

▶ GOALS FOR THE COMMISSION

1. *Education of Hispanics*

- Addressing the high Hispanic school drop-out rate

2. *Investigate and address the overrepresentation of Hispanics in the correctional system*

- Support the governor's juvenile-crime-prevention strategies
- Provide information to Hispanic youth through forums such as the Latino Youth Summit about the consequences of Measure-11 crimes and the overrepresentation of Hispanics in correctional facilities

3. *Improved access to health- and social services*

- Work with the Oregon Health Division's Office of Multicultural Health to address health issues affecting Hispanics
- Address state-agency abilities to provide culturally competent services

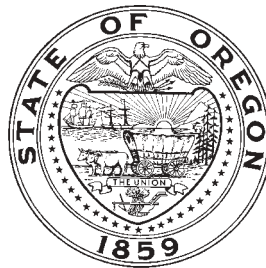
STATE WEB SITE INFORMATION

www.state.or.us/agencies.ns/11800/index.html

▶ COMMISSION OBJECTIVES

1. To create and maintain a networking database to facilitate and improve communications statewide.
2. To create and maintain a system of community meetings throughout Oregon for on-going communication with the Commission.
3. To facilitate the creation and implementation of survey instruments for assisting and encouraging state agencies.
4. To facilitate the nomination of Hispanics to state and community boards and commissions.

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Oregon

▶ COMMISSION ON HISPANIC AFFAIRS

(Comisión de Asuntos Hispanos)

▶ MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs is to work toward economic, social, political, and legal equality for Oregon's Hispanic/Latino population.

▶ THE COMMISSION

- Monitors existing programs that affect the Hispanic community in state government and the private sector.
- Develops and monitors legislation that affects the Hispanic community in Oregon.
- Identifies, researches, and voices concerns on issues that affect the Hispanic community in Oregon.
- Advocates Hispanic representation in state government on state boards and commissions.
- Promotes positive aspects of the Hispanic community.

▶ MEETINGS

The Commission meets from 3-5 p.m. on the last Friday of each month. The public is welcome. Call our office for locations and more information:
(503) 947-7007.

▶ FACTS ABOUT OREGON'S HISPANIC/LATINO COMMUNITY

Data from the 2000 Census showed 275,000 Hispanics living in Oregon. That's eight percent of Oregonians, and they live in every county in the state. The Census results also show rapid growth of the Hispanic population between 1990 and 2000.

The projected growth rate between 1990 and 2000 was estimated to be 73 percent.

The following examples show percentage of growth in Hispanic population by county between 1990 and 2000 and the current Hispanic population in 2000.

PERCENT OF INCREASE, 1990-2000	COUNTY	HISPANIC POPULATION (CURRENT IN 2000)
245%	Washington	49,735
170%	Multnomah	49,607
167%	Marion	48,714
135%	Clackamas	16,744
117%	Lane	14,874
104%	Jackson	12,126
114%	Umatilla	11,366
118%	Yamhill	9,017
57%	Malheur	8,099
96%	Polk	5,480
86%	Hood River	5,107

In addition to the large permanent population noted, there are many seasonal migrant workers and families who are vitally important to Oregon's agricultural industry.

The state of Oregon's Hispanic buying power increased from \$890 million in 1990 to \$2.6 billion in 2001. Oregon is ranked eighth in the nation in rate of growth of Hispanic buying power during that period. (Univ. of Georgia, Selig Center)

▶ HISPANIC/LATINO CHALLENGES

According to a national study published by the Tomás Rivera Policy Institute, Washington, D.C., in March 2001, a substantial income gap remains between Hispanic households and U.S. households in general. That gap widened from about \$12,000 in 1976 to more than \$16,000 in 1998. At the same time, about 60 percent of white, non-Hispanic households had achieved middle-class status, but only 35 percent of Hispanic households had done the same.

Only 10.6 percent of Hispanics who are 25 or older have college degrees, compared to 25.6 percent of the overall U.S. population 25 or older.

Hispanics comprise 10 percent of Oregon's correctional-facility population, despite the fact that Hispanics make up eight percent of the state's population.