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The Geography of Hispanic HUD-Assisted Households

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Abstract

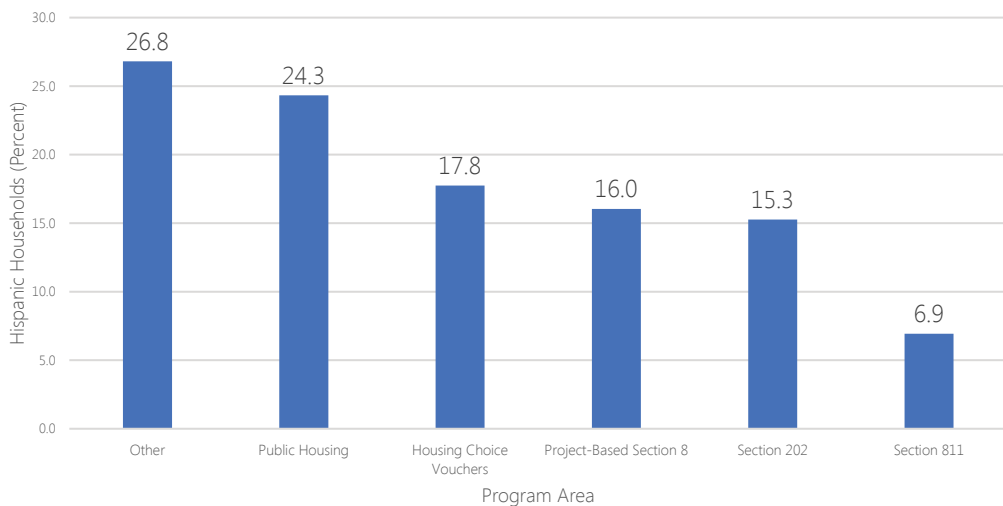
In 2019, Hispanic households constituted 18.4 percent of all HUD-assisted households. The share of Hispanic households varied from state to state and by program area. Most states' share of Hispanic HUD-assisted households was smaller than its share of the Hispanic population in that state or Washington, DC. Hispanic HUD-assisted households were more likely than Hispanic non-HUD-assisted households to live in urban counties but at about the rates similar to non-Hispanic HUD-assisted households. Hispanic HUD-assisted households were less likely to live in low-poverty neighborhoods and more likely to live in high-poverty and extremely high-poverty neighborhoods compared with non-Hispanic HUD-assisted households.

Program Areas

In 2019, Hispanic households assisted by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) were 18.5 percent of all HUD-assisted households, roughly the same as the percentage (18.4 percent) of Hispanic people in the United States (U.S. Census Bureau, 2021). Program participation by Hispanic HUD-assisted households varied from 26.8 percent in Other programs to 6.9 percent in Section 811 (exhibit 1). Similar to the U.S. Census Bureau, HUD collects information about ethnicity separately from race; thus, Hispanic HUD-assisted households may be of any race, as shown in exhibit 2.

Exhibit 1

HUD Program Areas by Share of Hispanic Households

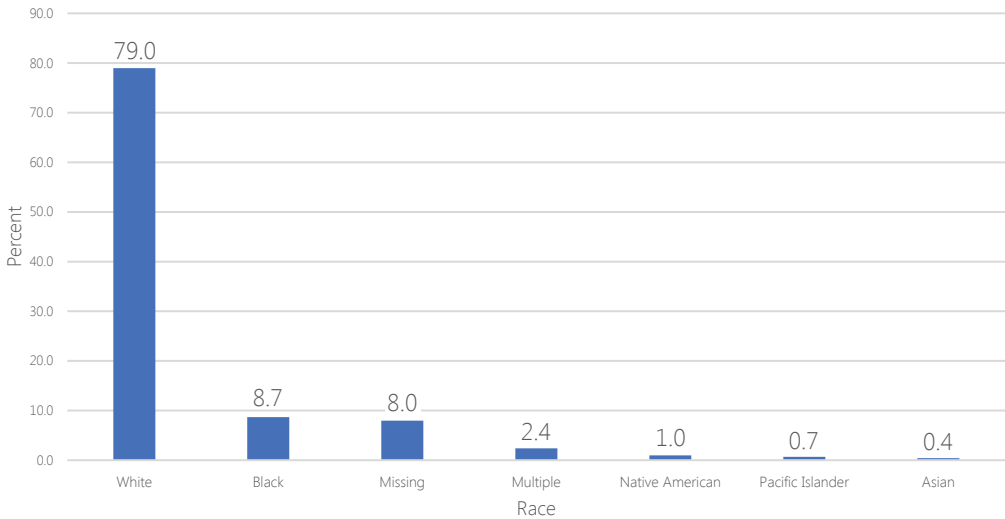


Source: 2019 HUD-Assisted Longitudinal Household-Level Data (PIC and TRACS)

Hispanic HUD-assisted households were more likely to identify as multiple races (2.4 percent) or have missing race information (8.0 percent) than non-Hispanic HUD-assisted households (1.0 percent and 1.5 percent, respectively). That finding is consistent with literature regarding differences in perception of race between Hispanics and non-Hispanics (Leeman, 2018; Strmic-Pawl, Jackson, and Garner, 2018; Telles, 2018).

