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Statistical Profile

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An estimated 243,000 Hispanics of Argentinean origin resided in the United States in 2013, according to a Pew Research Center analysis of the Census Bureau's American Community Survey.

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

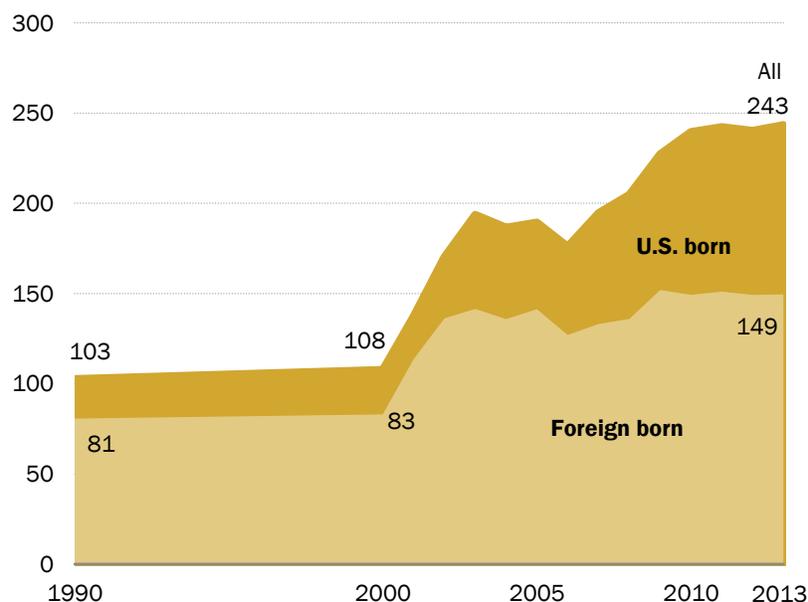
Argentineans are the 14th-largest population of Hispanic origin living in the United States, accounting for 0.5% of the U.S. Hispanic population in 2013. Since 1990, the Argentinean-origin population has more than

doubled, growing from 103,000 to 243,000 over the period. At the same time, the Argentinean foreign-born population living in the U.S. grew by 85%, up from 81,000 in 1990 to 149,000 in

FIGURE 1

Argentinean-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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2013. By comparison, Mexicans, the nation's largest Hispanic origin group, constituted 34.6 million, or 64.1%, of the Hispanic population in 2013.¹

This statistical profile compares the demographic, income and economic characteristics of the Argentinean 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.** About six-in-ten Argentineans (61%) in the United States are foreign born, compared with 35% of Hispanics and 13% of the U.S. population overall. About four-in-ten immigrants from Argentina (41%) have been in the U.S. for over 20 years. About half of Argentinean immigrants (49%) are U.S. citizens.
- **Language.** Three-quarters of Argentineans ages 5 and older speak English proficiently.² The other 25% of Argentineans report speaking English less than very well, compared with 32% of all Hispanics. In addition, 77% of Argentinean ages 5 and older speak Spanish at home.
- **Age.** Argentineans have the same median age as the U.S. population but are older than Hispanics overall. The median age of Argentineans is 37; the median ages of the U.S. population and all Hispanics are 37 and 28, respectively. Among Argentineans, the median age of immigrants is 45 years, while it's only 19 years among the U.S. born.
- **Marital status.** Argentineans ages 18 and older are more likely to be married (58%) than Hispanics overall (46%) and the U.S. population overall (50%). Among Argentineans ages 18 and older, those who are foreign born are more likely to be married than U.S.-born Argentineans—65% vs. 38%.
- **Fertility.** Some 7% of Argentinean women ages 15 to 44 gave birth in the 12 months prior to this survey. That was the same as the rate for all Hispanic women and similar to the overall rate for U.S. women (6%).
- **Regional dispersion.** Argentineans are concentrated in the South (38%), mostly in Florida (21%), and in the West (29%), mostly in California (20%). An additional 25% live in the Northeast.

¹ Percentages are computed before numbers are rounded.

² This includes Argentineans 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.** Argentines have higher levels of education than the U.S. Hispanic population and the U.S. population overall. About four-in-ten (41%) Argentines ages 25 and older—compared with 14% of all U.S. Hispanics and 30% among the U.S. population—have obtained at least a bachelor’s degree. Among Argentines ages 25 and older, the U.S. born have a higher college completion rate than foreign-born Argentines—52% versus 38%.
- **Income.** The median annual personal earnings for Argentines ages 16 and older was \$31,000 in the year prior to the survey—greater than the median earnings for all U.S. Hispanics (\$21,900) and similar to the median earnings for the U.S. population (\$30,000).
- **Poverty status.** The share of Argentines who live in poverty, 11%, is lower than the rate for the general U.S. population (16%) and for Hispanics overall (25%).
- **Health insurance.** About one-in-five Argentines (21%) do not have health insurance, compared with 29% of all Hispanics and 15% of the general U.S. population. Some 9% of Argentines 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 Argentinian homeownership (58%) is higher than the rate for all Hispanics (45%) but lower than the 64% rate for the U.S. population as a whole.

