



Archdiocesan Document

Introduction

The main goal of the V Encuentro is to discern ways in which the Church in the United States can better respond to the Hispanic/Latino presence, and to strengthen the ways in which Hispanics/Latinos respond to the call to the New Evangelization as missionary disciples serving the entire Church.

The process designed to achieve this goal is rooted in the life of the local Church as Catholic parishes, schools, institutions, organizations, service agencies, and the like gather to enter a process of consultation, sending forth community participants to engage local Hispanics/Latinos, especially those living in the peripheries.

At this point, the local efforts in parishes and organizations have been completed, but the impact of the experience of encounter with Christ and with our sisters and brothers in the peripheries is much more lasting. The task now is to ensure that the ideas, insights and recommendations borne out of the dialogue, reflection, journaling, and consultation forms will be applied at every level of the Church—from parishes and organizations, to dioceses and regions, and finally at the national level.

The *Diocesan Working Document* faithfully summarizes the voices from the peripheries and parishes, so that their concerns can be heard and responded to throughout the Church. It also highlights the recommendations stemming from the Parish Encuentros—both for the parishes themselves, and for the archdiocese as a whole. As such, it serves as the primary point of reference in the dialogue that will occur at the Diocesan Encuentro, and it includes tools to help the delegates identify the most important priorities for the archdiocese and the region. In turn, the *Document* also significantly benefits the *V Encuentro* process in its ability to raise awareness, make recommendations and provide resources and support at every level in the Church.



Archdiocesan Working Document

Part I: <u>Archdiocese Information</u>

Archdiocese: Seattle

Date of Archdiocesan Encuentro: October 14, 2017

Location of Archdiocesan Encuentro: Archdiocese of Seattle Campus

City/State: Seattle, WA

Parish or Facility: Isaac Orr Conference Room

Key: Parish Working Documents = PWDs

Italics: Responses that fall under more than one area

1. Description of the Archdiocese of Seattle:

The Archdiocese of Seattle serves all of Western Washington. It is 1 of 3 dioceses in the state of Washington. Recent data indicates that the Archdiocese of Seattle has the support of:

- An Archbishop
- 2 Auxiliary Bishops
- 1 Abbot
- 105 active Diocesan Priests
- 59 extern priests (religious and diocesan with an assignment)
- 109 Permanent Deacons, 4 Transitional Deacons
- 19 Brothers
- 329 Sisters
- 145 parishes
- 27 Missions and Stations
- The parishes are divided into 10 deaneries
- 44 parishes celebrate Spanish Mass (53 Masses in Spanish each weekend, plus two bi-lingual Spanish/English)
- 62 Diocesan and Parish Schools (5 High Schools, 57 Elementary Schools) totaling in 64,468 students under Catholic Instruction
- 856,000 Catholic Population (includes affiliated and self-identified) The Hispanic/Latino population in 2010 was approximately 400,000.



2. Archdiocesan Team:

Name	Last Name	Representing/Title	Ethnicity	Generation
Annie	Bailey	Evangelization (Coordinator for the Office of Discipleship)	Hispanic / Caucasian	1st Gen
Fr. Cal	Christiansen	Priests / Seminarians (Pastor – St. Pius X Parish)	Caucasian	1 st Gen
Carlos	Carrillo	Faith Formation (Director of Spanish Faith Formation)	Hispanic / Latino	1st Gen
Daria	Lobato	Bishop's Delegate (Executive Assistant to Auxiliary Bishop Elizondo)	Hispanic / Caucasian	2 nd Gen
Edwin	Ferrera	Coordinator (Director of Multicultural Youth and Young Adult Ministry)	Hispanic / Latino	1st Gen
Gabriel & Atala	Olivas	Family Life (Marriage Encounter Coordinators)	Hispanic / Latino	1st Gen
Guadalupe	Zamora Alatorre	Community Leader (Lay Hispanic Leader)	Hispanic / Latino	1st Gen
Julio	Pocon	Apostolic Movements (Lay Hispanic Leader, Charismatic Renewal)	Hispanic / Latino	1st Gen
Luis	Camilo	Hispanic Young Adult Ministry (Lay Hispanic Leader, Pastoral Juvenil)	Hispanic / Latino	1st Gen
Veronica	De La Cruz	Apostolic Movements (Lay Hispanic Leader, Cursillos)	Hispanic / Latino	1st Gen



