

Cinco de Mayo Fun Facts



Cinco de Mayo is an important Mexican holiday that commemorates the Mexican Army's defeat of the French at the Battle of Puebla in 1862. To observe Cinco de Mayo, The Indiana Business Research Center at Indiana University's Kelley School of Business gathered the following facts and figures about the Hoosier population with Mexican heritage and Indiana's economic relationship with Mexico.

4.1 percent

Indiana was home 259,300 residents of Mexican descent in 2008. This number accounts for 4.1 percent of Indiana's total population. Residents of Mexican heritage account for 10 percent of the U.S. population.

24.4 years

The median age of Indiana's Mexican-origin residents is 24.4 years compared to 36.8 years for the Hoosier population in general.

7,000+

More than 7,000 Mexican-American Hoosiers are veterans of the U.S. military.

61 percent

Indiana's Mexican-origin population born in the United States.

54 percent

Fifty-four percent of Indiana's foreign born Mexican-origin population entered the United States before the year 2000.

32 percent

Thirty-two percent of Indiana's Mexican heritage population above the age of 16 worked in production, transportation and material moving occupations in 2008. An additional 23 percent worked in service occupations and 15 percent in sales and office occupations.

\$36,750

The median household income for Indiana's Mexican-origin population was \$36,750 in 2008 compared to \$47,966 for Indiana on whole.

25 percent

Percent of Indiana's Mexican-origin population who lived below the poverty level compared to 13 percent of Indiana.

Indiana Businesses

3,200

There were 3,200 Hoosier businesses owned by people of Mexican descent in 2002. These businesses employed 3,850 people in 2002 and registered more than \$405 million in sales.

Indiana's Economic Ties to Mexico

\$1.8 billion

Indiana companies exported \$1.8 billion worth of goods to Mexico in 2009 making it the state's second-largest destination for exported goods. This figure accounted for 8 percent of Indiana's total exports.

30 percent

Industrial machinery was Indiana's top export commodity to Mexico accounting for 30 percent of the value of all exports. Vehicles were the second-largest commodity and accounted for 23 percent of the value of all Indiana exports to Mexico. Other leading Indiana export commodities from Indiana to Mexico include iron and steel, electric machinery and pharmaceutical products.

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