

Hispanic/Latino Births in Alabama By Rural Versus Urban Residence (2003-2004)

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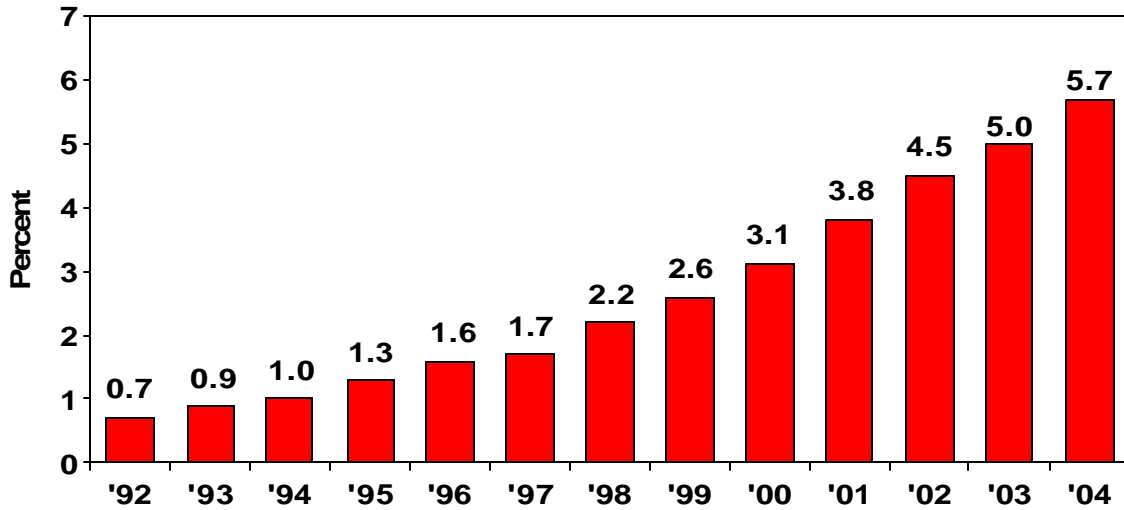
- Births to residents of Hispanic/Latino origin have increased from 0.7 percent in 1992 to 5.7 percent of all Alabama resident births in 2004. The number of births to Hispanic/Latino residents increased from 458 in 1992 to 3,337 in 2004.
- 6.4 percent of all 2003-2004 births to rural residents were of Hispanic/Latino origin compared to 4.6 percent for urban residents. This presents a significant challenge to many rural healthcare systems because of concerns with communication, differences in cultural healthcare behaviors, and lack of healthcare insurance.
- The greatest percentage of births of Hispanic/Latino origin was in the rural counties of North Alabama where 8.3 percent (or nearly one in every ten) were of Hispanic/Latino origin.
- Hispanic/Latino births comprised more than 10 percent of all resident births in eight Alabama Counties (DeKalb, 27.1%; Marshall, 26.0%; Bullock, 22.5%; Franklin, 22.4%; Barbour, 15.0%; Blount, 14.9%; Morgan, 14.0%; and Limestone, 10.2%). All of these counties, with the exception of Morgan, are rural.

Percent Hispanic/Latino Births Selected Areas, 2003-2004

Area	All Resident Births	Hispanic/Latino Births	Percent
United States (2003 Preliminary)	4,091,063	912,256	22.3
Alabama	118,198	6,306	5.3
Urban Alabama Counties	68,600	3,143	4.6
Rural Alabama Counties	49,598	3,163	6.4
Highly Rural Counties	29,054	2,320	8.0
Moderately Rural Counties	20,544	843	4.1
Rural North Alabama	29,557	2,443	8.3
Rural South Alabama	20,041	720	3.6
Appalachian Region Counties	74,727	5,028	6.7
Delta Region Counties	10,847	269	2.5
Black Belt Counties	5,616	102	1.8

