Asset and Capacity Building Opportunities and Challenges in Latino Communities

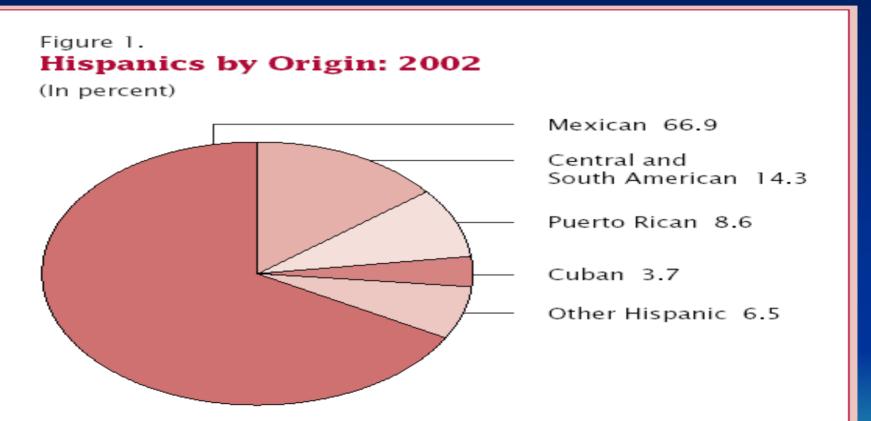
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# Overview of Latinos in the US

- There are as many Latinos in the US (38.8 million) as there are in Central America (36.6 million)
- Between 1980 and 2000, the Latino population in the US grew 184%
- The Latino population in the US consists of:
  - 1/3 Foreign Born/1<sup>st</sup> Generation
  - 1/3 2nd Generation
  - 1/3 3rd Generation plus

# Latino Population by Origin



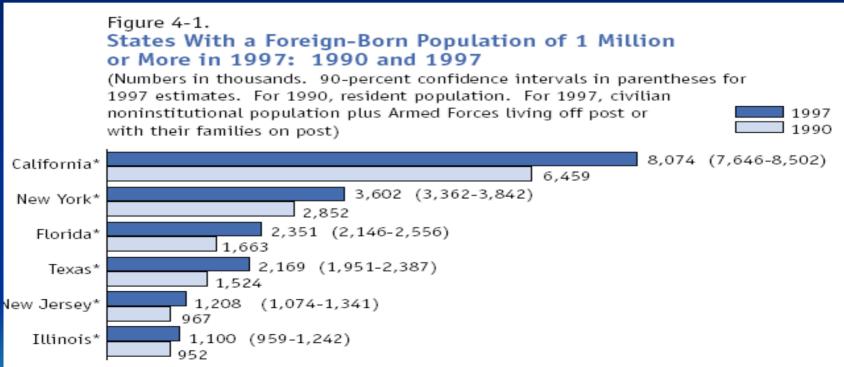
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Annual Demographic Supplement to the March 2002 Current Population Survey.

# Latino Population Growth

 Between 1990 and 2000 Latino Population growth in the 4 largest populated states outpaced non-hispanic white population growth:

California: Latinos, 45.1% Whites, -3.7%
Texas: Latinos, 55.3% Whites, 7.6%
New York: Latinos, 33.3% Whites, -4.3%
Florida: Latinos, 72.5% Whites, 11.5%

# Latino Foreign Born Population Half of all foreign immigrants are Latinos



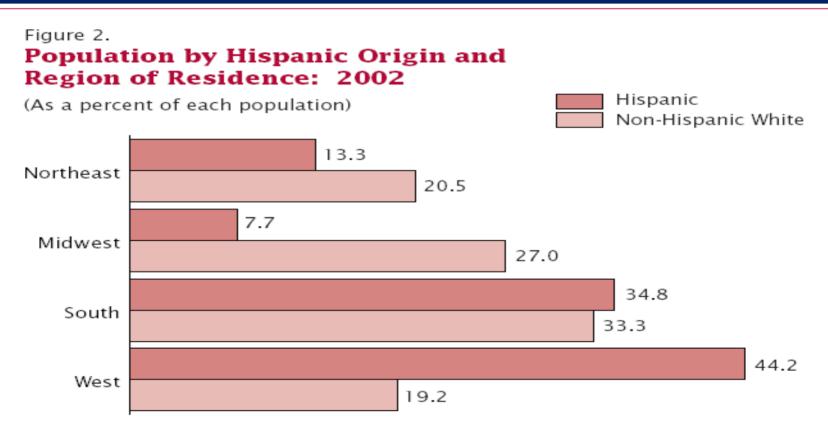
\*Change from 1990 to 1997 is statistically significant. Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1990 census of population, and 1999b, Table 4-1A.

