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**Florida's Changing Demographics:  
Hispanic Political Influence**

# Demographics

- The Population of Florida continues to grow at a higher rate than the rest of the United States.
  - Between 1990-2000 Florida's Population grew by 23.5%, while during the same period the U.S. population grew by 13%
  - Between 2000-2009 Florida's population grew by 16%, while during the same period the U.S. population grew by 9%
  - By contrast the population of New York grew by only 3% during the same period.
- Most experts expect the sunshine state to gain at least one additional Congressional seat for a total of 26. There is a chance that Florida could gain two additional seats.

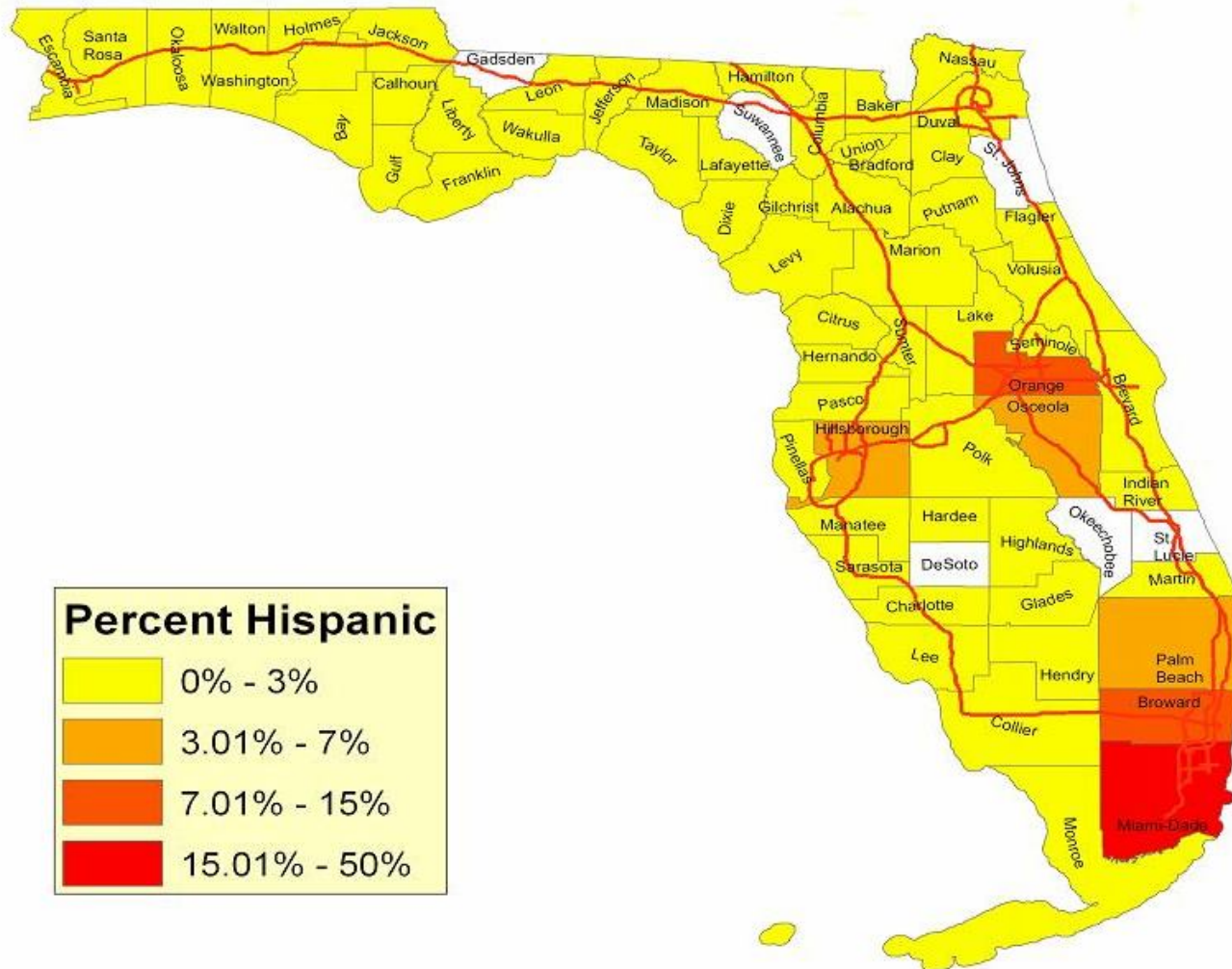
# Hispanic Demographics

- Hispanics are now the largest minority in Florida. There are currently 3,750,768 (2009) Hispanics residing in Florida compared to 2,682,715 in 2000. As a percentage of the total population, Hispanics increased from 16.8% to 20.5%.
- Statewide, there has been a 40% growth of Hispanic population since the last census.

# South Florida

- The Hispanic population is moving north; no longer just concentrated in Miami-Dade County.
- The Census estimates that in 2009, 56% of the State's Hispanics lived in South Florida (Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe, and Palm Beach counties).
- This compares to 64% in 2000.

# Hispanic Population Distribution



# I-4 Corridor

- The most dramatic growth in the Hispanic population has occurred along the I-4 Corridor (the inter-state road that connects Tampa and Orlando).
- The Hispanic population along the I-4 corridor has grown 59% since 2000.
- Today it is estimated that 21% of Florida's Hispanics live along the I-4 Corridor compared to 18% in 2000.

# Hispanics by Nationality

- The Cuban population has decreased from about 50% of the State's Hispanic population in 1990 to only 31% in 2000.
- Cubans are mainly concentrated in Miami-Dade County and West Broward.
- Puerto Ricans are the second largest Hispanic group in the State, concentrated in Central Florida (Orange and Osceola counties).
- Mexicans are the fastest growing Hispanic group, but there are also significant numbers of Nicaraguans, Colombians, Venezuelans, etc.

# Hispanic Voters

- Although Hispanics make up nearly 20% of the residents, they represent only about 13% of the electorate:
  - 7% Cubans
  - 4% Puerto Ricans
  - 2% Other Hispanics



# Hispanic Political Empowerment

<i>Year</i>	<i>Florida House</i>	<i>Florida Senate</i>	<i>Congressional U.S. House Delegation</i>	<i>Florida Statewide Office</i>
1980	1	0	0	0
1982	4	0	0	0
1984	8	0	0	0
1986	8	1	0	1
1988	8	3	0	1
1990	8	3	1	0
1992	10	3	2	0
1994	11	3	2	0
1996	11	3	2	0
1998	11	3	2	0
2000	11	3	2	0
2002	13	3	3	0
2004	13	3	3	1
<b>Today</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>

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# Hispanic Power after 2010 Census

- **4 U.S. Congressmen**
  - 3 Republicans from Miami-Dade
  - 1 Democrat from I-4 Area
- **4 Florida State Senators**
- **14 State House Members**
  - 11 from Miami-Dade, 1 Hillsborough, 2 Orange-Osceola
  - 10 Republicans, 4 Democrats