About the Data

This statistical profile of Hispanics of Argentinian 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 Argentinean Origin, 2013

Thousands, unless otherwise noted

	All	Hispanics	Hispanics of Argentinean Origin		
			All	U.S. born	Foreign born
TOTAL	316,129	53,964	243	94	149
Gender					
Male	155,592	27,377	120	45	75
Female	160,537	26,587	123	49	75
Nativity					
U.S. Born	274,788	34,981	94	94	---
Foreign Born	41,341	18,983	149	---	149
Age					
Median (in years)	37	28	37	19	45
Age Groups					
Younger than 5	19,682	5,053	16	15	2
5-17	53,820	12,635	38	30	8
18-29	53,007	10,923	34	18	15
30-39	40,997	8,454	46	14	32
40-49	42,158	7,039	41	11	30
50-64	61,801	6,560	43	5	38
65 and older	44,663	3,301	26	2	24
Marital Status (ages 18 and older)					
Married	122,043	16,750	109	19	90
Never married	71,957	13,603	47	23	24
Divorced/separated/widowed	48,628	5,924	32	7	25
Fertility (women ages 15 to 44)					
Total number of women	63,071	12,411	56	24	32
Women who had a birth in the past 12 months	3,893	873	4	2	2
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	37	29	***
Educational Attainment (ages 25 and older)					
Less than high school graduate	28,268	10,491	19	3	17
High school graduate ²	58,768	8,037	37	6	31
Two-year degree/Some college	61,501	6,988	44	10	34
Bachelor's degree or more	62,454	4,169	70	20	50
Median Annual Personal Earnings (in dollars)					
All (ages 16 and older with earnings)	\$30,000	\$21,900	\$31,000	\$30,000	\$32,000
Full-time, year-round workers	\$42,000	\$30,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Persons in Poverty ³					
Younger than 18	16,224	5,739	8	6	***
18-64	28,336	6,693	15	4	12
65 and older	4,155	631	3	***	3
Health Insurance ⁴					
Uninsured, all ages	46,654	15,411	51	12	39
Uninsured, younger than 18	5,245	2,033	5	2	3
Persons in Households by Type of Household ⁵					
In family households	257,066	48,026	204	79	125
In married-couple households	183,952	30,351	162	61	101
In non-family households	51,033	4,944	35	12	24
Citizenship					
Citizen	294,112	41,173	168	94	74
Non-citizen	22,016	12,791	76	---	76
Language (ages 5 and older)					
Speaks only English at home	234,715	12,893	48	34	14
Does not speak only English at home	61,732	36,019	179	45	134
Speaks English very well	36,673	20,287	123	42	81
Speaks English less than very well	25,059	15,732	56	4	52
Years in the U.S. (foreign-born only)					
0 to 5 years	5,959	1,960	16	---	16
6 to 10 years	5,791	2,926	13	---	13
11 to 15 years	7,012	3,811	48	---	48
16 to 20 years	4,915	2,456	11	---	11
Over 20 years	17,664	7,830	62	---	62
Regional Dispersion					
Northeast	55,943	7,537	61	27	34
New York	19,651	3,609	28	***	***
Midwest	67,548	4,953	18	6	12
South	118,384	19,724	93	30	63
Florida	19,553	4,620	50	***	36
West	74,254	21,749	72	32	40
California	38,333	14,716	49	22	27

¹Unmarried women includes those who were never married, divorced, separated or widowed. ²"High 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 Argentinean origin, 2,230; U.S.-born Argentineans, 850; foreign-born Argentineans, 1,380. 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 Argentinean Origin, 2013

	All	Hispanics	Hispanics of Argentinean Origin		
			All	U.S. born	Foreign born
Total (in thousands)	116,291	14,246	86	20	66
Homeownership (household heads)					
In owner-occupied homes (in thousands)	73,933	6,452	50	***	38
In renter-occupied homes (in thousands)	42,358	7,794	36	***	28
Homeownership rate (%)	63.6	45.3	57.9	***	57.3
Household Annual Income (in dollars)					
Median	\$52,000	\$41,000	\$63,000	***	\$62,000
Household Size					
Average number of persons	2.6	3.5	2.8	***	2.8

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 Argentinean origin, 823; U.S.-born Argentineans, 187; foreign-born Argentineans, 636. 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 Argentinean Origin, 2013

Thousands, unless otherwise noted

	All	Hispanics	Hispanics of Argentinean Origin		
			All	U.S. born	Foreign born
Employment Status (civilians ages 16 and older)					
Employed	145,238	22,948	127	35	91
Unemployed	13,365	2,535	9	4	5
Not in labor force	91,321	12,437	59	13	45
Unemployment rate (%)	8.4	9.9	6.7	9.5	5.6
Industries¹					
Construction, agriculture and mining	11,827	3,116	12	2	10
Manufacturing	15,283	2,383	10	3	7
Trade and transportation	26,636	4,322	18	4	13
Information, finance and other services	91,492	13,127	87	27	60
Occupations					
Management, professional and related occupations	56,566	5,087	62	18	44
Services	22,944	5,522	18	5	13
Sales and office support	35,127	5,037	26	8	18
Construction, extraction and farming	8,287	2,724	8	2	7
Maintenance, production, transportation and material moving	22,314	4,577	13	3	10

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 Argentinean origin, 1,807; U.S.-born Argentineans, 493; foreign-born Argentineans, 1,314.

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.