

Child Welfare & Cultural Diversity

Resources on Child Welfare & Cultural Diversity

Latino/Hispanic Community

There are 42.7 million people in the United States who describe themselves as Hispanic or Latino. Persons of Hispanic or Latino origin comprise 15.4 percent of the total United States population and 4.1 percent of Minnesota's population. Latino families have been living in Minnesota for generations; the first record of Latino families can be traced back to 1860.

Latino families and children represent the fastest growing population in the child welfare system. According to the 2007 Child Welfare Report, Latino or Hispanic children comprise 8.4 percent of the children in out-of-home placement. In 2007 Latino children had the fourth highest reentry rate (19.4 percent), after Asians (24.1 percent), African-Americans (20.7 percent), and American Indians (19.8%).

National

- ❖ [Latino Child Welfare Issues](#), National Resource Center for Permanency and Family Connections
- ❖ [Working with Hispanic Families](#), Child Welfare Information Gateway
- ❖ [Latino Children in Child Welfare: Fact Sheet \(2009\)](#), Annie E. Casey Foundation
- ❖ [Child Welfare Resource Families \(2008\)](#), Chadwick Center for Children & Families
- ❖ [Every Child Deserves a Permanent Family \(with new data on Latino foster children\) \(2007\)](#)
- ❖ [Facts on the Hispanic or Latino Population](#), US Census Bureau
- ❖ [Hispanic Advocacy and Community Empowerment through Research \(HACER\)](#)
- ❖ [Latino Immigrants in Iowa and the US from the Rural Families Speak Project \(2008\)](#)
- ❖ [The Committee for Hispanic Children and Families](#)

Minnesota

- ❖ [Latino Cultural Guide \(2010\)](#), Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare (CASCW), Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA), & MN DHS Children's Trust Fund
- ❖ [New Populations in Rural Counties: Implications for Child Welfare \(2008\)](#), CASCW & CURA
- ❖ [Minneapolis Foundation's Immigration in Minnesota: Discovering Common Ground](#)
- ❖ [Demographic Profile of Hispanics in Minnesota from Pew Hispanic Center \(2007\)](#)
- ❖ [Culture Care Connection: Hispanics/Latinos in Minnesota \(2010\)](#)