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An estimated 242,000 Hispanics of Argentinean origin resided in the United States in 2011, according to 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 2011. Mexicans, the nation's largest Hispanic origin group, constituted 33.5 million, or 64.6%, of the Hispanic population in 2011.¹

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 tabulations from the 2011 American Community Survey by the Pew Hispanic Center, a project of the Pew Research Center. Key facts include:

- **Immigration status.** About six-in-ten Argentineans (62%) in the United States are foreign born compared with 36% of Hispanics and 13% of the U.S. population overall. About six-in-ten immigrants from Argentina (60%) arrived in the U.S. in 1990 or later. About half of Argentinean immigrants (49%) are U.S. citizens.
- **Language.** Roughly three-quarters (74%) of Argentineans ages 5 and older speak English proficiently.² The other 26% of Argentineans report speaking English less than very well, compared with 34% of all Hispanics.
- **Age.** Argentineans are younger than the U.S. population but older than Hispanics overall. The median age of Argentineans is 35; the median ages of the U.S. population and all Hispanics are 37 and 27, respectively.
- **Marital status.** Argentineans ages 15 and older are more likely to be married (56%) than Hispanics overall (43%) and the U.S. population overall (48%).
- **Fertility.** About one-in-ten (7%) Argentinean women ages 15 to 44 gave birth in the 12 months prior to this survey. That was similar to the rate for all Hispanic women—8%—and the overall rate for U.S. women—6%.

¹ Percentages are computed before numbers are rounded.

² This includes Argentineans ages 5 and older who report speaking only English at home or speaking English very well.

- **Regional dispersion.** Argentineans are concentrated in the South (39%), mostly in Florida (24%) and the West (30%), mostly in California (23%).
- **Educational attainment.** Argentineans have higher levels of education than the Hispanic population overall and the U.S. population overall. Four-in-ten (40%) Argentineans ages 25 and older—compared with 13% of all U.S. Hispanics and 29% among the U.S. population—have obtained at least a bachelor’s degree.
- **Income.** The median annual personal earnings for Argentineans ages 16 and older were \$30,000 in the year prior to the survey—greater than the median earnings for all U.S. Hispanics (\$20,000) and similar to the median earnings for the U.S. population (\$29,000).
- **Poverty status.** The share of Argentineans who live in poverty, 11%, is lower than the rate for the general U.S. population (16%) and the rate for Hispanics overall (26%).
- **Health Insurance.** Almost one-quarter of Argentineans (22%) do not have health insurance compared with 30% of all Hispanics and 15% of the general U.S. population. Additionally, 11% of Argentineans younger than 18 are uninsured.
- **Homeownership.** The rate of Argentinean homeownership (53%) is higher than the rate for all Hispanics (46%) but lower than the 65% rate for the U.S. population as a whole.

About the Data

This statistical profile of Hispanics of Argentinean origin is based on the Census Bureau's 2011 [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 2011 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 Passel, “[Growing Share of Immigrants Choosing Naturalization](#),” Pew Hispanic Center, Washington, D.C. (March 28, 2007)). 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/acs/www/Downloads/methodology/ASA_nelson.pdf, <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/laborfor/laborfactsheet092209.html> and <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/poverty/about/datasources/factsheet.html>).

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Table 1
U.S. Population, by Ethnicity and Argentinean Origin, 2011

