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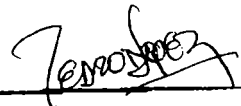
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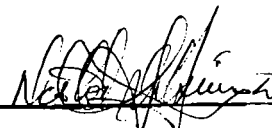
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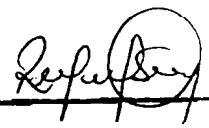
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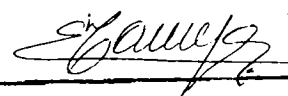
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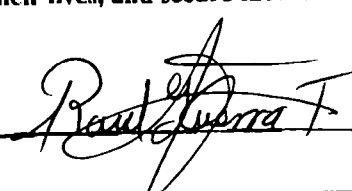
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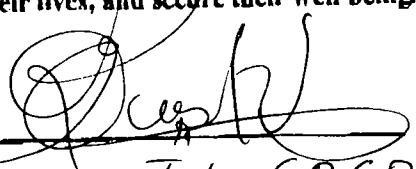
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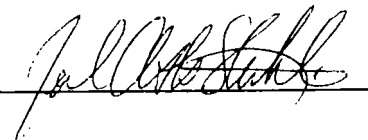
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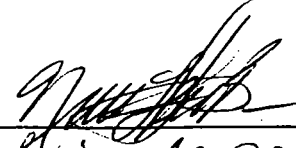
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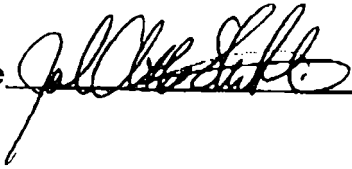
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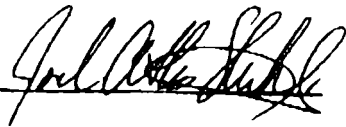
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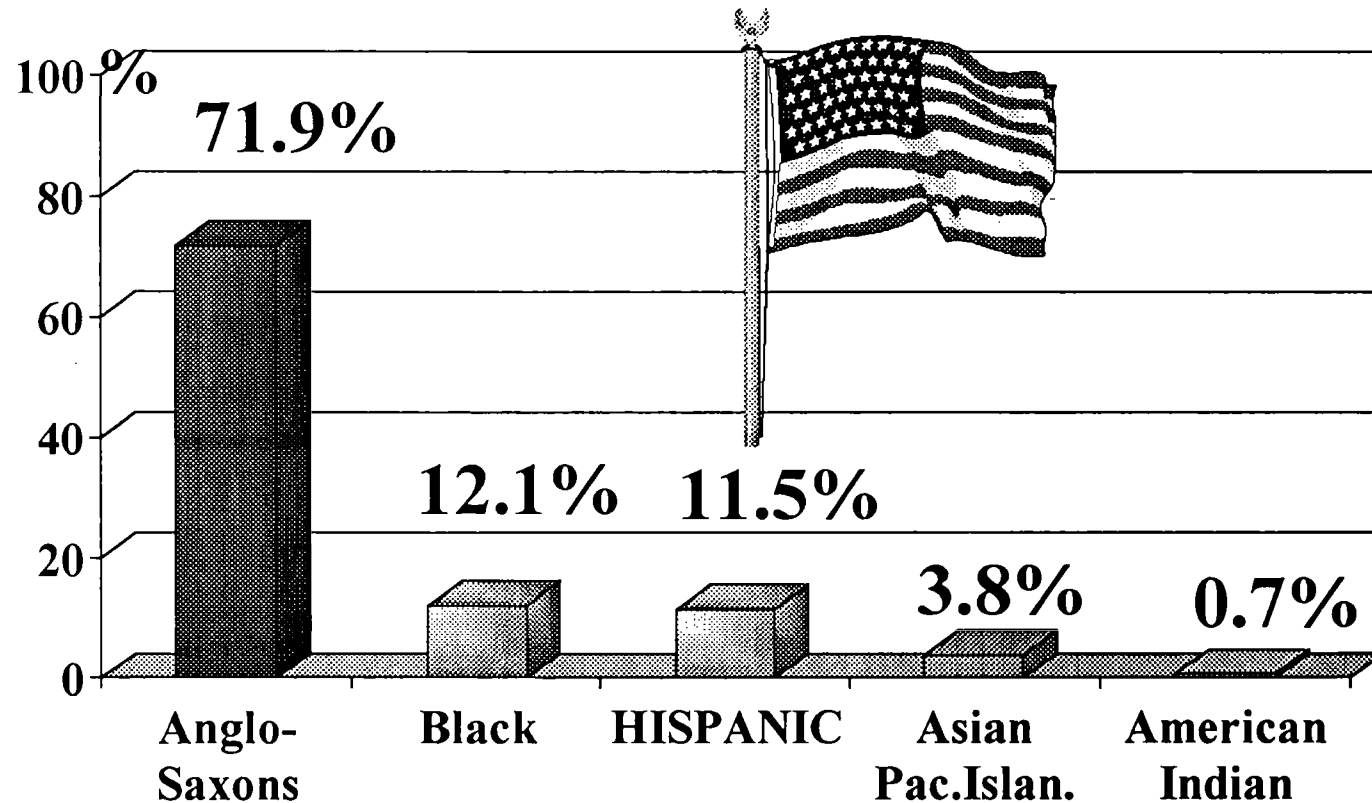
Total U.S Population -2000