Part II: The Voices of Hispanic/Latino People in the Peripheries

3. Summary of the highlights and common themes regarding the <u>obstacles</u>, <u>needs and situations</u> that require pastoral attention and that prevent Hispanics/Latinos living on the periphery from reaching their potential in U.S. society:

Obstacles:

Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4
Formation	Pastoral / Temporal Care (Solidarity)	Communion and Mission	Prayers and Liturgy
 Lack of interest, knowledge and faith in God Lack of faith in the Catholic Church as an institution or because it is irrelevant to the struggles and reality of daily life Unfamiliarity with the USA concept of Parish Couples living together without the sacrament of Marriage 	 Financial instability, unemployment or insufficient wages Work schedule: long hours or working two jobs Inability to pay for children's education Rigid schedule due to family commitments and responsibilities Lack of transportation to Mass and Reconciliation Leadership/Social Environment A negative attitude, criticism or lack of openness and understanding from parish leaders and vice versa. Lack of role models for youth and young adults and negative peer parish Fear and struggles related to gang violence or domestic violence and other unhealthy family dynamics Addiction to alcohol, drugs, pornography, sex or extreme media use Legal Status No driver's license Fear of being detained / deported / separated from family Fear of discrimination in words, attitudes or action in public places or becoming stereotyped Legal problems or past criminal offenses Difficulty obtaining documents needed to receive the Sacraments 	Generation gaps affecting religious practice and cultural identity	 Sense of guilt and shame for past faults and decisions Rigid schedule due to family commitments and responsibilities Lack of transportation to Mass and Reconciliation Couples living together without the sacrament of Marriage



Needs:

Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4
Formation	Pastoral /Temporal Care (Solidarity)	Communion and Mission	Prayers and Liturgy
 Spanish speaking priests, deacons and lay leaders with cultural experience /understanding Sacred Scriptures classes and/or Bible study groups Classes on the Christian understanding of the gift of sexuality for youth and parents Age appropriate formation, guidance and meaningful responsibilities within the parish community for youth and young adults Pre-Cana classes in Spanish Support and resources for youth / young adults discerning a vocation Ongoing formation and support for pastors Classes and workshops for parishioners to discover and use their talents and gifts 	 Pastoral care for the sick, elderly, homebound and imprisoned Support and legal advice on immigration, finances and education Translators, (free) ESL classes, Tech workshops and social / cultural classes Community life for individuals without family Housing Pastoral care, counseling and support groups for couples Care and support for single mothers and fathers Pastoral care and support for individuals with mental health issues or special needs and their families Pastoral care and support groups for individuals of homosexual orientation and their families Pastoral care and support for victims of domestic violence and other forms of abuse 	 Better communication between the Archdiocese and the parishes Presence of the (Arch)bishops in the parishes Easy access to parish formation, services, activities, events and facilities (Common) goals shared by the whole parish/community Classes and workshops for parishioners to discover and use their talents and gifts 	 Spanish speaking priests, deacons and lay leaders with cultural experience / understanding Youth Masses Spiritual guidance for lay people Reconciliation offered in Spanish and available more than once a week



4. Summary of the highlights and common themes regarding their most significant hopes and dreams, as well as the gifts and talents they could bring to the Catholic Church, and for the common good of society:

