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Latinos in Revere | Massachusetts

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The Mauricio Gastón Institute of the University of Massachusetts Boston conducts research on and for the Latino population. A goal is to generate the kind of information and analysis necessary to develop sound public policy, and to improve Latino participation in the policy making process. In an effort to present vital information about Latinos to diverse audiences, the Gastón Institute has produced a series of basic demographic profiles for the states and selected cities of New England, based on the United States Census 2000.

Census 2000 data include changes in the way people were counted. The most significant change is to allow persons to select more than one race, creating a new multiracial category of “two or more races,” but meaning people may not be included in the race with which they most identify. There was, however, no way to choose more than one ethnicity; one must choose either Latino or not. Throughout this profile, numbers reflect Latinos of all races, or non-Latinos by race, with persons of two or more races counted separately. All categorizations are based solely on self-identification. All of this complicates comparisons between 1990 and 2000 data. However, the concepts are similar enough to make trends and patterns clear.

In Revere, the general population changes from 1990 to 2000 were similar to national and state trends. The population of people of color — African Americans, Asians, Latinos, Native Americans, and Pacific Islanders — grew at a higher rate than did the population of non-Hispanic Whites, which actually shrank, as did the Native American population (see table 1). The total population of Revere increased by 10.5%, and its composition changed substantially. Latinos had a larger numerical growth than any other group, increasing by 2,834 or 173.8%, although “some other race” had a higher percent increase. Latinos now represent 9.4% of the population, an increase of 5.6 percentage points and the largest gain of any group. Revere has the 20th largest population of Latinos in Massachusetts and the 38th largest in the New England states. As a percentage of the total population, the Latino population in Revere ranks 15th in the state.

Table 1

Revere - Growth by Ethnicity								
	2000		1990		Growth		Change in Percent	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
Hispanic or Latino	4,465	9.4	1,631	3.8	2,834	173.8	5.6	
White	37,530	79.4	38,930	91.0	-1,400	-3.6	-11.6	
Black or African American	1,248	2.6	542	1.3	706	130.3	1.4	
American Indian and Alaska Native	88	0.2	89	0.2	-1	-1.1	0.0	
Asian ^a	2,141	4.5	1,517	3.5	648	42.7	1.0	
Pacific Islander ^a	24	0.1						
Some other race	297	0.6	77	0.2	220	285.7	0.4	
Two or more races ^b	1,490	3.2						
Total	47,283		42,786		4,497	10.5		

Sources: Census Bureau: 2000, 1990(a).

Note: Growth figures will not balance due to the new multiracial category.

^a 'Asian and Pacific Islander' was split for the 2000 census. Growth and changes reflect combined total.

^b There was no equivalent category in the 1990 census.

