18 to 24	12.5%	12.6%	12.8%
25 to 64	47.5%	44.4%	45.3%
65 and over	2.8%	2.9%	3.9%
Total Population			
Under 5	9.7%	9.5%	8.3%
5 to 17	20.7%	22.0%	21.9%
18 to 24	12.4%	11.5%	11.3%
25 to 64	48.7%	48.0%	48.0%
65 and over	8.5%	9.0%	10.5%

Source: American Community Survey, 1-year estimates.

Table 5: Educational Attainment, Utah Hispanic Population 25 years and over

	2005	2010	2016
Total population, 25 and over	133,010	171,251	206,718
No High School Diploma	35.7%	36.5%	32.0%
High school graduate (or equivalent)	31.2%	29.5%	30.0%
Some college, no degree	17.0%	18.3%	17.8%
Associate's degree	4.9%	5.0%	7.1%
Bachelor's degree	8.4%	8.0%	9.5%
Graduate degree	2.8%	2.7%	3.5%

Source: American Community Survey, 1-year estimates.

Table 6: Economic Attributes, Utah Hispanic Population

	2005	2010	2016
Median Household Income	\$45,341*	\$43,782*	\$47,167
Median Family Income	\$43,750*	\$44,375*	\$49,196
At or below poverty level	22.7%	27.2%	17.6%
16 to 64 year population			
In labor force	77.5%	76.3%	78.1%
Employed	93.9%	85.2%	95.3%
Unemployed	3.2%	7.1%	2.4%
Not in labor force	22.5%	23.7%	21.9%

Source: American Community Survey, 1-year estimates.
* Inflation adjusted to 2016 values by Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute.

Table 7: Household Attributes, Utah Hispanic Population

	2005	2010	2016
Total Households	68,211	88,825	101,344
Share of Total Households	8.6%	10.1%	10.7%
Family Households	81.2%	82.5%	80.8%
Married Couple	69.8%	70.4%	66.5%
Other Family	30.2%	29.6%	33.5%
Male Householder	43.9%	33.3%	38.2%
Female householder	56.1%	66.7%	61.8%
Nonfamily Households	18.8%	17.5%	19.2%
Householder living alone	74.6%	74.3%	66.2%
Householder not living alone	25.4%	25.7%	33.8%
Grandparent living with grandchildren	n/a	10,059	12,355
Responsible for grandchildren	n/a	42.2%	22.8%
Not responsible for grandchildren	n/a	57.8%	77.2%
Owner occupied	49.9%	49.7%	50.1%
Renter occupied	50.1%	50.4%	49.9%

Source: American Community Survey, 1-year estimates.

Note: Grandparent responsibility data available from 2006 onward.