# **Latino Population Shares**

• Shares of Latino Population in the 4 largest states have also accelerated from 1990 to 2000:

	Latinos		White	es
State	1990	2000	1990	2000
US	8.8%	12.5%	75.6	69.1%
CA	25.4 %	32.4 %	57.2	46.7%
ТХ	25.3 %	32 %	60.6	52.4%
NY	12 %	15.1 %	69.3	62.0%
FL	12 %	16.8 %	73.2	65.4%

# Where Latinos Live in the US



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Annual Demographic Supplement to the March 2002 Current Population Survey.

# Latino Demographics

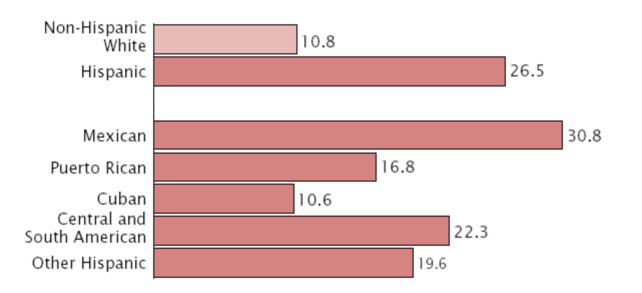
- Latinos intersect all races: White, Black, Native American, Asian and Other
- 35% of the Latino population is under 18
- Over 30% of Latinos have 5 or more people in their households
- Latino families have more earners in their households compared to other populations

# Latino Families

Figure 6.

#### Family Households With Five or More People by Detailed Hispanic Origin: 2002

(In percent. Based on origin of householder)



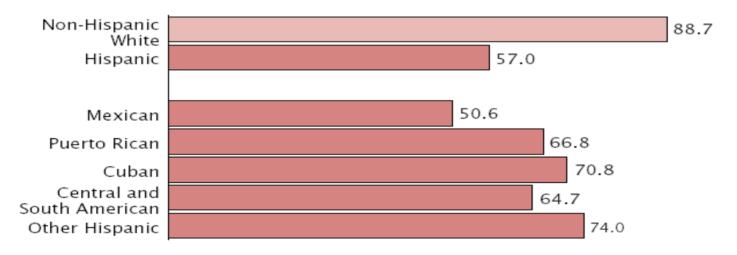
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# Latino Education

#### Figure 8.

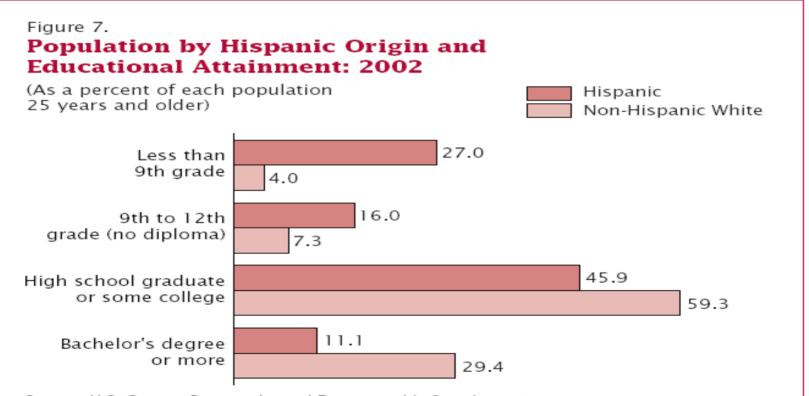
#### Population With at Least a High School Education by Detailed Hispanic Origin: 2002

(As percent of each population 25 years and older)



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Annual Demographic Supplement to the March 2002 Current Population Survey.

# Latino Education



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Annual Demographic Supplement to the March 2002 Current Population Survey.

# Latino Foreign Born Education

Figure 13-2.

Educational Attainment of the Foreign-Born Population

#### 25 Years Old and Over by Region of Birth: 1997

(Civilian noninstitutional population plus Armed Forces living off post or with their families on post)