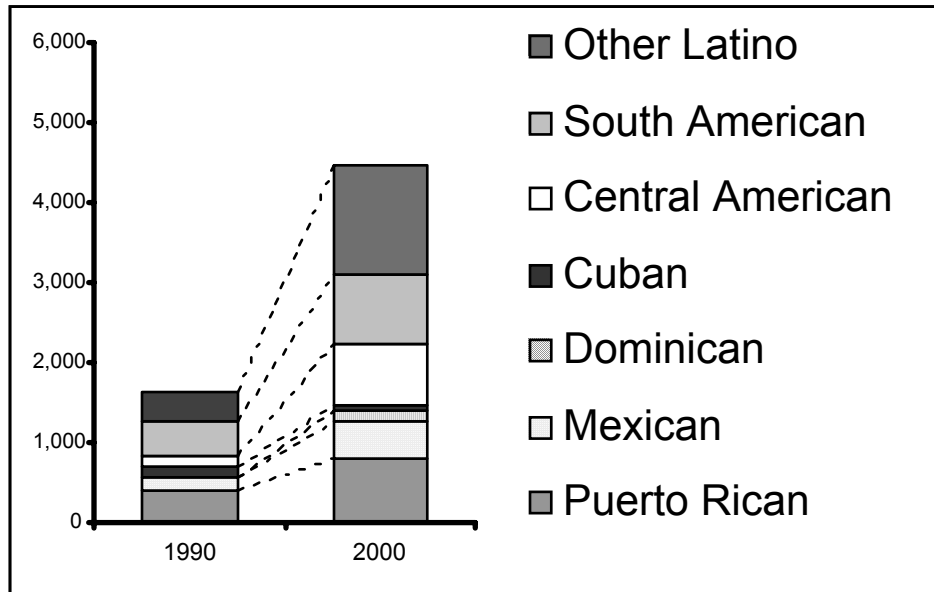
Table 2

Revere - National Origin of Latinos						
	2000		1990 ^a		Growth	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Hispanic or Latino	4,465		1,644		2,821	171.6
Mexican	473	10.6	171	10.4	302	176.6
Puerto Rican	802	18.0	384	23.4	418	108.9
Cuban	74	1.7	112	6.8	-38	-33.9
Dominican Republic	127	2.8	17	1.0	110	647.1
Salvadoran	440	9.9			440	
Other Central American	313	7.0	134	8.2	179	133.6
Colombian	622	13.9	131	8.0	491	374.8
Other South American	235	5.3	310	18.9	-75	-24.2
Other Hispanic or Latino	1,379	30.9	385	23.4	994	258.2

Sources: Census Bureau: 2000, 1990(b).

^a 1990 figures for nationality are from sample data only and differ from population counts.¹

Figure 1
 Revere - Growth and Change of the Latino Population



Sources: Census Bureau: 2000, 1990(a).

All Latino national-origin groups grew significantly between 1990¹ and 2000. The largest group in Revere is "Other" Latinos, at 30.9%, followed by Puerto Ricans and Colombians. Behind Dominicans and Colombians, "Other" Latinos were the fastest-growing population, growing by 258.2%, a trend seen across the U.S. (see table 2 and figure 1). A person is counted as "Other" if they write in "Spanish" or give an answer that can't be assigned to a particular nationality (such as "Latino"), or if they identify more than one origin, or leave the answer blank. Future scholarly studies may better describe the composition of this category. The detailed breakdown of Central and South Americans is available at the Census Bureau's American Fact Finder service, online at: factfinder.census.gov.

Table 3

Revere - Households by Tenure							
Latino Headed Households	2000		1990		Growth		Change in Percent
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Total Households	1,229		516		713	138.2	
Owners	362	29.5	94	18.2	268	285.1	11.2
Renters	867	70.5	422	81.8	445	105.5	

Sources: Census Bureau: 2000, 1990(a).

Latino-headed households are much more likely to rent than to own their home, 70.5% versus 29.5%, although there has been an 11.2% increase in home ownership since 1990 (see table 3). Still, this is much lower than the state average of 61.7%. Although there has been a small growth in the proportion of non-family households, it is still true that most

Latinos, 78.1%, live in family households (see table 4). Married couples with children represent 35.1% of Latino-headed households, more than the Massachusetts average of 23.3%. Families made up of a single female with children account for 15.5% of Latino households, which is greater than the state average of 7.5%, and slightly higher than its 1990 level.

Table 4

Revere - Family Structure						
Latino Headed Households	2000		1990		Growth Percent	Change in Percent
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
Families:	960	78.1	390	75.6	146.2	2.5
with related children ^a :						
Married Couple, with children	433	35.2	130	25.2	233.1	10.0
Female Head, with children	191	15.5	76	14.7	151.3	0.8
Male Head, with children	79	6.4	26	5.0	203.8	1.4
without related children:						
Married Couple, no children	155	12.6	111	21.5	39.6	-8.9
Single, no children	102	8.3	47	9.1	117.0	-0.8
Non-Family Household	269	21.9	126	24.4	113.5	-2.5
Total Households	1,229		516		138.2	

Sources: Census Bureau: 2000, 1990(a).