Hopes and Dreams	Gifts and Talents
 To share common goals as a parish/community For all parishioners, active and non-active, to be treated with equal respect, openness and support For the parish to walk as one community, especially during the hard moments, so that every parishioner feels part of a family Liturgy of the Word for children More interaction between the pastor and the community after Mass Urban Missions and Missionary Disciples ministries Renewal of the parish and community by engaging youth and young adults To start Perpetual Adoration in the parish Presence of religious sisters and brothers in the parishes (To overcome poverty by) adequate employment/wages to buy a home, support and improve family's quality of life Citizenship, work permits to reside and work legally in the USA, Immigration Reform Returning home (to country of origin) with the financial means to start a better life Scholarships to Catholic School The ensuring that children go to college and have a good career To learn English and achieve the necessary skills and education to obtain good employment A post-secondary education The possibility/opportunity to travel and broaden cultural knowledge of the world Owning a personal business or keeping a steady job in order to provide for aging parents Helping the Hispanic / Latino community in a professional capacity To have a family To have a vocation in the family Peace, stability and security at home and in social surroundings 	 Intelligent, sociable and capable of spreading the Word of God Personal talents that enrich the parish community Simplicity Willingness to help each other The ability to find happiness in life no matter the circumstances or situation Experience in education and music Bilingual/multilingual Willingness/commitment to support and assist others with appointments, errands or the process toward citizenship Bearing witness by good behavior/example (Younger generations) Tech proficiency Commitment to pray for each other personally or as a team/community Artistic and creative Hard working



Part III: The Voices from the Parish Communities and Participating Organizations

5. Successful ways in which parishes/organizations in the (arch)diocese are already <u>responding to the obstacles, challenges, and needs</u> they have identified, as well as <u>affirming the presence and contributions</u> of Hispanics/Latinos in the peripheries:

Best Practices	Affirming Presence and Contributions
 Parish meetings with Pastor Pastors' efforts and time to learn the language, understand the culture and implement resources available for Hispanic Ministry Retreats, Service projects / Outreach for Youth and Young Adults Classes on Christ, the Bible and Theology Technological resources Parish activities that include parents / Activities for the whole family Homilies that can be applied to daily life / use simple language Mass and Reconciliation in Spanish Choir preparation and books with songs for liturgy Well planned gatherings and customer service Accessible and easy to understand information about sacramental preparation and requirements Healing Masses and Popular Devotions (i.e. Divine Mercy, rosary, etc.) Weekly visits by pastor or (parish) leaders with families to pray and spend time with them A Good Samaritan account to help those most in need and parish groups and services that provide assistance to low income families Directive team and coordinators for Hispanic Ministry who assist with Human Resources, social and immigration needs Cultural and heritage activities Making use of the communities' talents for the maintenance and upkeep of church grounds Ongoing formation for parish leaders and personnel Parish Food Bank Annual celebrations (i.e. OLOG, Posadas, Christmas Eve Mass with Adoration of the Christ Child, Parish Picnic, Live Stations of the Cross, etc.) Pre-sacrament meetings Bilingual, full-time personnel in the Regional Offices that cover the needs of Hispanic Ministry 	 Service to the parish and Hispanic community despite limited resources and personnel/staff Majority of Hispanic population is under 35 years old Hispanic presence contributes significantly to the Catholic identity of the parishes The experience of not having to be afraid in social and public settings and situations The celebration of traditions or special events that form part of our heritage



6. Best ideas and successful ways the parishes and organizations gave for welcoming, accompanying and embracing Hispanics/Latinos in their communities, especially with regards to: family ministries, adolescents and young adults, and those who have left the faith or are in at-risk situations:

Welcome	Belonging	Stewardship
 Parish staff and leaders who are interested, informed and have a welcoming attitude and spirit of service Actively invite others to participate in parish life and events, especially those who are fallen away Catholics Create a team/committee in charge of hospitality Gather with newcomers to get to know them and their needs and gifts Create more groups and events that are in Spanish 	 Prayers for the parish community and its needs Spiritual direction and support from the pastor/ or priest for families and the community Not to take offense at the mistakes of others, to be forgiving and understanding Active listening and care for the needs of the parishioners Periodic Multicultural/ bilingual Masses to promote integration Becoming a support for those who are grieving or struggling with illness Inviting others to participate as organizers or volunteers at major parish events Calling and reminding parishioners of the services the parish offers Mass and Celebration of the Mother of Americas / Parish Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe Appreciate and help retired members of the community Offer parish programs in both English and Spanish Offer recreational and social activities for all ages / special events and activities for youth 	 Greater access to information that can benefit the secular life of the parish community Offer the resources / formation for parishioners to prepare for ministries and the opportunities for them to share their gifts Promote a catechesis in which the parents are empowered to be the first teachers of the faith Promote opportunities to participate in Archdiocesan events Preparing well for ministries Organizing talent fairs or events that bring others' talents