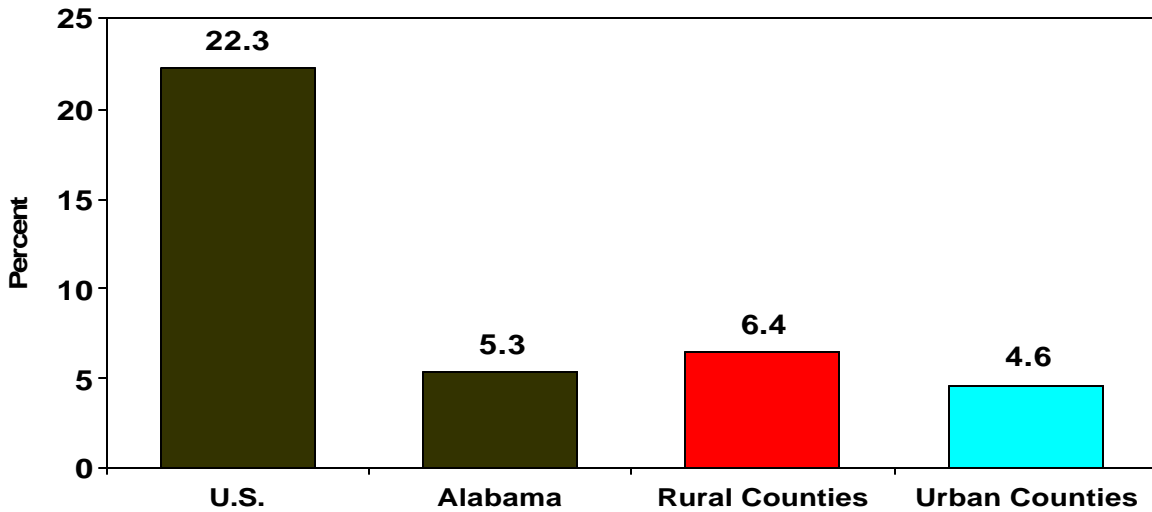
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Percent Hispanic/Latino Births Alabama Residents, 1992-2004



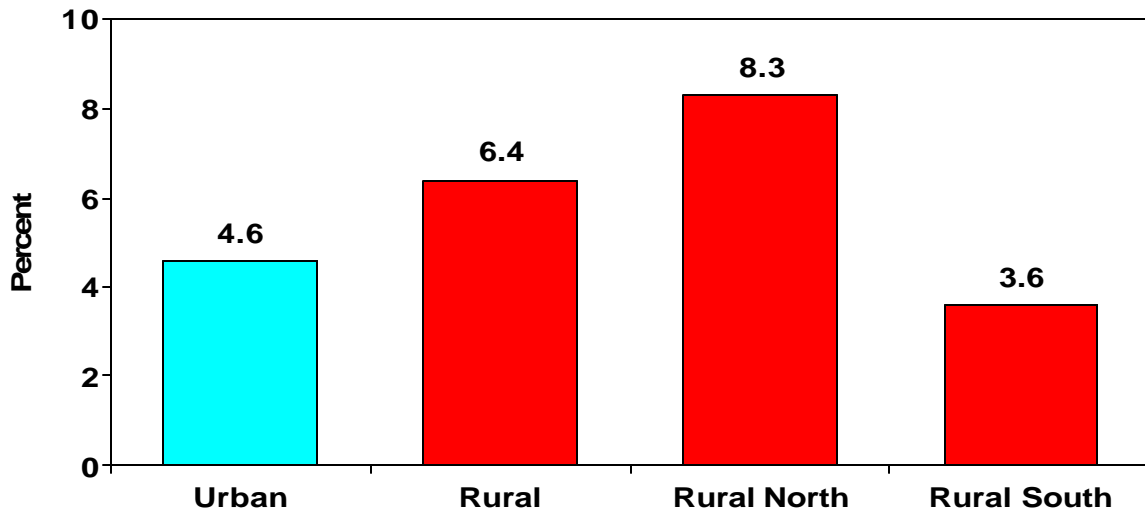
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Percent Resident Hispanic/Latino Births in 2003-2004 U.S., Alabama, Rural Alabama, and Urban Alabama