Exhibit 2

Hispanic HUD-Assisted Households by Race



Source: 2019 HUD-Assisted Longitudinal Household-Level Data (PIC and TRACS)

Geography

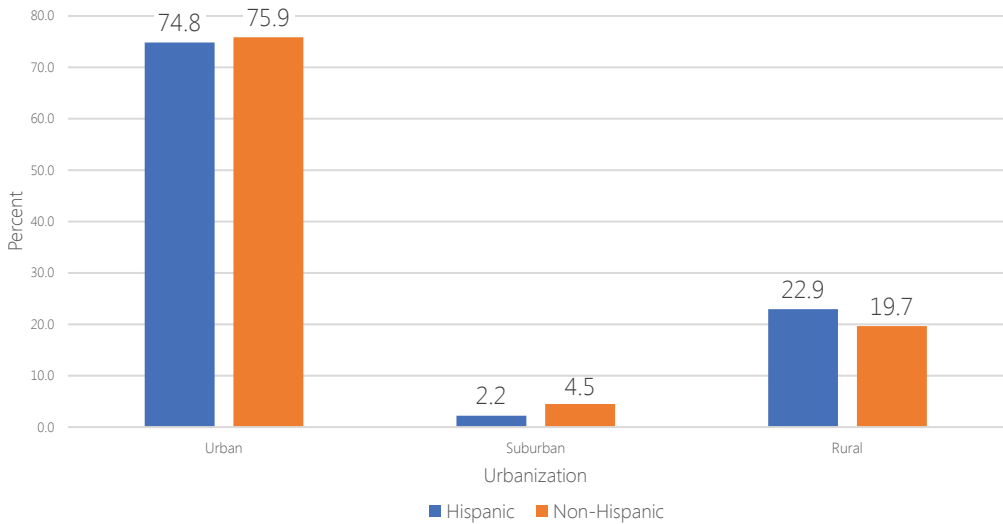
Most states (35) had shares of HUD-assisted households that were smaller than the state’s overall percentage of Hispanic population. In five northeastern states,¹ the percentage of HUD-assisted households who are Hispanic was between 1.87 and 2.61 times the state’s share of the overall population that are Hispanic. States with a share of Hispanic HUD-assisted households that were less than 30 percent of that state’s share of Hispanic population were all located in the South.² Five states and Puerto Rico had a share of Hispanic HUD-assisted households that were within 10 percentage points of that state or territory’s Hispanic population percentage. In general, states with smaller shares of Hispanic population were underrepresented in HUD-assisted households. Of the 28 states with 10 percent or less overall Hispanic population, 23 states had HUD-assisted populations that had smaller shares of Hispanic population. The map in exhibit 3 compares the share of Hispanic population to the share of the HUD-assisted population that is Hispanic.

¹ Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, and Rhode Island.

² Arkansas, Georgia, and South Carolina.

Exhibit 4

Hispanic and Non-Hispanic HUD-Assisted Households by County Urbanization



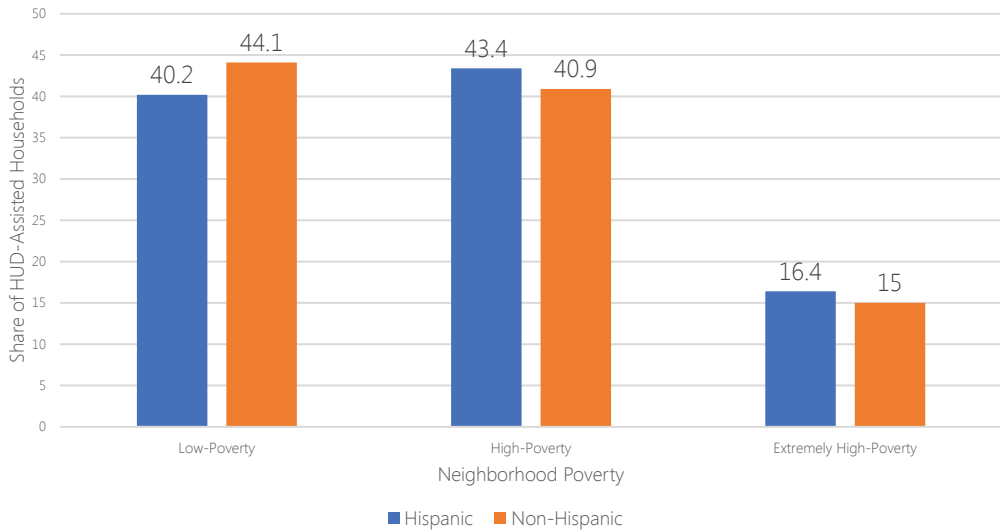
Source: 2019 HUD-Assisted Longitudinal Household-Level Data (PIC and TRACS)