7. Most successful practices parishes are currently doing to promote and accompany Hispanic/Latino leaders. List of what would take to have a greater number of Hispanic / Latino Catholics discern ecclesial vocations (priesthood, diaconate, religious life, lay ministry)

Leaders:

- Archdiocesan classes (Growing the Faith)
- Continuing formation through classes and videos for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors directors by their coordinators
- Parish representation in Pastoral Council and committees
- Regular meetings between Hispanic Ministry Coordinators and Hispanic leadership of the different ministries
- Training and skill development to work with, serve and lead the community
- Formation in evangelization and catechesis skills
- Personal invitation to individuals that are potential leaders, followed by training

Vocations:

- Distribute information in Spanish to families about retreats and opportunities to explore/discern a vocation
- Proactive and direction promotion to Hispanic youth and young adults at parish and Archdiocesan level
- Monthly / semester talks and presentation on the various vocations and the steps to discern them
- Educate parents and instill an appreciation for vocations to priesthood and religious life through activities and events
- Example and interaction with priests and religious
- The good testimony of priests and religious
- Scholarships for youth to attend vocational retreats
- 8. Some important insights and noteworthy recommendations that emerged from the parishes and organizations throughout the process, especially ideas that have not yet been mentioned Insights
 - A desire to continue growing in the faith and as individuals
 - Greater awareness of the needs of others
 - Patience, understanding that good and lasting results take time
 - Perceptions do not always reflect the reality of the community
 - Awareness of needs that have been forgotten or have not been resolved
 - Awareness that we are all called to be missionaries
 - The understanding that I am / can be the solution to a need in the parish



Part IV: <u>Archdiocesan Priorities for the Pastoral Care and Accompaniment of Hispanic/Latino Catholics</u>

	Formation	Pastoral Care/Solidarity	Communion in Mission	Prayers and Liturgy
1	Youth / Young Adults a) Retreats and Camps b) Bible Studies / Teaching Resources c) Youth / Young Adult Hispanic / Latino Groups d) Vocations e) Accompaniment	Support for undocumented youth	Leadership development program	Clarification of current sacramental policies / creation of more pastoral (flexible) policies
2	Continuing Formation for the clergy in administrative skills, pastoral care and accompaniment of the Hispanic community	Spanish speaking priests who have an understanding of cultural knowledge	Communication between Archdiocesan personnel, pastors, lay leaders and parishioners	Clear pastoral guidelines for secular holidays and liturgical celebrations /Holy Days of Obligation
3	Promotion and implementation of pastoral care for families	Listen to the needs of the people / community	Greater presence and communication from Archdiocesan personnel	Mass and Reconciliation at hours accessible to the Hispanic community and during the whole of the year
4	Programs of faith formation and Bible study with an emphasis on multicultural reality	Action Plan to support immigrants in fear of deportation	Promotion and implementation of effective stewardship programs	
5	Permanent Deacon Formation	Accompany and find ways to integrate individuals who haven't completed sacramental requirements	Formation of deacons, catechists and leaders in the parish	
6	Pastoral accompaniment and presence of seminarians and religious in the parishes		Financial support / Assistance for low-income families	
7	Promotion of vocations directed to the Hispanic community		Assignment of the appropriate number of Spanish speaking priests to meet parish needs	
8	Assistance from the Archdiocese to help implement parish programs			



List of top Areas and Recommendations/Strategies for the archdiocese and region in the next 2 to 5 years:

