

Survey of Cooperative Extension Educators: On Serving Latino Populations in Michigan

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ABSTRACT

A survey of Cooperative Extension educators in the Midwest conducted in the summer of 2015 yielded 724 completed questionnaires. Results show that the majority of respondents have little contact with Latinos but they are interested in learning more about these communities and recognize that more could be done by local Extension units to provide services to them. This includes training for educators so they can better serve Latino communities. A majority of respondents hold positive views of Latinos and believe they contribute to their communities. Further a majority believe that more resources should be allocated by Extension units to better serve Latino communities, including hiring more bilingual, bicultural educators.