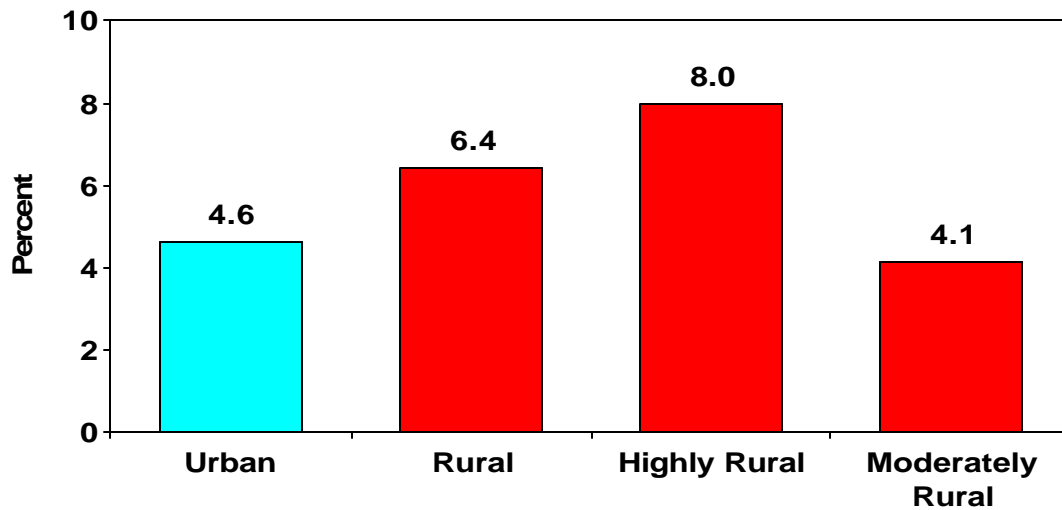
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Percent Resident Hispanic/Latino Births in 2003-2004 Urban, Rural, Rural North, and Rural South Alabama



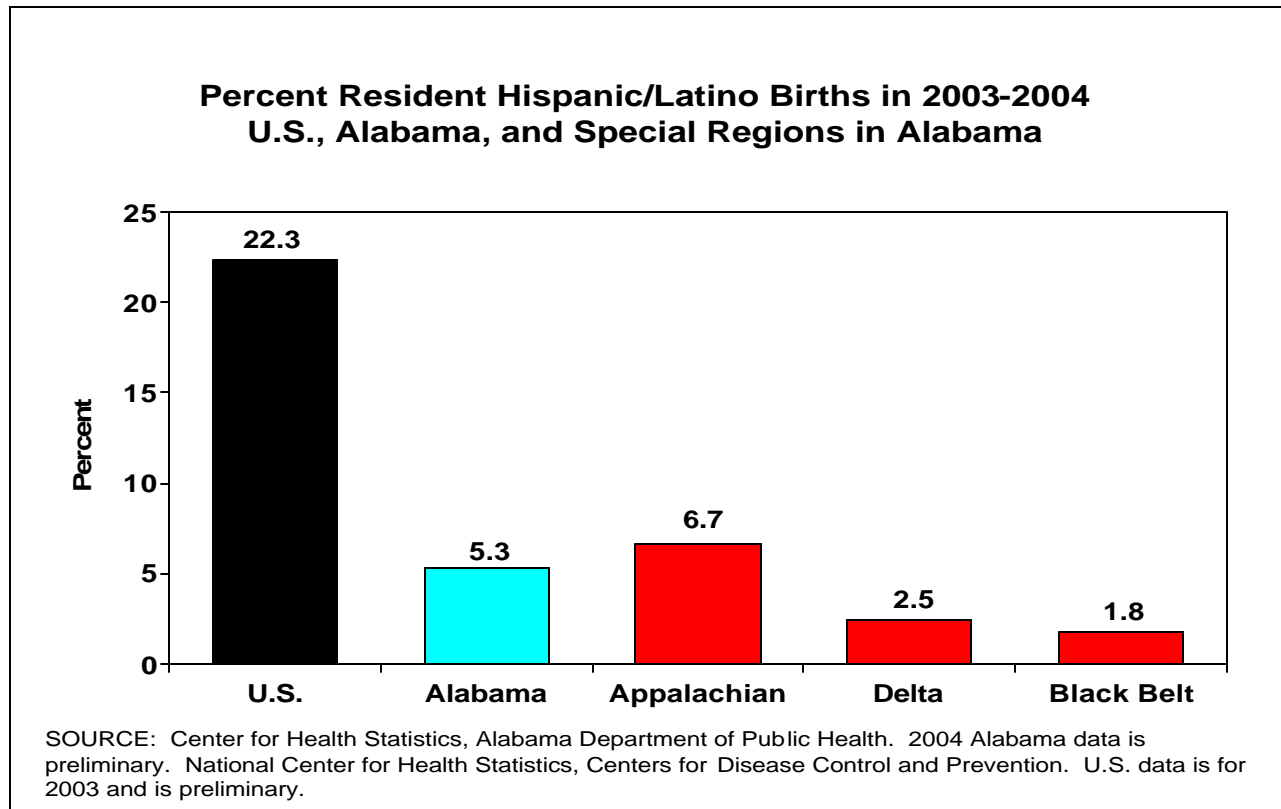
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Percent Resident Hispanic/Latino Births in 2003-2004 Urban, Rural, Highly Rural, and Moderately Rural Alabama