^a Own or related children under 18 only.

Data Sources:

All available at American Fact Finder [online service]: <http://factfinder.census.gov/>

U.S. Census Bureau:

2000: Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF1) 100% Data.

1990(a): 1990 Census Summary Tape File 1 (STF1) 100% Data.

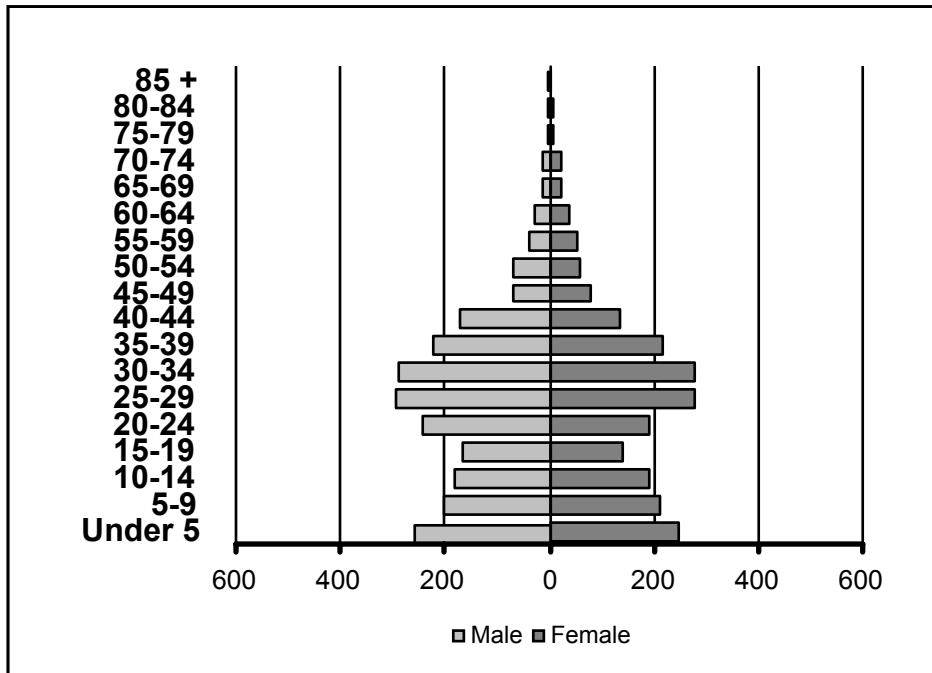
1990(b): 1990 Census Summary Tape File 3 (STF3) Sample Data.

1992: 1990 Census of Population: General Population Characteristics. Washington DC: GPO.

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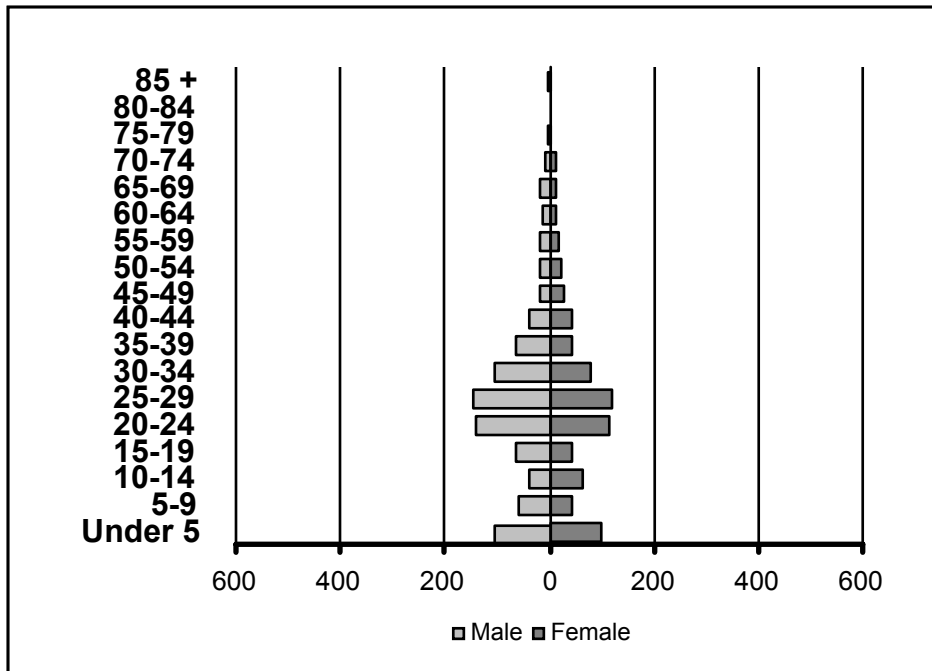
¹ Sample data from 1990 are based on the “Long Form” files. About one person or household in six receives the Long Form Census. The estimates from there do not match the enumerations in the 100% or “Short Form” data. For example there is a 4.5% difference in the total number of Latinos in Massachusetts. There are sources of error in any census or survey, however the estimates here are accurate enough to note trends and patterns.

