

Latinos in Indiana: Growth, Distribution, and Implications

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ABSTRACT

The demographic characteristics of Indiana's Latino (Hispanic) population have not been documented in a number of years. In addition, the two most recent and thorough analyses of Hispanics in the state were based on the 1990 Census (Aponte 1999, Gannon, et. al., 1996). Since then, this population has undergone dramatic growth and shifts in residential patterning, owing largely to rapid in-migration. This is evident not only from the partial release of Census 2000 data, but also from numerous reports from around the state that bear witness to these changes. In addition, there are solid indications that the lion's share of the growth occurred in the second half of the 1990's.

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