U.S population is composed of: 71.9 percent of Anglo Saxons, 12.1 percent African Americans, 11.5 percent Hispanics, 3.8 percent Asian and Pacific Islanders, and 0.7 percent American Indian, Eskimo and Aleuts.

The U.S Census Bureau projects that by the year 2000, the Hispanic population will be over 31.4 million or 11.5% of the total population.

U.S. population

Estimate of the year 2000

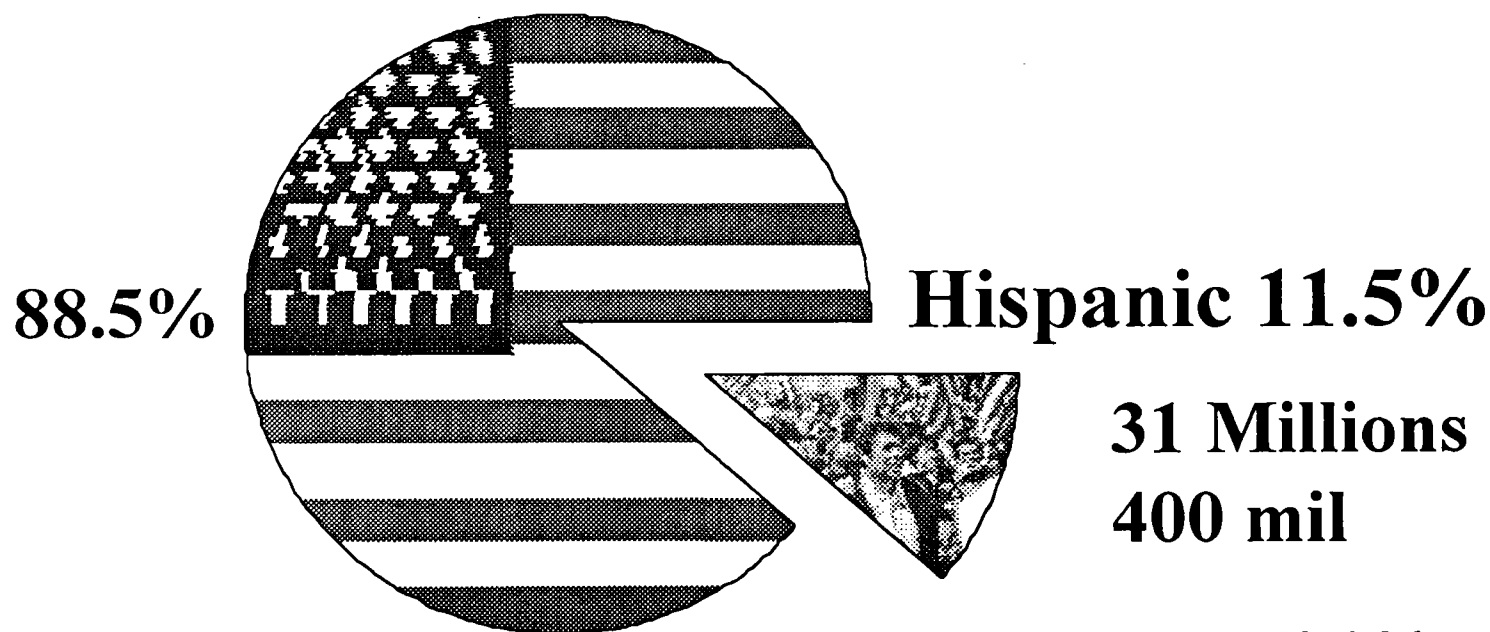


U.S. Census Bureau

Hispanic Population

Projection 2000

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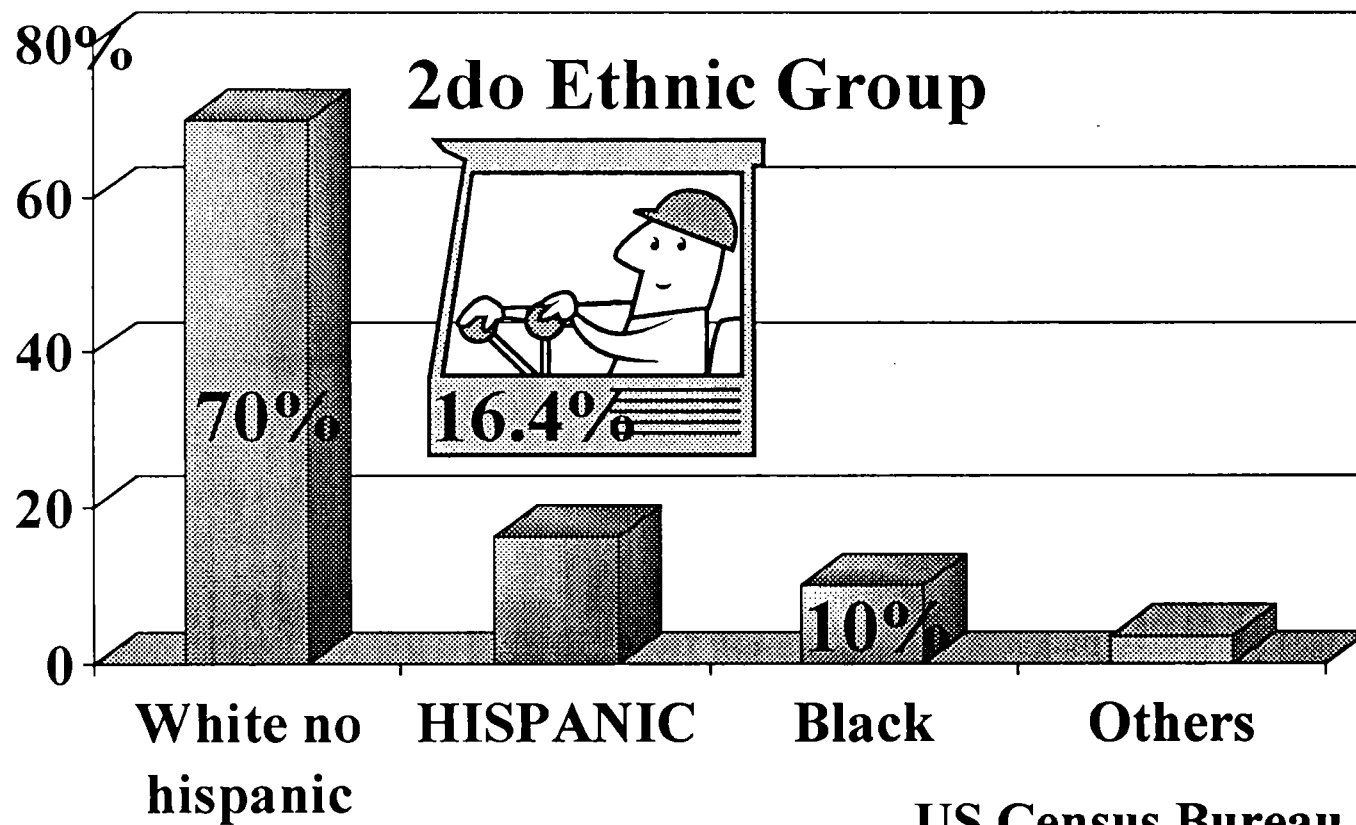
Male : 50.2%

Female : 49.8%

US Census Bureau

U.S population

Projection estimated to 2005



US Census Bureau

Hispanic Demographics in The United States

On June 1, 1997, there was an estimated 29 millions 1 hundred thousand Hispanics, (29,100.000), in the United States, comprising 10.9% of the total population.

Since July 1, 1990, the Hispanic population has grown 29 percent, while the Anglo-Saxon population has increased 3 percent.

These totals do not include people living in Puerto Rico, whose estimated population on July 1, 1996 was 3 million 8 hundred thousand, (3,800,000) individuals.

The analysts of the U.S Census Bureau assert that "Each year, from now on to 2050, the Hispanic population is projected to add more people to the United States than the non-Hispanic White population, or any other single race or ethnic group.

By 2005, it is projected that Hispanics will surpass African Americans as the nation's second largest race or ethnic group, thbe first minority group, behind only to white Anglo-Saxons.