Archdiocesan Priorities	Regional Priorities
Area 1: Youth and Young Adult Hispanic / Latino Ministry / Pastoral Juvenil	Area 1: Youth and Young Adult Hispanic / Latino Ministry / Pastoral Juvenil
R1: Grupos de Jovenes	S1: Regional Encuentros
R2: Retreats	S2:
R3: Bible studies	S3:
Area 2: Accompaniment and Assistance to Integrate Individuals Seeking to Complete Sacramental Requirements	Area 2: Leadership Development Programs
R1: Clear and set sacramental policies for all parishes	S1: Regional programs for leadership development
Area 3: Support for Undocumented Youth and Young Adults	Area 3: Promote Multicultural and Bilingual Vocations
R1: Develop an action plan to support immigrants in fear of deportation	
Area 4: Leadership Development Programs	
R1: Develop a leadership formation program	
Area 5: Mass and Reconciliation in Spanish	
R1: Assignment of the appropriate number of Spanish speaking priests to meet parish needs	
Area 6: Promote Multicultural and Bilingual Vocations	



Part V: Areas of Shared Pastoral Concern with Other Dioceses in the Region

Area #1: Youth and Young Adult Hispanic / Latino Ministry / Pastoral Juvenil
Strategy #1: Regional Encuentro for jovenes
Strategy #2: Regional holistic formation opportunities
Area #2: Leadership Development Programs
Strategy #1: Regional holistic formation opportunities
Strategy #2:
Area #3: Promotion and Implementation of Pastoral Care for Families
Strategy #1: For diocesan program to be responsive to the realities of immigrant communities
Strategy #2:



Appendix 1: Statistical Summary of the V Encuentro Implementation in the Archdiocese

1. Participation of Parishes and Organizations*							
Type of Organization How many sent teams for training? How many completed the five sessions? How many completed the five sessions? How many completed the five sessions?							
A. Parishes	35	17	16	17			
B. Elementary & High Schools	0	0	0	0			
C. Colleges & Universities	0	0	0	0			
D. Movements & Organizations	5						

^{*} The numbers in the table represent numbers of parishes or organizations, not individual participants.

2. Movements and/or organizations that participated—including members who collaborated in their Parish Encuentros instead of doing it on their own.

Cursillo Movement, Catholic Christian Family Movement, Marriage Encounter Worldwide, Catholic Charismatic Renewal and Knights of Colon

3. Participants of the five sessions and consultation process - St	atistics
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A. Overali no. c	n participants.	1100					
B. No. of youth	or young adults:	300	_				
C. Ethnicities:	Hispanic/Latino:	1100		Black/Afr:	0	White/Eur: _	0
	Native American:	0	Asian:	0	Other:	0	
D. Language Pr	eference: English:	200	_Spanish	n:700			
	Both:	200	_Other:				



4. Statistics - Hispanics / Latinos encountered in the peripheries.

	A. Who they are:	
	How many people were reached overall in the three miss	sionary actions?3600
	Young adults:1000 Adults:2550	Families:50
	B. Locations: (the most common)	
	Houses, camp sites, parishes and at work	
	C. Gender: How many men?1600	How many women?2000
	D. Language Pref.: English:350 Spanish:	<u></u>
	Both:1500 Other	:1750
	E. Religious identity: Catholic:3590 Non-	Catholic:10
	F. Countries of origin: (List the top 5, and give an estimate of the	percentage for each. It does not have to add up to 100%.)
	1Mexico	%
	2USA	%
	3Guatemala	1%
	4El Salvador	1%
	5Honduras	%
5. Ho	How welcome do Hispanics / Latinos on the periphery feel by the	Catholic Church?
	Very welcome:35% Welcome:	45%
	Somewhat: 15 % Not welcome:	15 %



6. Par	ish or Organizational Encuer	ntro Partici	ipants:							
	Total male participants:	505								
	Total female participants:731		Average % ages 18-29:40%							
	Participated in 5 sessions:	1200	Average % under 18:10%							
	Part. in some sessions:		Average % from movements:%							
	Invited guests:	0								
Number of parishes that did not report Parish Encuentro registration data:4										
	Number of parishes that did not provide estimates by age or movements:6									
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Moment 5 (Celebrating)	3.9
The Parish Encuentro met its goals	95%

Highlights and common themes from the comments about the Process and Organization:

- Felt welcome
- Wished they had more time to reflect on the questions
- Wished the documents were easier to understand and work with