Figure 2
 Revere - Age Profile 2000



Sources: Census Bureau: 2000, 1990(a), 1992.

Figure 3
 Revere - Age Profile 1990



Sources: Census Bureau: 2000, 1990(a), 1992.

The age composition of Latinos in Revere has changed. There has been an increase among all age groups, but especially among those in the middle years. Even though there are many more children, the overall Latino population is maturing (see figures 2 and 3).

While the Latino population in Revere and in the rest of the country remains relatively young, it is older than it was in 1990. In 2000, 36% of Latinos were younger than 20, fewer than the 31.4% in 1990 (see table 5). The Latino median age of 26.8 is much younger than the overall Massachusetts median age of 36.5. Women still tend to be older than men, but the gap closed during the 1990s. In addition to becoming relatively older, both Latinos and Latinas became less concentrated in the 20-29 age group (see tables 6 and 7).

Table 5

Revere - Latinos by Age					
	2000		1990		Growth Percent
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Under 10 years	927	20.8	312	19.1	197.1
10-19	674	15.1	205	12.6	228.8
20-29	1,007	22.6	519	31.8	94.0
30-39	1,012	22.7	291	17.8	247.8
40-49	455	10.2	128	7.8	255.5
50-59	219	4.9	80	4.9	173.8
60-69	107	2.4	59	3.6	81.4
70 and over	64	1.4	37	2.3	73.0
Total	4,465		1,631		173.8
Median Age	26.8		25.7		

Sources: Census Bureau: 2000, 1990(a), 1992.

Table 6

Revere - Latino Males by Age					
	2000		1990		Growth Percent
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Under 10 years	465	20.5	167	19.6	178.4
10-19	346	15.2	101	11.8	242.6
20-29	534	23.5	282	33.0	89.4
30-39	513	22.6	169	19.8	203.6
40-49	241	10.6	57	6.7	322.8
50-59	106	4.7	35	4.1	202.9
60-69	42	1.9	29	3.4	44.8
70 and over	23	1.0	14	1.6	64.3
Total	2,270		854		165.8
Median Age	26.5		25.6		

Sources: Census Bureau: 2000, 1990(a), 1992.

Table 7

Revere - Latina Females by Age					
	2000		1990		Growth Percent
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Under 10 years	462	21.0	145	18.7	218.6
10-19	328	14.9	104	13.4	215.4
20-29	473	21.5	237	30.5	99.6
30-39	499	22.7	122	15.7	309.0
40-49	214	9.7	71	9.1	201.4
50-59	113	5.1	45	5.8	151.1
60-69	65	3.0	30	3.9	116.7
70 and over	41	1.9	23	3.0	78.3
Total	2,195		777		182.5
Median Age	27.1		25.9		

Sources: Census Bureau: 2000, 1990(a), 1992.