

WCPSS 2005-06 Hispanics/Latino Growth
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Following, and with reference to the attached Excel spreadsheet, are some numbers on this year's (2005-06) **WCPSS Hispanics/Latino growth:**

- **TABLE I. Ad 1. WCPSS Student Distribution of Total Student Population of 120,504**
 - Hispanics/Latino group represents **11,103 students** or **9.21%** of the total membership of 120,504 students.
 - They are the **third largest** racial/ethnic group in the School System, after Whites (66,748 students or 55.39%), and Black or African-Americans (32,425 students or 26.91%).

- **TABLE I. Ad 2. WCPSS Annual Student Increase of 6,436 (2005/06 difference from the 2004/05 enrollment)**
 - Hispanics/Latino group represents **1,715 students** or **26.65 %** of the total annual increase of 6,436 students.
 - They are the **second largest** racial/ethnic group by the annual increase, after Whites (1,880 students or 29.21%).

- **TABLE I. Ad 3. Race/Ethnicity Growth - Comparison to 2004-05 Annual Increase/Decrease within a Race/Ethnicity**
 - In 2005/06, Hispanics/Latino group grew by **1,715 students** or **0.98%** with respect to its numbers in 2004/05.
 - They are the **fastest growing** racial/ethnic group **percentage-wise** in the School System, ahead of Multi-Racial group (growth of 628 students or 0.35%) and Asians (growth of 552 or 0.22%).
 - Although the White group grew by 1,880 students, the overall growth of that group decreased by 1.48% with respect to 2004/05.
 - Similarly, the Black or African-American group showed growth of 1,660 students above its 2004/05 numbers, which represents an overall growth decrease of 0.08%.

- **TABLE II. "New Faces" - Distribution of 16,415 students that entered the WCPSS for the first time in 2005-06**
 - Hispanics/Latino group of 2,102 **students** represents **12.8%** of the "New Faces" in 2005-6.
 - They are the **third largest** racial/ethnic group of all students who entered the WCPSS for the first time in 2005, after Whites (8,246 students or 50.2%), and Black or African-Americans (4,234 students or 25.8%).

- **TABLE III. WCPSS Distribution of Students by Grade, by Race/Ethnicity, 20th-Day Data**
 - The **largest number** of Hispanics/Latino students **attends KI** (1,395 students or **13.36%** of the total School System membership), and
 - The **lowest number** of Hispanics/Latino students **attends 12th** grade (326 or **4.61%** of the total School System membership).

NOTE on Race and Ethnicity

The concept of race as used by the Census Bureau reflects self-identification by people according to the race or races with which they most closely identify. Hispanic/Latino population is regarded as an **ethnic group (not a race) with origins** from Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Spain, the Spanish-speaking countries of Central or South America, the Caribbean, or those identifying themselves generally as Spanish, Spanish-American, Hispanic, Latino, etc

A person of a **Hispanic/Latino origin may be of any race:** White, Black or African American, American Indian and Alaska Native, Asian, and Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, **or Some Other Race** (multiracial, mixed, interracial, or a Hispanic/Latino group), **or Multi-Racial** (two or more races).

Please note that the WCPSS (and other school systems nationwide) register Hispanic/Latino students as one of the 6 races included in the 100% count.