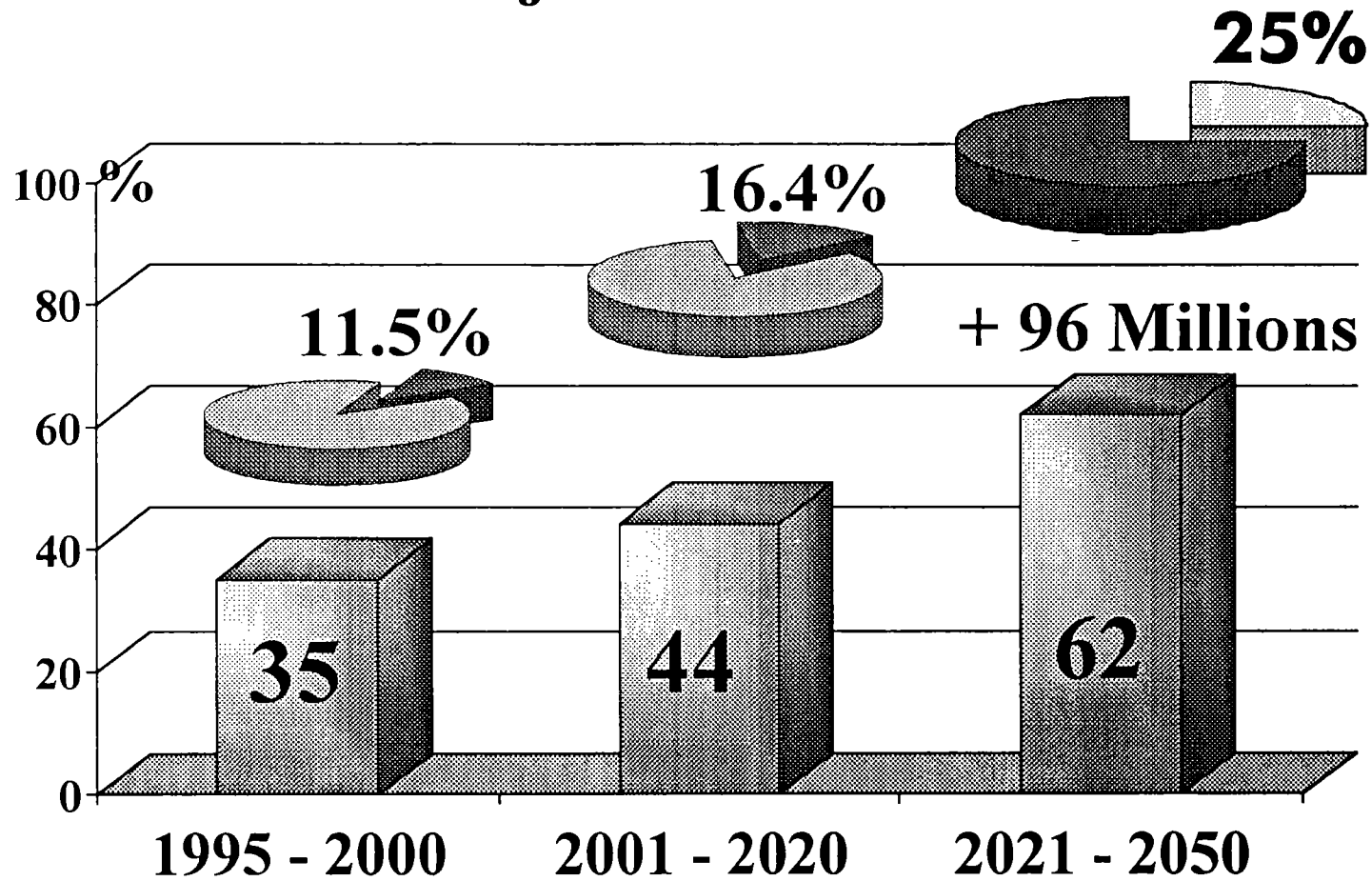
If this percentage continues to increase, the Hispanic population is expected to grow to 35% of the nation's total population growth by the year 2000. Increasing 44% from 2000 to 2020, and 62 percent from 2020 to 2050.

As a result, by the middle of the next century, the nation's Hispanic population is expected to reach more than 96 million, nearly 25 % of the total estimated population of the United States.

In other words, one out of every four persons residing in the the United States will be Hispanic.