My voice / ideas were welcome and respected (average rating): ____3.8_____

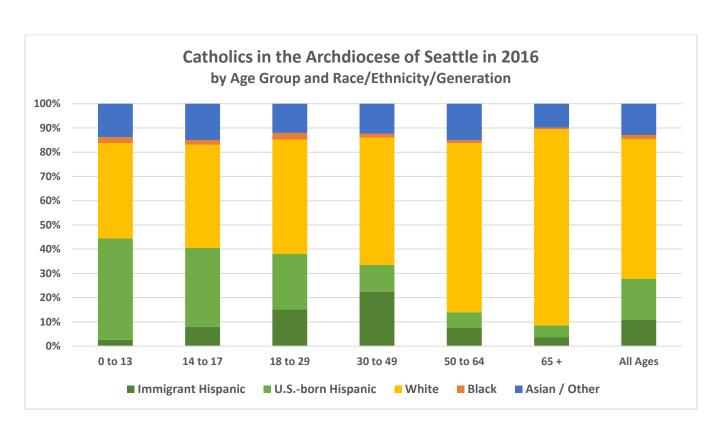
Highlights and common themes from the contributions to the participants' life or ministry:

- People felt welcome
- Listening to the testimonies during moment 3 was emotional and inspiring
- People felt heard during moments 2 and 4
- Listening to the needs of the communities was both challenging and hopeful
- · Expectation of how the Archdiocese will support them now
- Desire for more young people to participate

Appendix 2: Statistical Summary of Hispanics/Latinos in the Archdiocese



Key Demographic, Social, and Religious Statistics for the Archdiocese of Seattle



Racial/Ethnic Groups in the	Total Population	Total Population	%	Estimated	%
Archdiocese of Seattle	in 2000	in 2016	Change	Catholics in 2016	Catholic
White	3,637,025	3,967,053	9%	510,000	13%
Hispanic	238,926	551,054	131%	246,000	45%
Black	175,678	331,876	89%	14,500	4%
Asian/Other	535,544	867,151	62%	114,000	13%
Total	4,587,173	5,717,134	25%	884,000	15%

Number of parishes with an organized Hispanic Ministry: 49

Total regular **Mass attendance** in Spanish: **15,904** at **49** weekly Masses in Spanish in the Diocese **202** at **3** monthly Masses in Spanish in the Diocese

Number of Hispanics/Latinos enrolled in Catholic schools:

Kinder to 8th: **1,678** out of 15,776 enrolled High School: **419** out of 6,160 enrolled

Number of Hispanic/Latino priests in the Diocese... Active: 14 Retired/Inactive: 2 Foreign-born: 11

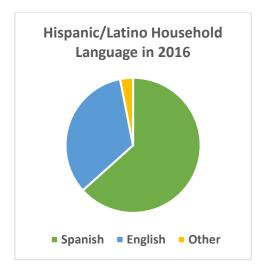
Number of Hispanic/Latino/a religious living and/or serving in the Diocese: 5

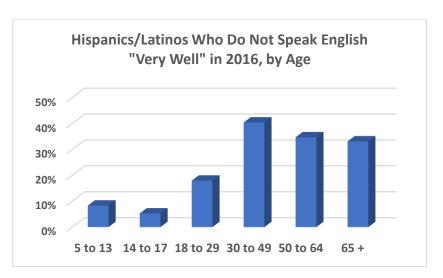
Number of Hispanic/Latino **deacons** living and/or serving in the Diocese: 8

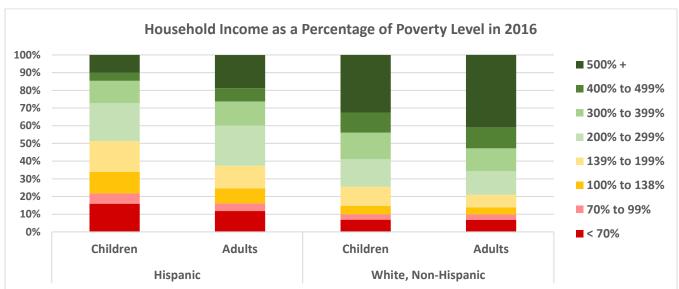
Number of Hispanic/Latino/a lay ecclesial ministers serving 20+ hours per week in the Diocese: 11+



