

# DATA BYTE: HOUSING INSECURITY AMONG HISPANIC OHIOANS VARIES BY REGION OF ORIGIN

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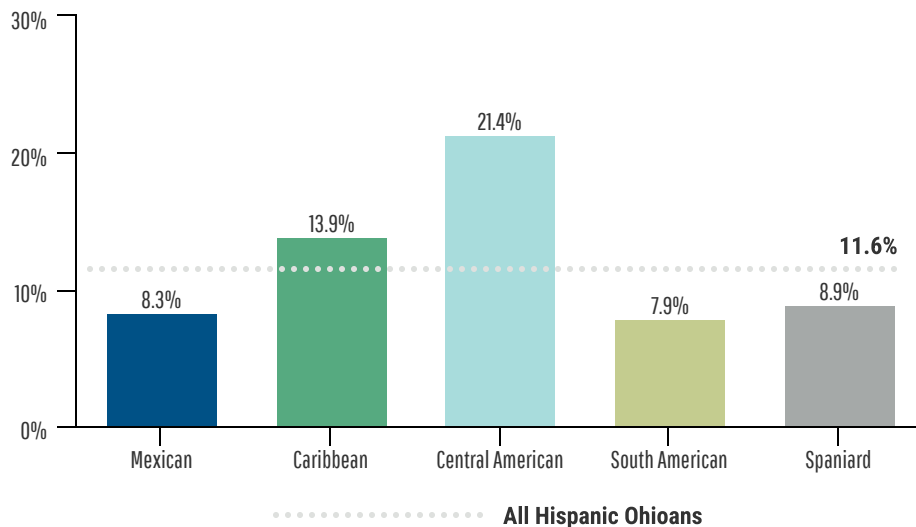
April is Fair Housing Month, which highlights our nation's obligation to ensure that everyone has equal access to safe, affordable housing. National origin is one of the protected characteristics under Title VIII of the Fair Housing Act and includes people of Hispanic or Latinx ethnicity. According to the 2022 American Community Survey, over 500,000 Ohioans identify as Hispanic.

The chart on the right shows how this population is broken down by the specific national origins from which they can trace their ancestry or with which they most closely identify. Mexicans are the largest Hispanic subgroup both in Ohio and the United States at large, though in Ohio they make up a smaller proportion of the Hispanic population than nationally (40% compared to 59%). Puerto Ricans are the second largest sub-group both in Ohio and nationally; however, Hispanic Ohioans are three times as likely to be Puerto Rican (27% compared to 9%). They are also twice as likely to trace their origins to a Central American country (21% compared to 10%), such as Guatemala or El Salvador.

Nearly 60,000 Hispanic Ohioans live in severely cost-burdened housing, defined as households spending at least half their incomes on housing, which puts them at increased risk of foreclosure, eviction, and homelessness. This accounts for 12% of Ohio's Hispanic population, compared to 9% of non-Hispanic Ohioans. The chart below compares subgroups of Hispanic Ohioans according to this measure of housing insecurity. In 2022, those of Central American descent were by far the most likely to be living in severely-cost burdened housing (21%) with Ohioans of Guatemalan origin having the highest prevalence of housing insecurity (26%). Ohioans with roots in the Spanish Caribbean (i.e., Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, and Cuba) were also more likely to be housing insecure (14%) with those of Dominican origin being the most at risk (22%).