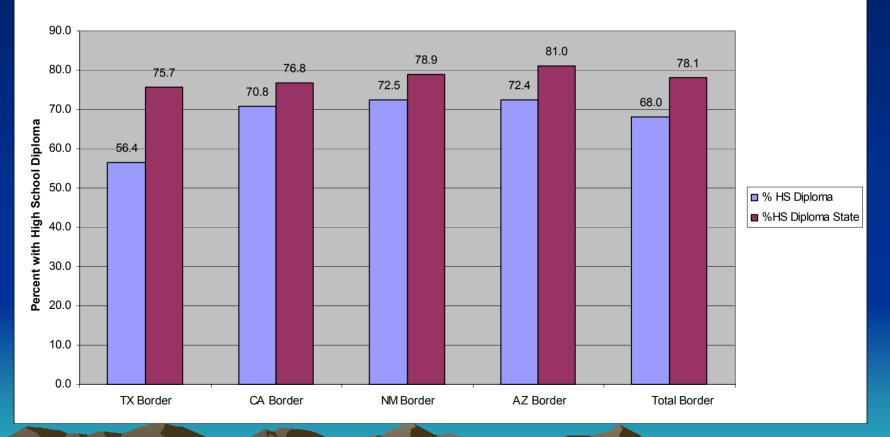
		Percent of total					Percent igh school					
	Population (in millions)	Less thar school gr	-	High s gradua		So that	me college, an bachelor	less 's degree	Bache or mo	lor's degree re		graduate or more
Total <sup>1</sup>	20.2	34.7				23.6		17.2		2	4.5	65.3
Europe	3.7	21.0		30	.6		19.1	1		2	8.7	79.0
Asia	5.5	16.1		21.1		18.3				4	4.6	83.9
Africa	0.4	11.9	17.4		21.8					4	8.9	88.1
Latin America	9.7	53.0					2	2.3	14.7	1	0.1	47.0
Caribbean	2.3	37.6				27.	.4		19.9	1	5.1	62.4
Central America	6.2	64.6							19.1	10.7	5.6	35.4
Mexico	4.9	68.7							17.2	9.5	4.6	31.3
Other	1.3	49.3					26.4		15.1		9.3	50.7
South America	1.2	22.4		28	3.9		25.	2		2	3.5	77.6
Northern America	0.5	15.7		28.7			28.3			2	7.3	84.3

<sup>1</sup>Total includes Oceania and region not reported, not shown separately. Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1999b, Table 13-1D.

### **Education: US-Mexico Border**

(Source: County Data, Census 2000)

High School Completion Rates Along US-Mexico Border

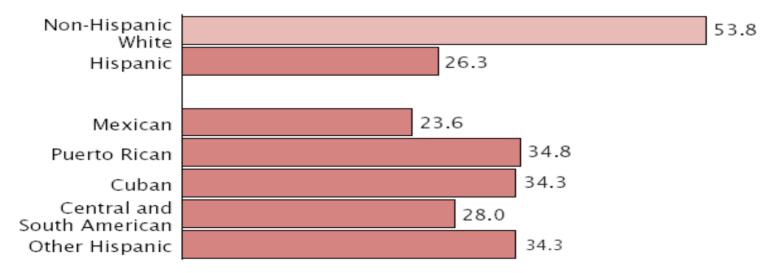


# Latino Earnings

#### Figure 9.

### Full-Time, Year-Round Workers With Annual Earnings of \$35,000 or More by Detailed Hispanic Origin: 2001

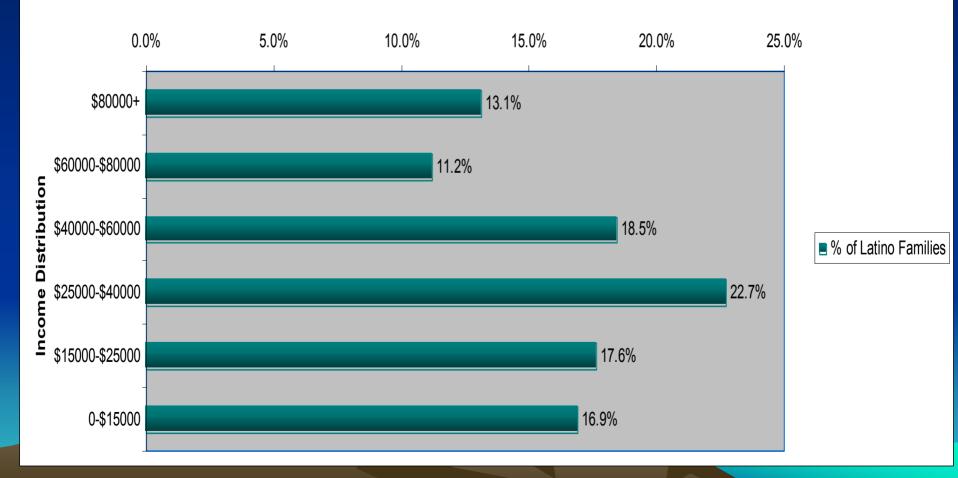
(In percent)



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Annual Demographic Supplement to the March 2002 Current Population Survey.

