

The Hispanic or Latino Population, 2011

North Carolina

This report provides a snapshot of the Hispanic or Latino population in the state from 2010 Census. According to 2010 Census, the definition of Hispanic or Latino refers to a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race. An individual's response to the Hispanic Origin was based upon their self-identification. [1]

HISPANIC OR LATINO POPULATION

Data from the 2010 Census shows that the state ranked 10th nationally in the total Hispanic or Latino population. The state's total population was 9,535,483 on April 2010, of which 800,120 (8.4%) were of Hispanic or Latino Origin. The population grew by 111.1% between 2000 and 2010. The counties with higher proportion of the population were Mecklenburg (111,944), Wake (87,922) and Forsyth (41,775) in metropolitan areas. [2]

Census data gives insight that the Hispanic or Latino population in the state is still young. As shown in Table 1, 81% of the total population ranged from 0-39 years. People 60 and over represented only 3.4% of the total population. 2.1% (16,989) of the population were 65 and over and people 85 and over represented 0.2% (1,290) of the total Hispanic or Latino population. [2]

Table 1: Hispanic or Latino Population, 2010

Population	Number	Percent
Total Population	800,120	100%
0-17	307,790	38.5%
18-39	335,887	42.0%
40-59	129,104	16.1%
60+	27,339	3.4%
65+	16,989	2.1%
85+	1,290	0.2%

Source: US Census 2010, P12H Sex by Age (Hispanic or Latino)

The median age for the state was 24.5 with counties ranging from 31.8 (Hertford) to 19.4 (Swain). [3]

In 2010, people of Mexican origin comprised the largest Hispanic group, representing 61% of the total Hispanic population in the state. The second largest group was Puerto Rican, which comprised 9% followed by Cuban and Dominican. [4]

Table 2: Hispanic or Latino Origin Population by Type, 2010

Origin and type	Number	Percent of total
Total Hispanic or Latino population	800,120	100.0%
Mexican	486,960	60.9%
Puerto Rican	71,800	9.0%
Cuban	18,079	2.3%
Dominican	15,225	1.9%
Central American (excluding Mexican):	105,066	13.1%
<i>Costa Rican</i>	<i>4,658</i>	0.6%
<i>Guatemalan</i>	<i>20,206</i>	2.5%
<i>Honduran</i>	<i>30,900</i>	3.9%
<i>Nicaraguan</i>	<i>4,964</i>	0.6%
<i>Panamanian</i>	<i>5,708</i>	0.7%
<i>Salvadoran</i>	<i>37,778</i>	4.7%
<i>Other Central American</i>	<i>852</i>	0.1%
South American:	46,307	5.8%
<i>Argentinean</i>	<i>3,210</i>	0.4%
<i>Bolivian</i>	<i>878</i>	0.1%
<i>Chilean</i>	<i>2,525</i>	0.3%
<i>Colombian</i>	<i>17,648</i>	2.2%
<i>Ecuadorian</i>	<i>8,110</i>	1.0%
<i>Paraguayan</i>	<i>245</i>	0.0%
<i>Peruvian</i>	<i>8,247</i>	1.0%
<i>Uruguayan</i>	<i>980</i>	0.1%
<i>Venezuelan</i>	<i>4,070</i>	0.5%
<i>Other South American</i>	<i>394</i>	0.0%
Other Hispanic or Latino	56,683	7.1%

Source: US Census 2010, PCT 11 Hispanic or Latino by Specific Origin

People of Hispanic Origin can be of any race. The Table below gives the 2010 Census racial distribution of the Hispanic population. 49.9% of them identified themselves as some other race and 38.1% of them identified as White. Much smaller proportion of Hispanics identified themselves as other race groups. [5]

Table 3: Hispanic or Latino Population by Race, 2010

	Number	Percent
Total Hispanic or Latino Population	800,120	100%
White alone	304,955	38.1%
Black or African American alone	28,774	3.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	13,281	1.7%
Asian alone	2,383	0.3%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	1,345	0.2%
Some Other Race alone	398,942	49.9%
Two or More Races	50,440	6.3%

Source: US Census 2010, P5 Hispanic or Latino Origin by Race

POPULATION 60 AND OVER

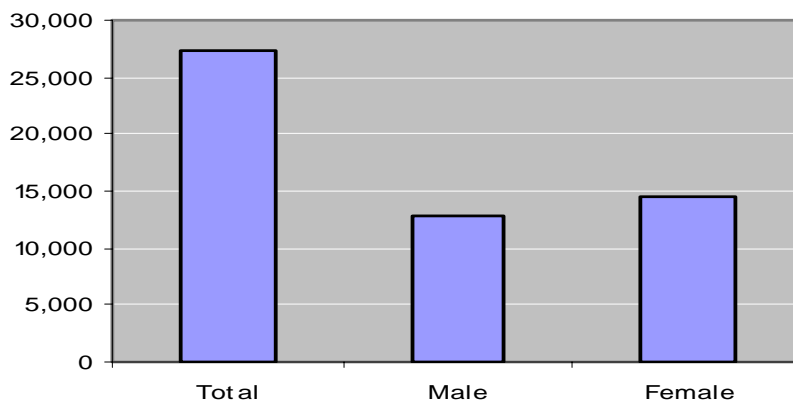
According to US Census 2010, the state ranked 15th nationally in the population 60 and over. There were 27,339 people who were 60 and over representing 3.4% of the total Hispanic or Latino population. Females represented a higher proportion of the population 60 and over. There were 14,569 (53.3%) women compared to 12,770 (46.7%) males 60 and over years of age. [2]

Higher proportion of this population resided in counties in metropolitan areas.