Hispanic population

Projection to 2050



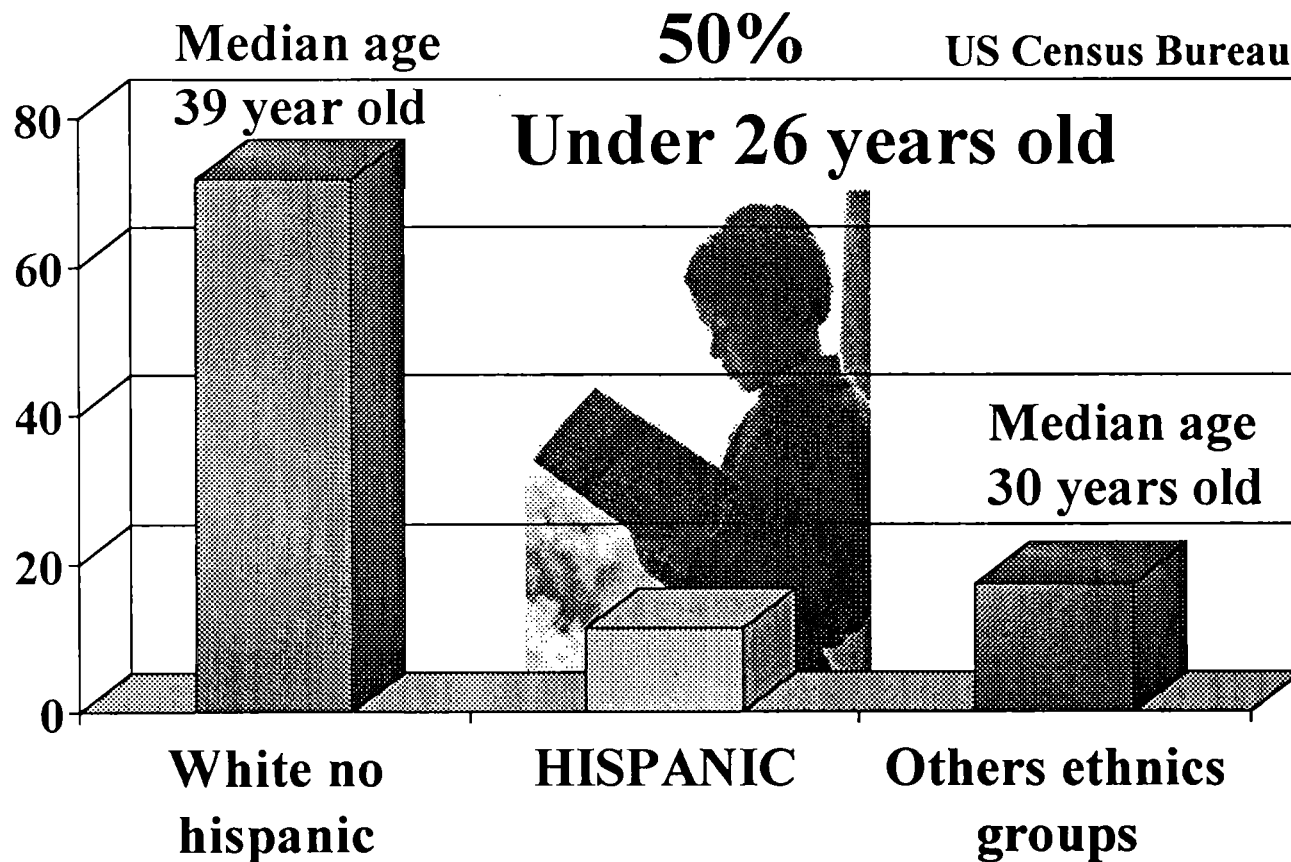
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Age: Hispanic Population Is Young

The nation's Hispanic population is formed by young individuals with about 50% of them under 28 years of age. By comparison, non-Hispanic Whites were more than ten years older, with a median age of 39 years old, an actual difference of eleven years. Compared with other ethnic groups the difference is not as big.

U.S population

Age estimated



The Hispanic Population Structure

As the above table illustrates, the Hispanic population is predominately White (91.2%). A 5.6 % of the Hispanic residing here are of balck origin, while Américan Indian and Alaskan Natives comprise (1.2%), and Asian and Pacific Islander categories are 2 percent.