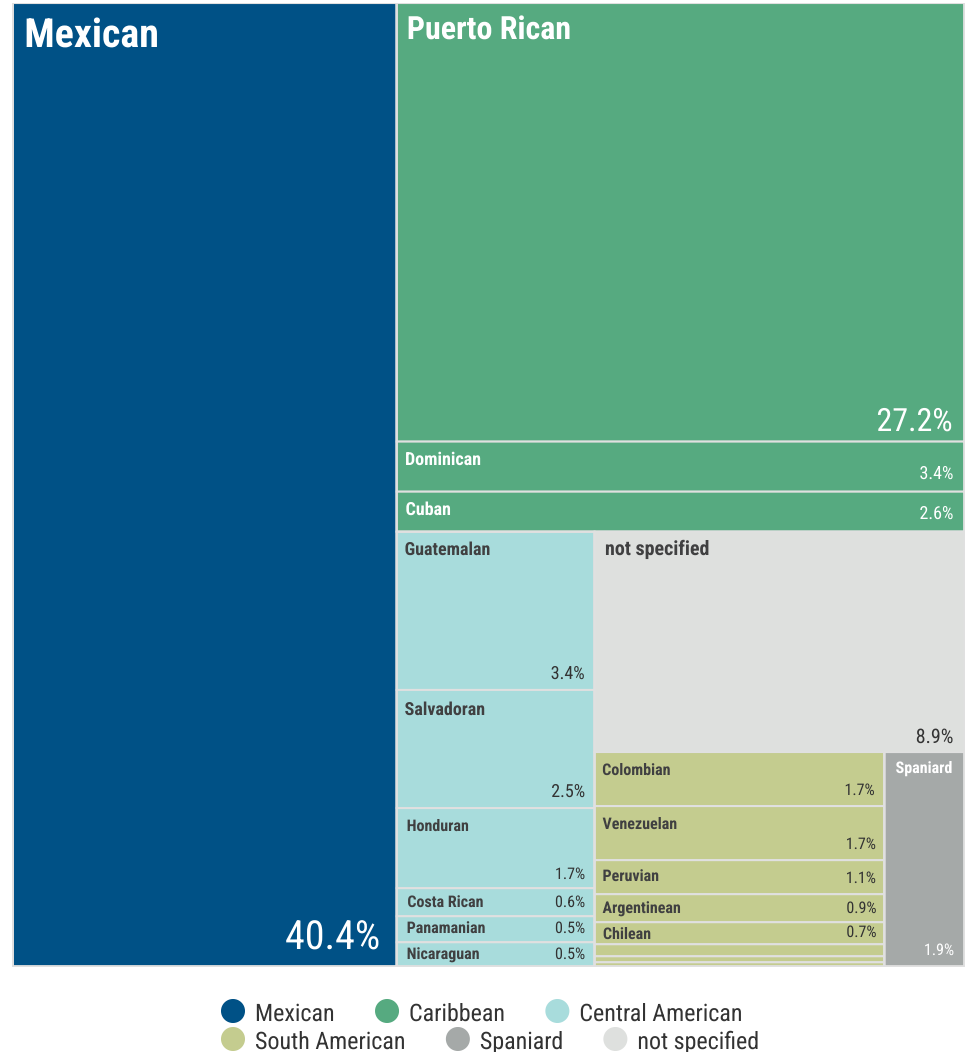
Currently, we are working to increase outreach efforts to the state's Hispanic and Latinx communities—particularly those who are most at risk of housing insecurity. Through our residential lending and mortgage assistance programs as well as the development of affordable housing across the state, we at the Ohio Housing Finance Agency hope to address the housing needs of Ohio's Hispanic population and open more doors to an affordable place to call home.

### Share of Hispanic Ohioans in Severely Cost-Burdened Housing by Region of National Origin



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## Hispanic Ohioans by National Origin



Source: IPUMS-USA, University of Minnesota (based on 2022 American Community Survey one year-estimates)

Notes: Since 1997, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has defined "Hispanic or Latino" as a person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. Latino, Latina, and Latinx identities are associated more broadly with Latin America, which includes French and Portuguese-speaking countries like Haiti and Brazil. However, the OMB excludes Americans that are not of Spanish culture or origin from "Hispanic or Latino" classification. Thus they are not included in the American Community Survey data or this analysis.

In the tree map above, other specific national origins not labeled include: Ecuadorian (0.4%), Bolivian (0.2%), Uruguayan (<0.1%), and "South American" not otherwise specified (0.1%). There were no survey respondents in Ohio reporting Paraguayan origin.