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Resident Hispanic/Latino Births in Alabama's Special Regions and Counties, 2003-2004

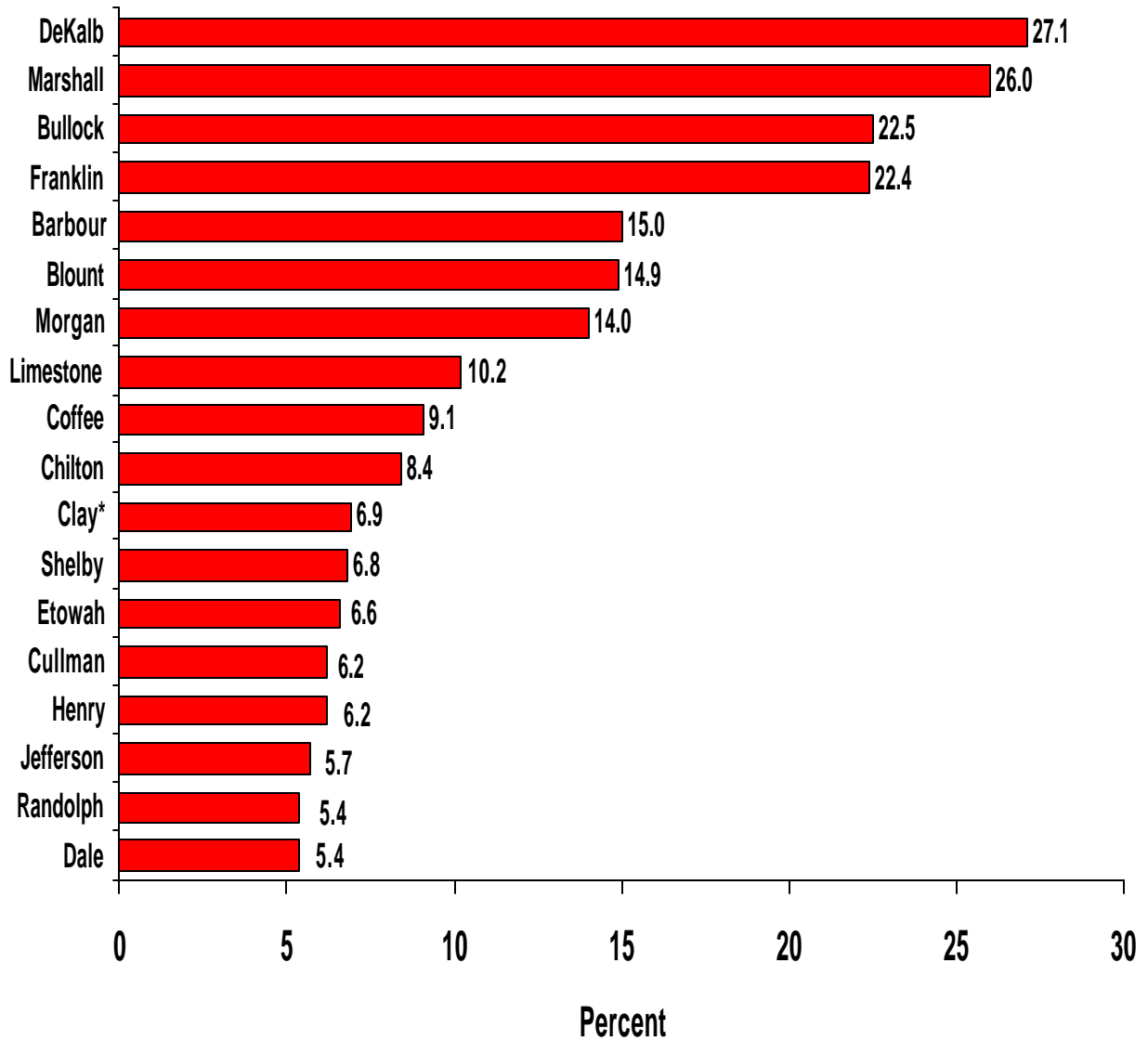


Alabama's Appalachian Region includes Bibb, Blount, Calhoun, Chambers, Cherokee, Chilton, Clay, Cleburne, Colbert, Coosa, Cullman, DeKalb, Elmore, Etowah, Fayette, Franklin, Hale, Jackson, Jefferson, Lamar, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Macon, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Morgan, Pickens, Randolph, St. Clair, Shelby, Talladega, Tallapoosa, Tuscaloosa, Walker, and Winston counties.