Thousands, unless otherwise noted

| | All | Hispanics | Hispanics of Argentinean Origin |
|--|----------------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| TOTAL | 311,592 | 51,927 | 242 |
| Gender | | | |
| Male | 153,248 | 26,336 | 121 |
| Female | 158,344 | 25,591 | 121 |
| Nativity | | | |
| Native Born | 271,210 | 33,139 | 91 |
| Foreign Born | 40,382 | 18,788 | 151 |
| Age | | | |
| Median (in years) | 37 | 27 | 35 |
| Age Groups | | | |
| Younger than 5 | 20,024 | 5,141 | 16 |
| 5-17 | 53,826 | 12,245 | 42 |
| 18-29 | 52,253 | 10,665 | 34 |
| 30-39 | 40,205 | 8,160 | 52 |
| 40-49 | 43,344 | 6,762 | 39 |
| 50-64 | 60,552 | 6,013 | 33 |
| 65 and older | 41,388 | 2,940 | 28 |
| Marital Status (ages 15 and older) | | | |
| Married | 120,912 | 16,154 | 108 |
| Never married | 81,300 | 15,417 | 52 |
| Divorced/separated/widowed | 48,223 | 5,671 | 33 |
| Fertility (women ages 15 to 44) | | | |
| Total number of women | 62,611 | 12,050 | 59 |
| Women who had a birth in the past 12 months | 4,031 | 932 | 4 |
| Unmarried women ¹ who had a birth in the past 12 mo | 1,544 | 435 | *** |
| School Enrollment (ages 5 to 18) | | | |
| K-12 | 52,875 | 12,015 | 39 |
| Educational Attainment (ages 25 and older) | | | |
| Less than high school diploma | 29,077 | 10,383 | 21 |
| High school diploma or equivalent | 58,586 | 7,581 | 38 |
| Some college | 59,874 | 6,424 | 40 |
| Bachelor's degree or more | 58,996 | 3,759 | 66 |
| Median Annual Personal Earnings (in dollars) | | | |
| All (ages 16 and older with earnings) | \$29,000 | \$20,000 | \$30,000 |
| Full-time, year-round workers | \$40,000 | \$30,000 | \$41,100 |
| Persons in Poverty² | | | |
| Younger than 18 | 16,493 | 5,894 | 7 |
| 18-64 | 28,212 | 6,755 | 16 |
| 65 and older | 3,737 | 556 | 4 |
| Health Insurance | | | |
| Uninsured, all ages | 47,903 | 15,572 | 53 |
| Uninsured, younger than 18 | 5,540 | 2,232 | 6 |
| Persons in Households by Type of Household³ | | | |
| In family households | 254,071 | 46,317 | 205 |
| In married-couple households | 182,097 | 29,159 | 163 |
| In non-family households | 49,515 | 4,649 | 34 |
| Citizenship | | | |
| Citizen | 289,366 | 38,905 | 165 |
| Non-citizen | 22,226 | 13,022 | 77 |
| Language (ages 5 and older) | | | |
| Speaks only English at home | 230,923 | 11,827 | 52 |
| Does not speak only English at home | 60,644 | 34,959 | 174 |
| Speaks English very well | 35,389 | 19,051 | 116 |
| Speaks English less than very well | 25,255 | 15,908 | 58 |
| Year of Entry (foreign-born only) | | | |
| Before 1990 | 15,208 | 6,658 | 61 |
| 1990-1999 | 10,759 | 5,399 | 29 |
| 2000-2005 | 8,093 | 4,340 | 48 |
| 2006 or later | 6,321 | 2,391 | 14 |
| Regional Dispersion | | | |
| Northeast | 55,522 | 7,186 | 58 |
| New York | 19,465 | 3,497 | 27 |
| New Jersey | 8,821 | 1,599 | 17 |
| Midwest | 67,159 | 4,772 | 17 |
| South | 116,047 | 18,820 | 94 |
| Florida | 19,058 | 4,354 | 57 |
| Texas | 25,675 | 9,794 | 10 |
| West | 72,865 | 21,149 | 73 |
| California | 37,692 | 14,358 | 55 |

¹Unmarried women includes those who were never married, divorced, separated or widowed. ²For 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. ³The 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 3,112,017; Hispanics 427,432; Hispanics of Argentinean origin 2,172. The symbol *** indicates insufficient number of observations to provide a reliable estimate.

Source: Pew Hispanic Center tabulations of the 2011 ACS (1% IPUMS sample). 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_2011.pdf.

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Table 2

Household Characteristics, by Ethnicity and Argentinean Origin, 2011

| | All | Hispanics | Hispanics of Argentinean Origin |
|---|----------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| Total (in thousands) | 114,992 | 13,668 | 88 |
| Homeownership (household heads) | | | |
| In owner-occupied homes (in thousands) | 74,376 | 6,351 | 47 |
| In renter-occupied homes (in thousands) | 40,615 | 7,317 | 41 |
| Homeownership rate (%) | 64.7 | 46.5 | 53.2 |
| Household Annual Income (in dollars) | | | |
| Median | \$50,000 | \$39,000 | \$55,000 |
| Household Size | | | |
| Average number of persons | 2.6 | 3.5 | 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 1,204,830; Hispanics 118,668; Hispanics of Argentinean origin 793. The symbol *** indicates insufficient number of observations to provide a reliable estimate.

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Table 3

Employment Characteristics, by Ethnicity and Argentinean Origin, 2011

Thousands, unless otherwise noted

| | All | Hispanics | Hispanics of Argentinean Origin |
|---|---------|-----------|---------------------------------|
| Employment Status (civilians ages 16 and older) | | | |
| Employed | 140,458 | 21,368 | 123 |
| Unemployed | 16,037 | 3,014 | 10 |
| Not in labor force | 88,723 | 11,847 | 56 |
| Unemployment rate (%) | 10.2 | 12.4 | 7.8 |
| Industries¹ | | | |
| Construction, agriculture and mining | 11,261 | 2,799 | 10 |
| Manufacturing | 14,700 | 2,303 | 9 |
| Trade and transportation | 25,998 | 4,032 | 22 |
| Information, finance and other services | 88,499 | 12,233 | 82 |
| Occupations¹ | | | |
| Management, professional and related occupations | 54,208 | 4,658 | 54 |
| Services | 22,055 | 5,138 | 22 |
| Sales and office support | 34,521 | 4,755 | 29 |
| Construction, extraction and farming | 8,019 | 2,485 | 8 |
| Maintenance, production, transportation and material moving | 21,656 | 4,332 | 11 |

¹Currently employed civilians ages 16 and older.

Note: Analysis is based on the following number of observations: all 2,509,144; Hispanics 303,057; Hispanics of Argentinean origin 1,706. The symbol *** indicates insufficient number of observations to provide a reliable estimate.

Source: Pew Hispanic Center tabulations of the 2011 ACS (1% IPUMS sample). 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_2011.pdf.