

Office of Latino Affairs Newsletter

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Statewide Community Announcements

The Office of Latino Affairs provides this compilation of information, announcements and resources that impact the Latino. It is intended to disseminate information to service providers and other stakeholders that serve and work with Iowans of Latino heritage.

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Latino & Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15 to October 15



Latino & Hispanic Heritage is celebrated in the United States from September 15 to October 15 each year. In Iowa the Latino and Hispanic culture is celebrated with parades, festivals and events that highlight the contributions that Iowa's Latinos have made to the state and nation.

The History:

This celebration started in September, 1968 President Lyndon B. Johnson was authorized by Congress to proclaim national Hispanic Heritage Week, and directed that this week included September 15 and 16 to celebrate the anniversaries of independence for the Latin American countries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Mexico. In 1988 the National Hispanic Heritage Month was established.

The Terms Latino & Hispanic

These terms sometimes are used interchangeably, but there is a difference.

Latinos: Individuals that live in the U.S. whose ancestors derive from Latin America (Caribbean, Central America, Mexico & South America). This includes countries where Spanish, French, Portuguese and English are spoken.

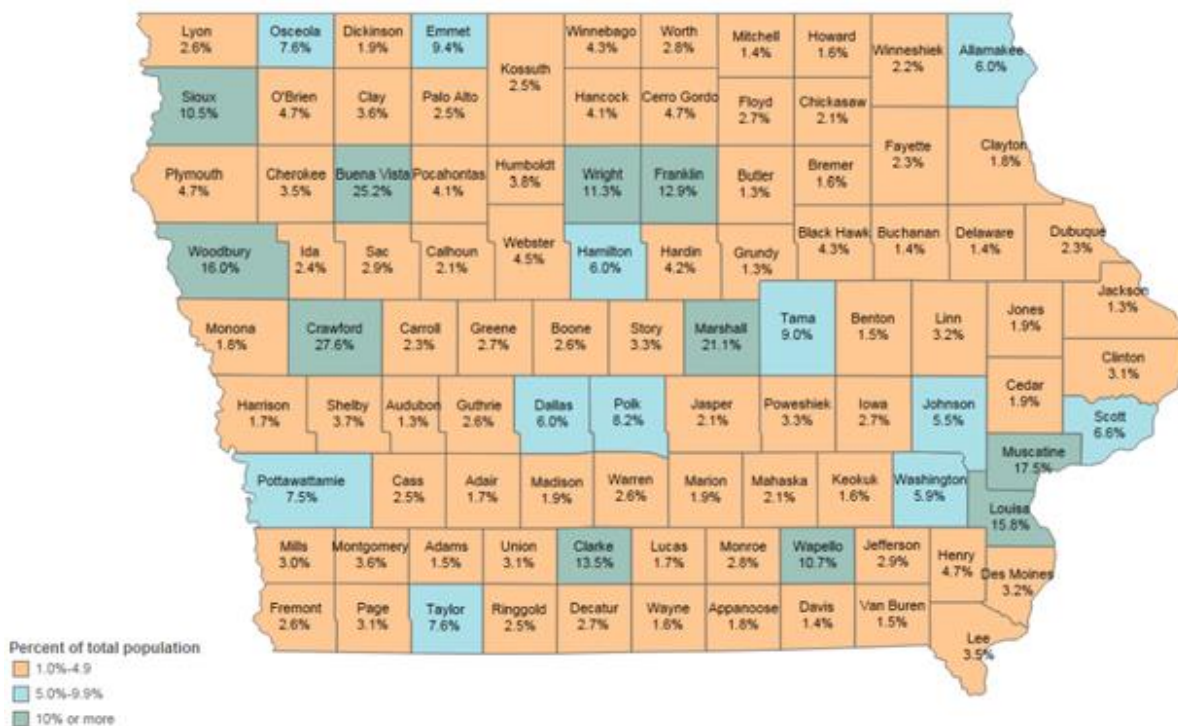
Hispanics: Individuals that live in the U.S. whose ancestor derive from countries where Spanish is spoken.

Latinos are the largest ethnic minority population in Iowa and the U. S. To celebrate their heritage and to honor their outstanding and significant cultural, political, social, and economic contributions to Iowa, the Iowa Commission of Latino Affairs has established the [Iowa Latino Hall of Fame](#) and you are invited to celebrate with us!

First Annual Iowa Latino Hall of Fame Ceremony & Reception

2017 Latinos in Iowa Report

Latinos as a percent of total population in Iowa's Counties



Iowa Commission of Latino Affairs

The Iowa Commission of Latino Affairs awarded scholarships to two outstanding Iowa Latino Students at the [Latinos Unidos](#) Scholarship Awards Dinner.

Congratulations:

Laura Mejia, Des Moines Area Community College Student.

Jose Amaya-Cisneros, Iowa State University.



(From left to right: Marlu Abarca, Sonia Reyes-Snyder, Jose Amaya-Cisneros, Laura Mejia and Jeannette Brown)

Upcoming Events

[Iowa Latino Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony](#) | October 7, 2017 | 9:30 AM-12:00 PM

[Commission Meeting](#) | October 7, 2017 | 12:30 AM-2:30 PM

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