

## Hispanics of Honduran Origin in the United States, 2007

A total of 527,000 Hispanics of Honduran origin resided in the United States in 2007, according to 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 1.2% of the U.S. Hispanic population in 2007. Mexicans constituted 29.2 million, or 64.3%, of the Hispanic population.<sup>1</sup>

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 Hispanic Center tabulations of the 2007 American Community Survey. Key facts include:

- **Immigration status.** Seven-in-ten Hondurans (71.3%) in the United States are foreign born compared with 39.8% of Hispanics and 12.6% of the U.S. population overall. Three-in-four immigrants from Honduras (76.6%) arrived in the U.S. in 1990 or later. Two-in-ten Honduran immigrants (20.8%) are U.S. citizens.
- **Language.** Less than four-in-ten Hondurans (37.2%) speak English proficiently.<sup>2</sup> Some 62.8% of Hondurans ages 5 and older report speaking English less than very well, compared with 38.8% of all Hispanics.
- **Age.** Hondurans are younger than the U.S. population and similar in age to Hispanics overall. The median age of Hondurans is 28; the median ages of the U.S. population and all Hispanics are 36 and 27, respectively.

<sup>1</sup> Percentages are computed before numbers are rounded.

<sup>2</sup> Hondurans ages 5 and older who report speaking only English at home or speaking English very well.

- **Marital status.** Hondurans are less likely than Hispanics overall to be married—41.4% versus 47.3%.
- **Fertility.** One-half (51.4%) of Honduran women ages 15 to 44 who gave birth in the 12 months prior to the survey were unmarried. That was greater than the rate for all Hispanic women—38.1%—and the rate for U.S. women—33.4%.
- **Regional dispersion.** A majority of Hondurans (54.3%) live in the South, mostly in Florida and Texas. Some one-in-eight Hondurans (13.1%) live in California; one-in-nine (11.2%) live in New York.
- **Educational attainment.** Hondurans have lower levels of education than the Hispanic population overall. Some 48.4% of Hondurans ages 25 and older—compared with 39.4% of all U.S. Hispanics—have not obtained at least a high school diploma.
- **Income.** The median annual personal earnings for Hondurans ages 16 and older were \$18,214 in 2007; the median earnings for all U.S. Hispanics were \$21,048.
- **Poverty status.** The share of Hondurans who live in poverty, 21.4%, is higher than the rate for the general U.S. population (11.9%) and Hispanics overall (19.5%).
- **Homeownership.** The rate of Honduran homeownership (30.6%) is lower than the rate for all Hispanics (49.9%) and the U.S. population (67.2%) as a whole.

#### About the Data

This statistical profile of Hispanics of Honduran origin is based on the Census Bureau's 2007 [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 2007 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 [www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/ACS/accuracy2007.pdf](http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/ACS/accuracy2007.pdf). 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 Passel, "[Growing Share of Immigrants Choosing Naturalization](#)," Pew Hispanic Center, Washington, D.C. (March 28, 2007)). 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/acs/www/Downloads/Report10.pdf> and [http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/ACS/ASA\\_nelson.pdf](http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/ACS/ASA_nelson.pdf)).

