Achievements and Contributions of Hispanic/Latino/a/x Academic Health & Sciences
Hispanic Heritage Month

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Hispanic Origin

Hispanic origin can be viewed as the heritage, nationality, lineage, or country of birth of the person or the person’s parents or ancestors before arriving in the United States. People who identify as Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish may be any race.
Hispanic/Latino or Latinx?

• While a majority (61%) say they prefer Hispanic to describe the Hispanic or Latino population in the U.S., 29% say they prefer Latino. Meanwhile, just 4% say they prefer Latinx to describe the Hispanic or Latino population.

• Preference for Latinx as a pan-ethnic term is higher among those who are aware of it – 10% in this group say they prefer Latinx. Yet even among those aware of Latinx, the terms Hispanic (50%) and Latino (31%) are preferred.

Source: https://www.pewresearch.org/hispanic/2020/08/11/about-one-in-four-u-s-hispanics-have-heard-of-latinx-but-just-3-use-it/
Oregon 1980 63,100

Oregon 1990 117,210

Oregon 2000 274,483

Oregon 2010 450,070

https://depts.washington.edu/moving1/map_latinx_migration.shtml
Oregon 2020
565,177
(14% of the Population is Hispanic/Latino/x)
Latino/Hispanic in Medicine & Science

- Even though the Latino/a/x population comprised almost 19 percent of the U.S. population, they represent only 6 percent of physicians.

- 12 percent of 2023 MD Matriculants

- 8.0 percent of PhD S in science and engineering graduates 2022

Héctor P. García, M.D.

Physician, veteran, and advocate

Known as offering low- and no-cost treatment

In 1948, García founded the American GI Forum, organizing veterans to fight for educational and medical benefits, and later, against poll taxes and school segregation.

García was appointed to the US Commission on Civil Rights in 1968; was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation’s highest civilian honor, in 1984.
Antonia Novello, M.D.

Appointed Surgeon General of the United States by President George Bush in 1990, she was the first woman—and the first Hispanic—ever to hold that office.

Her appointment came after nearly two decades of public service at the National Institutes of Health.

After serving as Surgeon General, Dr. Novello was a special representative to United Nations Children's Fund from 1993-1996, where she expanded her efforts to address the health and nutritional needs of women, children, and adolescents, to a global scale.
Jane Delgado, Ph.D.

Chief Executive Officer, Department of Health and Human Services (NAHH)

Early in her career, Delgado worked at promoting minority health at the Department of Health and Human Services. There, she made key contributions to the first U.S. effort to plumb health disparities, the landmark 1985 Report of the Secretary’s Task Force on Black and Minority Health.

The NAHH provides services to some 100 million people annually, with projects ranging from smoking cessation programs to outreach promoting Hispanic participation in clinical trials and a recent bilingual campaign on COVID-19 precautions.
David A. Acosta, M.D.

Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer, AAMC

He provides strategic vision and leadership for the AAMC’s diversity and inclusion activities across the medical education community.

He also leads the association’s Diversity Policy and Programs unit.
(Left to right) Esteban Garza, M.D., Resident, Family Medicine, Hillsboro Medical Center; Lillya Roldan, MD Candidate, Class of 2024; Tatiana Hoyos Gomez, M.D., Assistant Professor of Surgery, Division of Trauma, Critical Care and Acute Care Surgery; Juan Amador, FASAE, CAE, SACNAS Executive Director.
Gracias

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