

Hispanic population is growing

The Census Bureau says by 2010, Hispanics will replace blacks as the largest minority group

PORTLAND — Census statistics show a rapid increase in the Northwest's Hispanic population, reflecting a growing diversity that will impact future growth, education and employment, state officials and Latino leaders say.

The number of Hispanics in Oregon grew by 66 percent between 1990 and 1997, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics released Thursday.

Marion County recorded the largest number of Hispanics — 30,443, edging Multnomah County by 37.

Washington County's Hispanic population grew 79 percent to 26,123, while Clackamas County increased 77 percent to 12,459.

The growing diversity should not be ignored, a leading Latino advocate said Thursday.

"It's coming and it's coming sooner than people think," said Maria Elena Campisteguy-Hawkins, executive director of the Oregon Council for Hispanic Advancement. "Things are changing and the question is, how do we work together?"

The growth in Latinos, particularly young Latinos, poses critical challenges in a state where Latino students drop out at more than twice the state average and where Latino workers are chronically underemployed, she said.

"Our schoolhouse is changing and we have various kids who are different than the ones we've had before," Flores said.

But the growth in the Latino population is good news for employers, said Paul Warner, state economist.

Young Latinos will provide an important source of labor in a state that has among the nation's highest proportion of older residents, he said.

That will require Oregon employers to adapt to a more diverse labor force, Warner said.

Latinos already are moving into professional positions and starting businesses, said Christopher Santiago Williams, executive director of the state's Commission on Hispanic Affairs.


"That gives more power to the Hispanic community and a better perception that we are here to stay and that our community has a lot to offer," Williams said.

The Census Bureau's latest report on the nation's racial and ethnic makeup indicates that by the year 2010, Hispanics will replace blacks as the nation's largest minority group, said Barry Edmonston, director of the Center for Population Research and Census at Portland State University.

The shift is part of a larger trend that will see non-Hispanics decline to 51 percent of the population by 2050, he said.

Edmonston notes that the number of Hispanics in Marion County, which with 11.5 percent has the highest percentage of Hispanics in Oregon, still is small when compared with counties in other states, such as California and Texas.

"Oregon is, in some sense, along with places like North Carolina and the border states, new areas of arrival for Hispanics as they move out from traditional areas of settlement," Edmonston said.



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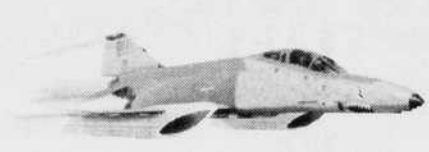
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