Fewer Hispanic HUD-assisted households than non-Hispanic HUD-assisted households live in low-poverty⁴ neighborhoods, and more Hispanic HUD-assisted households live in high-poverty and extremely high-poverty neighborhoods. Roughly two-fifths of Hispanic HUD-assisted households live in low-poverty neighborhoods (40.2 percent), lower than the rate for non-Hispanic HUD-assisted households (44.1 percent). Nearly one-half of Hispanic HUD-assisted households live in high-poverty neighborhoods (43.4 percent), higher than the rate of non-Hispanic households in high-poverty neighborhoods (40.9 percent). More Hispanic HUD-assisted households (16.4 percent) than non-Hispanic HUD-assisted households (15.0 percent) live in extremely high-poverty neighborhoods (exhibit 5).

⁴ A low-poverty neighborhood is defined as a census tract with a poverty rate of 0.0–20.0 percent, a high-poverty neighborhood has a poverty rate of 20.1–40.0 percent, and an extremely high-poverty neighborhood has a poverty rate greater than 40.0 percent.

Exhibit 5

Hispanic and Non-Hispanic HUD-Assisted Households by Neighborhood Income

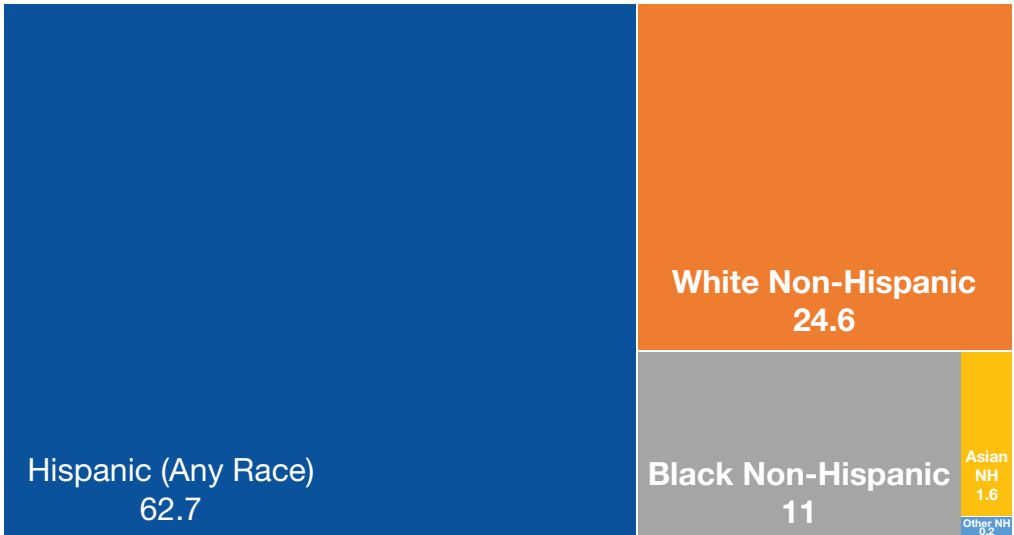


Source: 2019 HUD-Assisted Longitudinal Household-Level Data (PIC and TRACS)

Hispanic HUD-assisted households are present in 61.9 percent of census tracts where HUD-assisted households are located and in 53.9 percent of the nation’s roughly 74,000 census tracts overall. Nearly two-thirds (62.7 percent) of Hispanic HUD-assisted households live in census tracts where the predominant group of the overall population is Hispanic of any race, followed by 24.5 percent in White non-Hispanic census tracts and 11.0 percent in Black non-Hispanic census tracts (exhibit 6).

Exhibit 6

Share of Hispanic HUD-Assisted Households by Predominant Group of Overall Population



Source: 2019 HUD-Assisted Longitudinal Household-Level Data (PIC and TRACS)

Data and Methods

Analyses used a December 2019 extract standardized across two HUD administrative databases: the Public and Indian Housing (PIH) Information Center (PIC) and the Tenant Rental Assistance Certification System (TRACS). These databases collect programmatic information from HUD-affiliated housing providers (i.e., local public housing authorities or private multifamily building owners). A *Hispanic household* is defined as a household in which the head of household reported Hispanic ethnicity.

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