The population of 60 and over ranged from 5 to 4,183 people in the counties. Lower proportion of people 60 and over were in rural counties (Table 4).

Though the population is young now, this could change in the coming decades due to the aging of the population and also migration.

Figure 1: Population 60 and over, 2010



Source: US Census 2010, P12H Sex by Age (Hispanic or Latino)

Table 4: Hispanic or Latino Population 60 and Over, 2010

Counties	60 and over
Mecklenburg	4,183
Wake	2,846
Cumberland	1,461
Guilford	1,238
Forsyth	1,182
Durham	836
Union	734
Johnston	655
Cabarrus	581
Buncombe	569
Gaston	493
Alamance	490
Onslow	456
Catawba	454
Iredell	452
Henderson	437
New Hanover	434
Randolph	379
Harnett	373
Orange	330
Wayne	329
Robeson	321
Lee	307
Rowan	305
Davidson	304
Duplin	288
Brunswick	286
Sampson	283
Lincoln	268
Pitt	256
Chatham	251
Wilson	239
Craven	234

Counties	60 and over
Nash	233
Surry	194
Granville	192
Moore	186
Rockingham	172
Franklin	164
Wilkes	161
Cleveland	155
Hoke	154
Burke	146
Haywood	139
Caldwell	138
Rutherford	129
Lenoir	122
Macon	119
Pender	119
Carteret	109
Columbus	105
Beaufort	102
Davie	96
Richmond	90
Yadkin	86
Edgecombe	84
Jackson	84
McDowell	82
Bladen	81
Stanly	81
Dare	79
Greene	76
Cherokee	74
Alexander	70
Stokes	70
Montgomery	69
Halifax	68

Counties	60 and over
Person	67
Pasquotank	63
Vance	63
Scotland	62
Ashe	60
Transylvania	59
Watauga	52
Alleghany	51
Polk	49
Caswell	45
Yancey	40
Hertford	38
Currituck	34
Martin	32
Mitchell	31
Northampton	28
Warren	28
Clay	27
Chowan	25
Avery	23
Anson	22
Gates	19
Perquimans	17
Washington	17
Bertie	16
Madison	16
Swain	15
Pamlico	13
Graham	12
Tyrrell	10
Hyde	9
Jones	8
Camden	5

Source: US Census 2010, P12H Sex by Age (Hispanic or Latino)

HOUSING

The housing data from Census 2010 shows that 62.4% of householders age 60 and over owned their homes and 37.6% rented their homes. [6] Data shows that a higher percentage of people 65 and over lived in households. Of the people 65 and over (16,989), 98.6% (16,748) lived in households and only 1.4% (241) lived in group quarters. [7]

Table 5: Household Type for People 65 and over

Household Type	Number	Percent
Total 65 and over	16,989	100%
Total in households	16,748	98.6%
In family households:	13,147	77.4%
In nonfamily households:	3,601	21.5%
In group quarters	241	1.4%
Institutionalized population	217	-
Noninstitutionalized population	24	-

Source: US Census 2010. P34H Household Type by Relationship for Population 65 years and Over

Of the people 65 and over living in households, majority of them (77.4%) lived with family members either with spouse, children or relatives who were related to them. 21.5% of them lived in nonfamily households either living alone or sharing the home with nonrelatives. A higher proportion of women (1,961) lived alone compared to smaller number of males (961) living alone. [7] Data shows that a small number of people 65 and over lived in institutions such as nursing homes.

LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH

In 2009, Cancer was the leading cause of death in people 65 and over in Hispanic or Latino population followed by heart diseases. It is also noteworthy that Alzheimer's disease is the fourth leading cause of death in this population. [8]

Table 6: Leading Causes of Death, People 65 and Over, 2009

Rank	Cause	Number	%
1	Cancer	63	29.6
2	Diseases of heart	43	20.2
3	Cerebrovascular diseases	11	5.2
4	Alzheimer's disease	9	4.2
5	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	9	4.2

Source: NC State Center for Health Statistics

Summary

This report presents data on Hispanic or Latino total population with a focus on persons 60 and over in the state. This information is useful in understanding the ethnic and racial diversity, geographic distribution and planning of programs. Though the current Hispanic or Latino population is currently young, in the coming decades the aging of the population will bring challenges and opportunities to the state.

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