	U.S. Population	All Hispanics	Hispanics of Honduran Origin
<b>Total</b>	301,621	45,379	527
<b>Gender</b>			
Male	148,639	23,455	272
Female	152,982	21,924	255
<b>Nativity</b>			
Native Born	263,573	27,329	151
Foreign Born	38,048	18,050	376
<b>Age</b>			
Median (in years)	36	27	28
<b>Age Groups</b>			
Younger than 5	20,696	4,894	55
5-17	53,217	10,438	90
18-29	50,386	9,328	133
30-39	40,623	7,629	119
40-49	45,132	5,871	71
50-64	53,769	4,737	44
65 and older	37,798	2,481	15
<b>Marital Status (ages 15 and older)</b>			
Married	120,941	15,299	168
Never married	74,061	12,199	183
Divorced/separated/widowed	45,704	4,853	55
<b>Fertility (women ages 15 to 44)</b>			
Total number of women	62,106	10,403	141
Women who had a birth in the past 12 months	4,137	898	13
Unmarried women <sup>1</sup> who had a birth in the past 12 months	1,382	342	7
<b>School Enrollment (ages 5 to 18)</b>			
K-12	52,022	10,130	85
<b>Educational Attainment (ages 25 and older)</b>			
Less than high school diploma	30,594	9,768	152
High school diploma or equivalent	59,707	6,985	82
Some college	53,251	4,931	44
Bachelor's degree or more	54,382	3,116	36
<b>Median Annual Personal Earnings (in dollars)</b>			
All (ages 16 and older with earnings)	\$28,333	\$21,048	\$18,214
Full-time, year-round workers	\$39,464	\$27,321	\$23,274
<b>Persons in Poverty<sup>2</sup></b>			
Younger than 18	12,809	4,045	44
18-64	19,856	4,362	68
65 and older	3,248	428	2
<b>Persons in Households by Type of Household<sup>3</sup></b>			
In family households	246,339	40,369	448
In married-couple households	181,733	26,497	241
In non-family households	47,161	4,144	73
<b>Citizenship</b>			
Citizen	279,778	32,444	229
Non-citizen	21,844	12,934	298
<b>Language (ages 5 and older)</b>			
Speaks only English at home	225,588	8,931	41
Does not speak only English at home	55,338	31,553	431
Speaks English very well	30,891	15,838	135
Speaks English less than very well	24,446	15,715	297
<b>Year of Entry (foreign-born only)</b>			
Before 1990	16,331	7,122	88
1990 to 1999	11,179	5,578	125
2000 or later	10,539	5,349	163
<b>Regional Dispersion</b>			
Northeast	54,681	6,198	109
New York	19,298	3,147	59
Midwest	66,389	4,076	39
South	110,455	15,850	286
Florida	18,251	3,751	94
Texas	23,904	8,591	76
Louisiana	4,293	135	29
West	70,097	19,256	93
California	36,553	13,219	69

<sup>1</sup>Unmarried women includes those who were never married, divorced or widowed. <sup>2</sup>For detailed information on how poverty status is determined, see <http://usa.ipums.org/usa-action/variableDescription.do?mnemonic=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. <sup>3</sup>The household population excludes persons living in institutions, college dormitories and other group quarters.

Note: Numbers may not sum to the total due to rounding.

Source: Pew Hispanic Center tabulations of the 2007 ACS (1% IPUMS sample). 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/ACS/accuracy2007.pdf>.

**Table 2**  
Household Characteristics, 2007

	U.S. Population	All Hispanics	Hispanics of Honduran Origin
<b>Total (in thousands)</b>	112,386	12,296	142
<b>Homeownership (household heads)</b>			
In owner-occupied homes (in thousands)	75,523	6,135	44
In renter-occupied homes (in thousands)	36,863	6,161	99
Homeownership rate (%)	67.2	49.9	30.6
<b>Household Annual Income (in dollars)</b>			
Median	\$50,595	\$40,476	\$39,667
<b>Household Size</b>			
Average number of persons	2.6	3.5	3.7

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.  
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**Table 3**  
Employment Characteristics, by Industry and Occupation, 2007  
*(thousands, unless otherwise noted)*

	U.S. Population	All Hispanics	Hispanics of Honduran Origin
<b>Employment Status (civilians ages 16 and older)</b>			
Employed	142,634	19,739	277
Unemployed	9,624	1,554	25
Not in labor force	83,170	10,163	97
Unemployment rate (%)	6.3	7.3	8.2
<b>Industries<sup>1</sup></b>			
Construction, agriculture and mining	13,701	3,299	77
Manufacturing	16,097	2,381	29
Trade and transportation	27,055	3,624	36
Information, finance and other services	85,781	10,435	135
<b>Occupations<sup>1</sup></b>			
Management, professional and related occupations	52,452	3,900	34
Services	20,728	4,391	76
Sales and office support	36,491	4,239	33
Construction, extraction and farming	9,867	2,958	75
Maintenance, production, transportation and material moving	23,096	4,252	58

<sup>1</sup>Currently employed civilians ages 16 and older.  
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