Hispanic origin

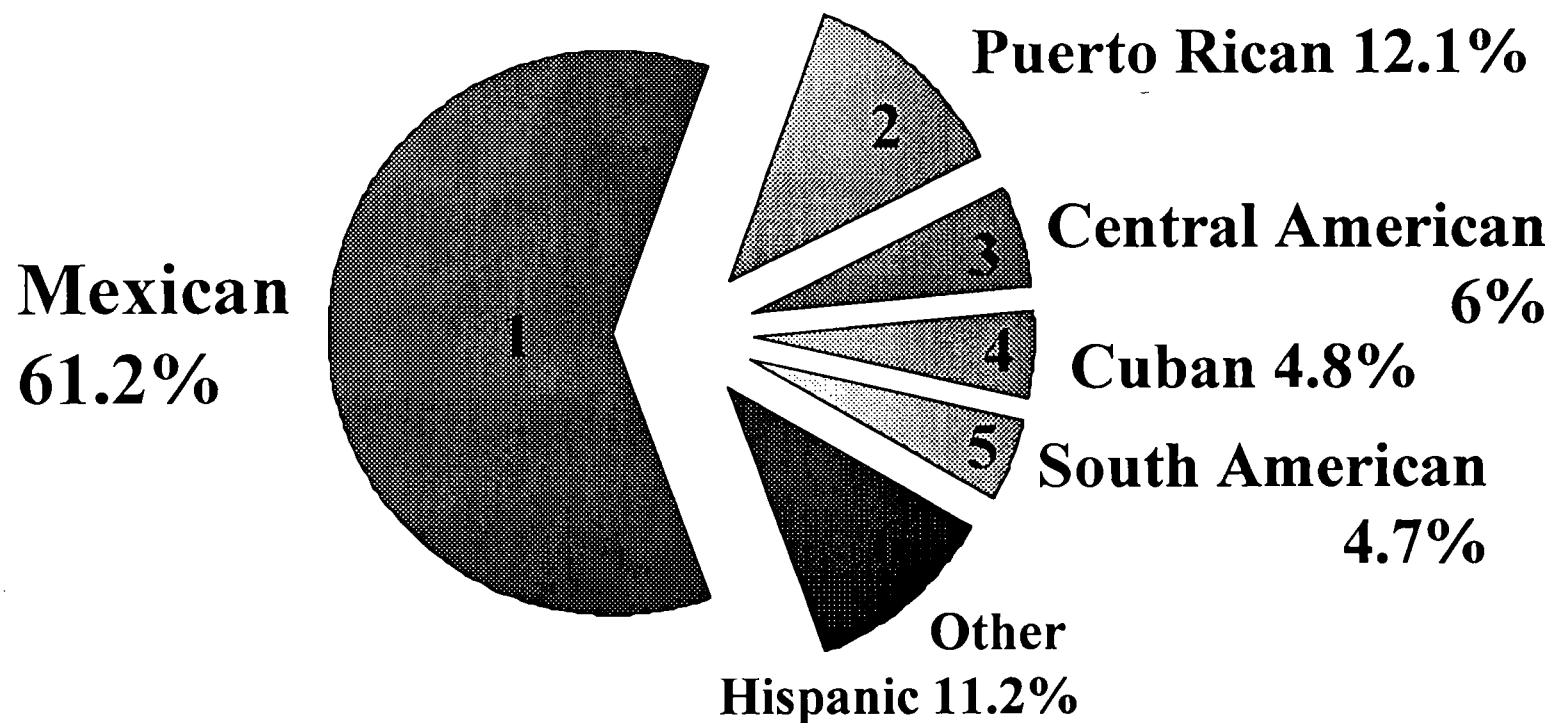
In 1990, Mexicans were the largest Hispanic group representing about 61.2 % of de Latinos in the United States. Puerto Ricans were the second largest group, about 12.1%. Central Americans were the third group with about 6 %, Cubans conformed the fourth group with (4.8%), while South Americans represented about 4.7%.

Most Central Americans come from El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Honduras, while there are fewer Costaricans and Panamanians

Among South Americans the largest groups are formed by Colombians, Ecuadorians, Peruvians, Argentineans and Chileans.

Hispanic population

By type of origins



U.S Census Bureau

Hispanic Populated Areas in United States

Projections of the US Census Bureau show that 74 percent of the nation's Hispanic population resided in California, Texas New York, Flórida and Illinois. That means, the Hispanics preferred to live only in five States.