Alabama's Delta Region includes Barbour, Bullock, Butler, Choctaw, Clarke, Conecuh, Dallas, Escambia, Greene, Hale, Lowndes, Macon, Marengo, Monroe, Perry, Pickens, Russell, Sumter, Washington, and Wilcox counties.

Alabama's Black Belt Region includes Bullock, Choctaw, Dallas, Greene, Hale, Lowndes, Macon, Marengo, Perry, Pickens, Sumter, and Wilcox counties.

Percent Resident Hispanic/Latino Births in 2003-2004 Counties Exceeding the State Percentage (5.3%)



Source: Alabama Center for Health Statistics. 2004 data is preliminary.

* Fewer than 20 Hispanic births.

Percent Hispanic/Latino Births by County of Residence, 2003-2004

COUNTY	All Births	Hispanic/Latino Births	Percent
Alabama	118,283	6,306	5.3
Autauga	1,286	31	2.4
Baldwin	3,661	170	4.6
Barbour	648	97	15.0
Bibb	510	8	1.6
Blount	1,332	199	14.9
Bullock	298	67	22.5
Butler	534	3	0.6
Calhoun	2,962	113	3.8
Chambers	876	8	0.9
Cherokee	511	7	1.4
Chilton	1,101	92	8.4
Choctaw	270	0	0.0
Clarke	698	2	0.3
Clay	278	19	6.9
Cleburne	314	3	1.0
Coffee	1,162	106	9.1
Colbert	1,169	33	2.8
Conecuh	295	1	0.3
Coosa	237	3	1.3
Covington	892	12	1.3
Crenshaw	351	3	0.9
Cullman	1,928	120	6.2
Dale	1,492	80	5.4
Dallas	1,372	4	0.3
DeKalb	1,988	537	27.1
Elmore	1,888	81	4.3
Escambia	897	14	1.6
Etowah	2,463	163	6.6
Fayette	380	3	0.8
Franklin	796	178	22.4
Geneva	582	20	3.4
Greene	259	2	0.8
Hale	425	3	0.7
Henry	389	24	6.2
Houston	2,603	59	2.3
Jackson	1,263	34	2.7
Jefferson	18,230	1,039	5.7
Lamar	318	2	0.6
Lauderdale	1,939	55	2.8
Lawrence	800	16	2.0
Lee	2,837	102	3.6
Limestone	1,595	162	10.2
Lowndes	349	2	0.6
Macon	476	3	0.6
Madison	7,253	317	4.4
Marengo	574	10	1.8
Marion	692	15	2.2
Marshall	2,799	728	26.0
Mobile	11,535	143	1.2
Monroe	579	3	0.5
Montgomery	6,478	254	3.9
Morgan	2,958	414	14.0
Perry	363	1	0.3
Pickens	509	9	1.8
Pike	800	20	2.5
Randolph	539	29	5.4
Russell	1,191	47	3.9
Shelby	5,024	341	6.8
St. Clair	1,674	30	1.8
Sumter	319	1	0.3
Talladega	1,977	38	1.9
Tallapoosa	922	38	4.1
Tuscaloosa	4,368	143	3.3
Walker	1,725	33	1.9
Washington	389	0	0.0
Wilcox	405	0	0.0
Winston	556	12	2.2

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Definitions and Other Technical Information

Hispanic/Latino in this report applies to ethnicity rather than race. The classification of “Hispanic/Latino” is for the mother as reported on Certificates of Birth filed with the Center for Health Statistics, Alabama Department of Public Health for Alabama data. National data was obtained from the National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. “Hispanic/Latino” indicates that the mother or her ancestors were from a Spanish-speaking nation. Alabama data was combined for 2003 and 2004 to minimize the reporting of lower and more insignificant totals at the county level. Alabama data for 2004 is preliminary, but is thought to be close to final. National data is for 2003 and is preliminary.

Births where no response was given for “Hispanic/Latino” ethnicity of the mother were excluded from percentage calculations. The number of births for which this information was not indicated totaled only 85 statewide during 2003-2004 and was not considered to be significant.

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