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Hispanic Demographic Dividend or Bulge at the Bottom?

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Are Hispanics Unique?

- Multiple origins, common language
- Low average education levels
- Large share undocumented
- Youthful age structure
Highlights

- New demographic trends
  - Generational transition
- Educational profile
  - Trends and nativity differentials
  - College pipelines
- Challenges & opportunities
  - College Squeeze
  - Scattering
  - Population aging

1970
- White: 83%
- Black: 11%
- Hispanic: 5%
- Asian: 0%
- Am. Indian: 0%
- Other: 1%

2000
- White: 72%
- Black: 12%
- Hispanic: 11%
- Asian: 4%
- Am. Indian: 0%
- Other: 0%

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census
Hispanic Births and Net Immigration by Decade: 1960-2030

Source: Chapter 2. Multiple Origins, Hispanic Portrait
Age Pyramids for Hispanic and Non-Hispanic White Populations: 1960

Population (in thousands)

Source: Chapter 4. The Challenges of Integration
Age Pyramids for Hispanic and Non-Hispanic White Populations: 2000

Population (in thousands)

Source: Chapter 4. The Challenges of Integration
Generational Transition of Hispanic and US Population: 1960, 2000, and 2030

Source: Chapter 4. The Challenges of Integration
Race/Ethnic Composition of High School and College Graduates, 2000
(Population Ages 25 and Above)

High School Graduates
- White: 77%
- Black: 10%
- Hispanic: 7%
- Asian: 4%
- Am. Indian: 1%
- Other: 1%

College Graduates
- White: 82%
- Black: 6%
- Hispanic: 4%
- Asian: 7%
- Am. Indian: 0%
- Other: 0%

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

- Non-Hispanic White
- Non-Hispanic Black
- Hispanic, Native-born
- Hispanic, Foreign-born
Hispanic Educational Challenge

- Early Beginnings
  - Students from Spanish-dominant homes trail in pre-literacy skills
- Concentration in large urban schools
  - Weak relations with teachers
  - Lower participation in advanced math & science courses
- Elevated high school drop out rates
When Did You First Think About Going To College?: All Seniors

- White:
  - Always or During Elementary School: 68%
  - During Middle School: 11%
  - During High School: 16%

- Black:
  - Always or During Elementary School: 61%
  - During Middle School: 16%
  - During High School: 19%

- Hispanic:
  - Always or During Elementary School: 53%
  - During Middle School: 14%
  - During High School: 27%

- Asian:
  - Always or During Elementary School: 71%
  - During Middle School: 9%
  - During High School: 16%

Legend:
- Always or During Elementary School
- During Middle School
- During High School
Hispanic College Enrollment Patterns

- Part time enrollment
  - Employment
  - Living arrangements
- Two-year institutions
  - Poor economic preparation
  - Weak counseling
  - Costs
Percent Enrolled at 4 Yr.- More Competitive Institutions by Race

- **HSB 1982**
  - White: 6.8
  - Black: 2.3
  - Hispanic: 2.9
  - Asian: 21.1

- **NELS 1992**
  - White: 14.4
  - Black: 6.7
  - Hispanic: 7.2
  - Asian: 23.5
Race/Ethnic Composition of U.S. Population: 2000 and 2030

2000

- White: 72%
- Black: 11%
- Hispanic: 4%
- Asian: 1%
- Am. Indian: 0%
- Other: 0%

2030

- White: 60%
- Black: 13%
- Hispanic: 19%
- Asian: 1%
- Am. Indian: 7%
- Other: 0%

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census
Hispanics and the Future of America: Challenge or Opportunity

- Continued diversification
- College squeeze
- Geographic scattering
- Population aging
Hispanic Generations by Age, 2000 and 2030

Source: Chapter 6. Uncertain Destinies