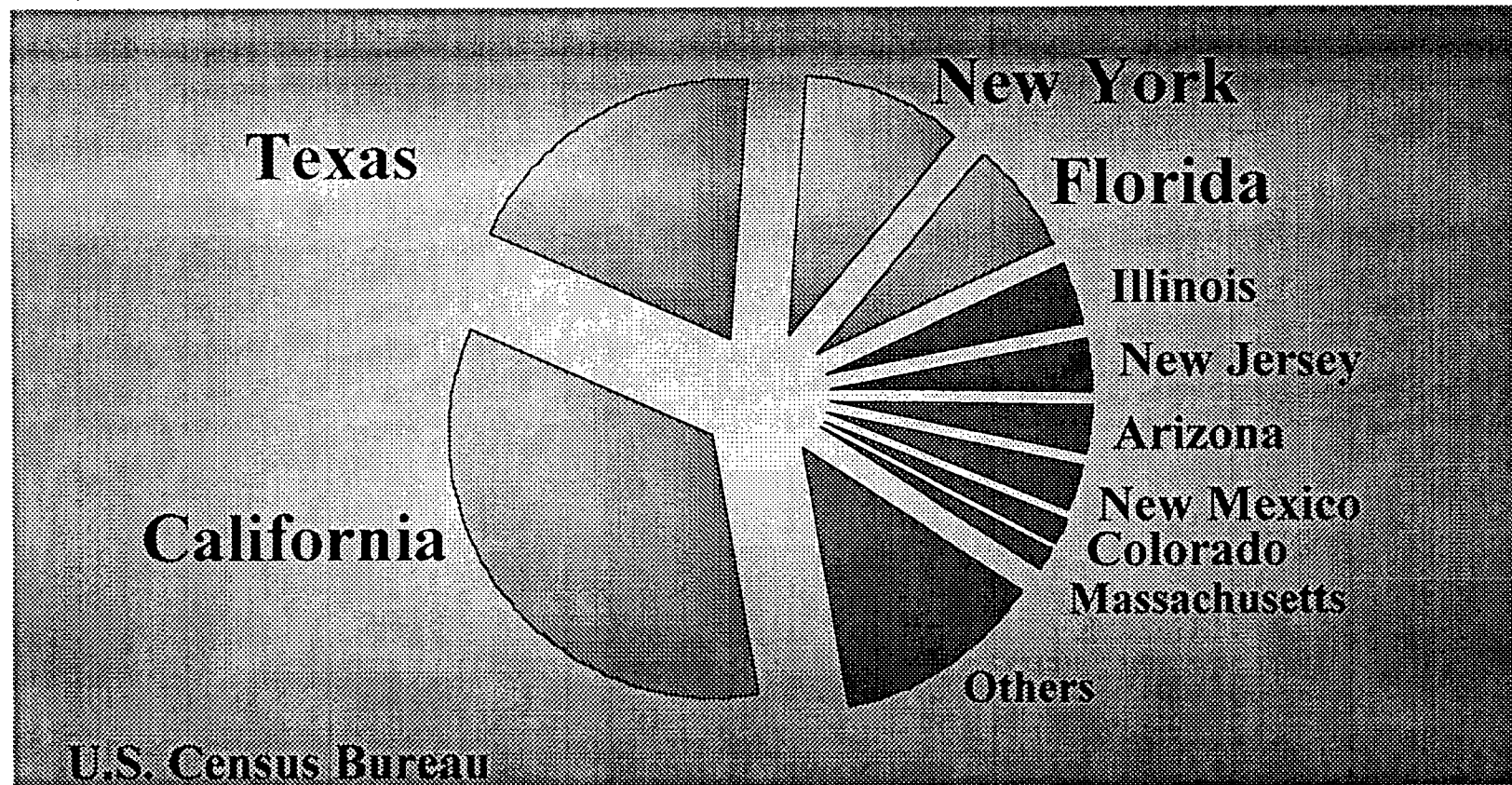
Other large number of Hispanics live in New Jersey, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Massachusetts and other States., including the Metropolitan Area of Washington D.C.

Hispanics live mainly in 10 of the 50 States of the United States, bur it is safe to say that they are scattered all over the country.

By 2025, Hispanics would be the largest ethnic group in California, comprising 43 percent of the population.

Hispanic concentration in USA

Preferred 10 States



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**MOST COMMON PERCEPTIONS, QUESTIONS AND
ANSWERS**

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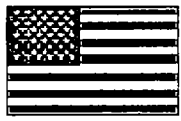
FACTS.- while it is true that the rate of desertion in the schools is high among Latino students, it is not so when it comes to Peruvians and Colombians whose parents in most cases are professionals, business people, news reporters or civic leaders who were targeted by terrorist groups, forcing them to leave their country.

These are parents who are really concerned about the education of their children and due to the fact that many of them are professionals or entrepreneurs, they want their children to follow their own steps and also to be professionals and people of good manners

2.- PERCEPTION.- The most common perception in the economy area is that Latinos impose a high burden to local economies and to the country economy.

FACTS.- In the case of Peruvian and Colombian immigrants they have started thousands of businesses in the country and at least hundreds in this area, according to reports from local chambers of commerce and USA Commerce Department.

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In fact, their presence in the Washington Metropolitan Area and in other major cities has invigorated local economies and created a variety of companies that are prospering and its owners paying the taxes they are supposed to pay.

Truly we are proud people who are not used to any kind of welfare systems that do not exist in our countries.

3. - PERCEPTION.- Most Latinos are not skilled workers,, and those who have skills compete unfairly with American citizens and taking away the jobs to which they are entitled.

FACTS.- Most of the Peruvians and Colombians that might be favored by Bill # 2741 have at least five years of college education, in the majority of the cases acquired in their countries of origin. Many of them perform regular jobs but most of them, due to their ingenuity and hard efforts, have created more jobs than those taken away. This can be proved looking at the low rates of unemployment shown in the unemployment agencies records across the country.

4.- PERCEPTION.- Latinos do not pay taxes and sooner or later they become a burden to our country.

FACTS.- This is one of the worst misconceptions that some people may have of Latinos, and of Peruvians and Colombians, particularly. The fact is that most Peruvians and Colombians earn better than average salaries or obtain very good incomes from their businesses. Also because of the fact that they are hoping to legalize their immigration status or to become citizens they are very careful in the payment of their federal and state income taxes as well as their property taxes for the houses and automobiles that they own, according to the Taxation Departments of local, county and state governments.

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These reasons make also most improbable that they may turn into a burden for the country or the society.

