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The Hispanic Population in the United States: March 1997 (Update)

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DATA HIGHLIGHTS

Detailed tabulations are now available which provide statistics on the civilian noninstitutional Hispanic population of the United States, based on the March 1997 Current Population Survey. These tables provide information such as:

- An estimated 29.7 million people of Hispanic origin resided in the United States in 1997, representing 11.1 percent of the total population.
- More than one-half (55.8 percent) of Hispanics were born in the United States.
- About one-third (35.7 percent) of all Hispanics were under age 18.
- About 9.2 percent of Hispanics in the civilian labor force 16 years and over were unemployed in 1997.
- In 1997, nearly one-fourth (24.0 percent) of Hispanics 16 years and over worked in technical, sales, and administrative support positions.
- More than one-half (55.6 percent) of people of Mexican origin 25 to 34 years old had a high school diploma or more.
- Approximately, 68.2 percent of all Hispanic families were comprised of married couple families.
- About one-fourth (26.4 percent) of all Hispanic families in the United States were living below the poverty level in 1996.

DETAILED TABULATIONS

The electronic version of these tables is available on the Internet, at the Census Bureau's World-Wide Web site (<http://www.census.gov>). Once on the site, click on "Subjects A-Z," select "H," then select "Hispanic Origin." On the Hispanic origin page, select 1997 March CPS and then select from the list of options.

A paper version of these tables is available as PPL-105 for \$29.00. The previous tabulation package entitled, "The Hispanic Population in the United States March 1996" is available as PPL-72 for \$26.00. To receive a paper copy of one or both of these tabulations, please send your request along with a check or money order in the amount of \$29.00 for PPL-105 or \$26.00 for PPL-72, or \$55.00 for both tabulations, payable to **Commerce-Census-88-00-9010**, to U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, P.O. Box

277943, Atlanta, GA 30384-7943, or call our Statistical Information Office on 301-457-2422. Please be certain to specify which PPL you are requesting. A copy of these tabulations will be made available to any existing CPR P20 subscriber without charge, provided that the request is made within 3 months of the issue date of this report. Contact our Statistical Information Office on 301-457-2422.

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The data in the detailed tables are estimates based on a sample survey (the Current Population Survey). All survey data are subject to sampling variability as well as survey design flaws, respondent classification errors, and data processing mistakes. The Census Bureau has taken steps to minimize errors, and analytical statements have been tested and meet statistical standards. However, because of methodological differences, use caution when comparing these data with data from other sources. For information on the source of data and the accuracy of estimates, including the use and computation of standard errors, contact the Demographic Statistical Methods Division (301-457-4214).

NOTICE TO USERS

In order to keep you informed of the major findings from the Current Population Survey about the Hispanic Population in the United States, short data updates will be made available in both printed and electronic forms for years when full reports are not produced. Additionally, the detailed tabulations that have been part of the printed reports will be updated annually in electronic form on the Internet. If you wish to obtain the new tabulations, updating the *Hispanic Population in the United States: March 1997 (Update)* (Current Population Report P20-511), please see the "Detailed Tabulations" section at the end of this update.

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