Public Data from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey for the Geographic Territory Covered by the Archdiocese of Seattle

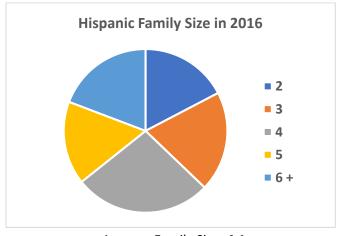




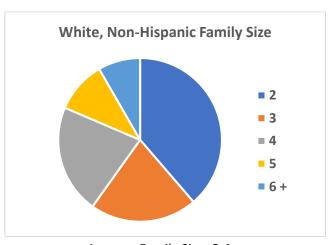


Median Hispanic Household Income: \$64,000

Median White Household Income: \$88,000

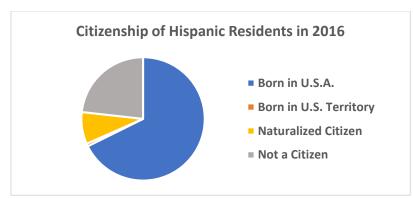


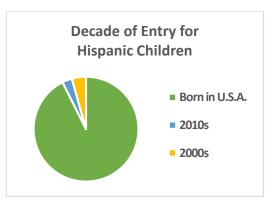
Average Family Size: 4.1

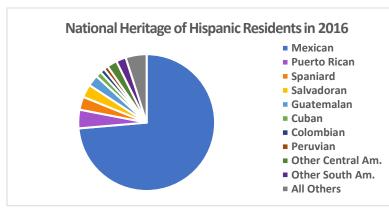


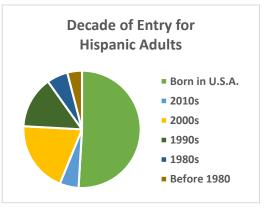
Average Family Size: 3.4

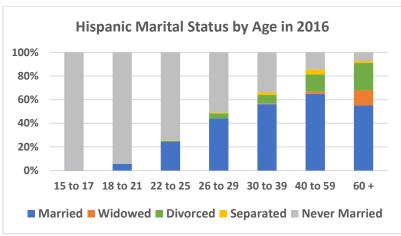


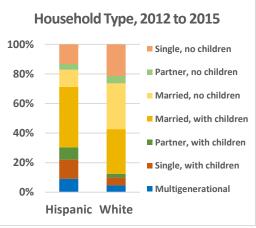


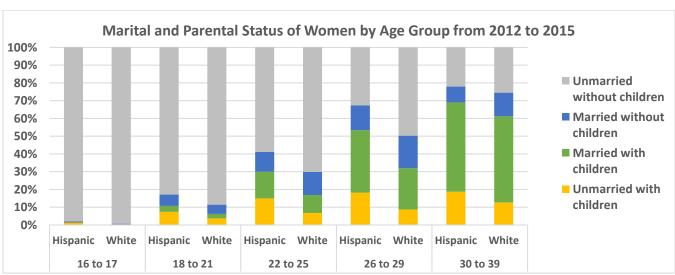




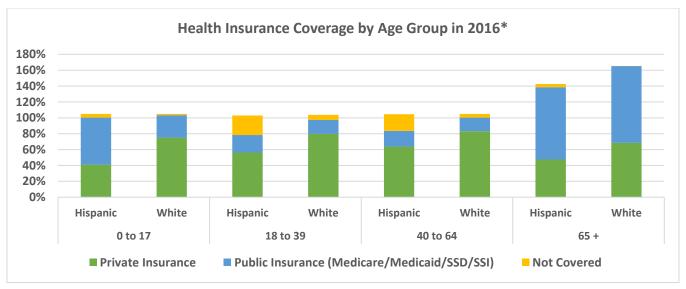












^{*} Numbers may exceed 100% because some individuals may have a combination of public and private insurance.