5.- PERCEPTION.- There is some kind of idea that Latinos abuse the welfare system.

FACTS.- Most of the Peruvians and Colombians to be favored by this bill are professionals who do not need to use the welfare system in any of its variations. Also, and perhaps above all, they are very proud people who have never been used to live of charity of any kind, private or public. As we have mentioned before, many are business people and respectful of the law. They know it and of course they know that becoming recipients of welfare may unable them to adjust their status and later to become legal residents and citizens. On the other hand, neither Peru, nor Colombia, have welfare systems of any kind and their citizens are not used to receive this kind of assistance This according to reports from local welfare agencies.

6.- PERCEPTION.- Latinos do not pay taxes but exhaust health dollars provided by the Federal or State governments that should go only to American citizens.

FACTS.- By some of the reasons expressed above this is not true. In fact, most Peruvians and Colombians pay their own health insurance policies for their families, as many of them are self employed or are covered by the health insurances plans in their place of employment. On the other hand, the presence of hundreds, perhaps thousands of Peruvians who are top physicians, nurses, paramedical professionals and administrative support in the medical field can easily destroy this false perception.

Reports on awards and recognitions given to Peruvians and Colombian physicians, as well as health programs transmitted by radio and on TV., are prove of these facts.

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7.- PERCEPTIONS.- Latinos need subsidized housing and use federal and state programs for such purpose.

FACTS.- Talking of the Latino population, Peruvians and Colombians are among those with a high percentage of home owners and in fact, many of them are involved in the real state business. According to the records of the Housing and Urban Development Department, there is no presence of Peruvians or Colombians nationals in the rolls of those receiving subsidies to pay for the renting of their housing units, while many of them show up as home owners.

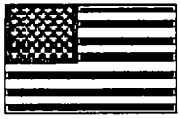
8.- PERCEPTION.- Latinos often use or sell drugs and are responsible for the violence related to drug activities.

FACTS.- Peruvian and Colombian immigrants are law abiding citizens, many of them professionals, who escaped terror inflicted in many cases and in many areas of their countries by narcoterrorists groups. As a matter of fact, many of those who arrived to this country have to do it because of the increasing power of these groups that in many cases control the lives of people in determined areas. These people are, in no way, consumers or have any relation at all with drugs.

The fact that there are drug dealings and drug trafficking in the areas where they used to live have changed completely their lives and they are Individuals who really have a very good reason to hate any activity related to drugs, condemn them and fight them strongly.

9.- PERCEPTION.- Latinos can not speak English and their presence cost million of dollars in bilingual services and programas.

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FACTS.- This is not true when it comes to members of the Peruvian and Colombian communities, who attend English as a Second Language programs , wherever is possible, and who due to the fact that they have learned the language, achieve good employment opportunities and definitely improve their salaries. In fact Peruvians and Colombians belong to two of the nationalities that better integrate into the American society. They celebrate the American holidays and assimilate American customs and to the American way of living. In many places, although they are not the largest Spanish speaking national groups, they have achieved positions of command and are well accepted for their leadership in private as well as public institutions or corporations.

10.- PERCEPTION.- Latinos have not made any contribution to the advancement of human kind.

FACTS.- It is absolutely true that Peruvians and Colombians have started businesses in the technological sector, proving their ingenuity and have also developed leading ideas in the computer and cybernetic sciences. There are, also, Peruvians enrolled in the space programs with NASA and there is at least one astronaut who is Peruvian born and who has gone out of space.

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A Colombian, Doctor Elkin Patarroyo has made a most valuable contributions to that important field by inventing a vaccine against malaria that is now in use all over the world

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There are reports in magazines and newspapers on these matters that we can make them available, at your request

11.- PERCEPTION.- Some people believe that Latinos treat women as second class individuals

FACTS.- In the case of the Peruvian and Colombian societies this is not true and there are several women in the Peruvian and Colombian parliaments women have been presidents of such bodies in the last five years. Currently there are women who are ministers in both governments, several are ambassadors and thousands of women occupy important jobs in government and in the private sector.

We are ready to provide you with full dossiers of Peruvians and Colombians women who have succeeded in businesses, government, arts and other different activities in life, in their countries as well as in America

12.- PERCEPTION.- If this bill is approved an indefinite but very large amount of those aliens will be benefited and this will affect the American labor market.

FACTS.- This is not quite so. According to a report prepared by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, between 20,000 to 30,000 Peruvians will be benefited by Bill H.R. 2741 and approximately 55,000 to 65,000 Colombians will be covered by it.

This report was prepared on October, 1999 and delivered to Congressman Lamar Smith, Chairman of the Subcommittee of Immigration and Claims of the House of Representatives.

All these facts mentioned in these 13 perceptions could be documented and demonstrated to you at your request.

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