# Latino Family Income Facts

Income Distribution of Latino Families, 2001 (Source: Current Population Survey, March 2002)



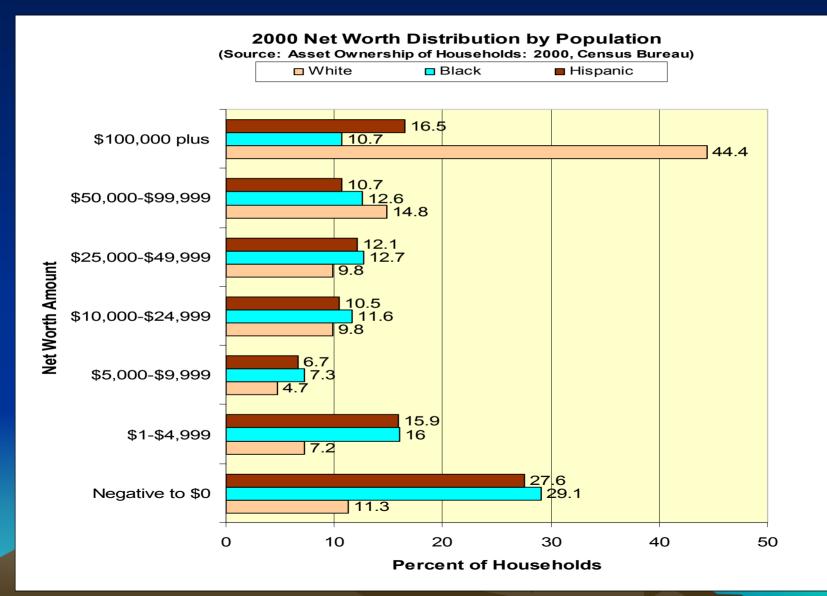
# Latino Net Worth

#### Median Net Worth (\$1995)

(Source: Board of Governors, Federal Reserve Bank, Survey of Consumer Finances, Race/Ethnicity Weights)

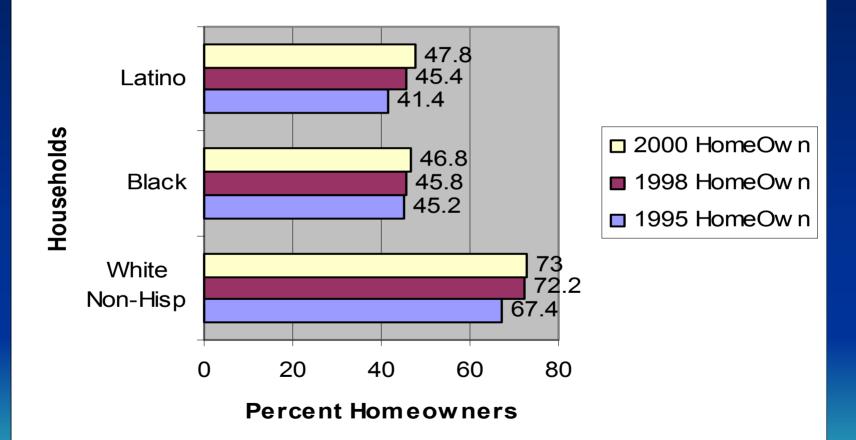
	1992	1995	1998
White	\$69,700	\$76,600	\$94,800
Black	\$9,900	\$10,920	\$15,500
Latino	\$6,790	\$12,500	\$9,720

### Latino Net Worth



# Latino Home Ownership

Percent Home Owners: 1995, 1998 and 2000



### Latino Home Ownership by Origin

 Latino Homeowner Rates by Country of Origin (CEX, 1999-2000)

- Mexican: 45.9%

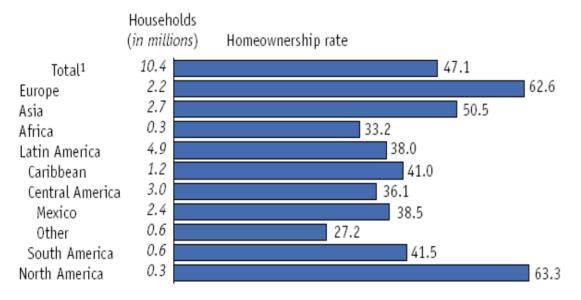
- Puerto Rican: 37.2%
- Cuban: 52.2%
- Central/South American: 31.9%Other Hispanic: 56.4%

# Latino Foreign Born Home Ownership

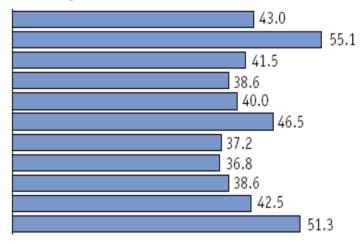
#### Figure 21-3.

#### Homeownership Rates and Median Age of Householder for Foreign-Born Householders by Region of Birth: 1997

(Civilian noninstitutional population plus Armed Forces living off post or with their families on post)



Median age of householder



<sup>1</sup>Total includes Oceania and region not reported, not shown separately. Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1999b, Tables 21-1D and 21-2D.

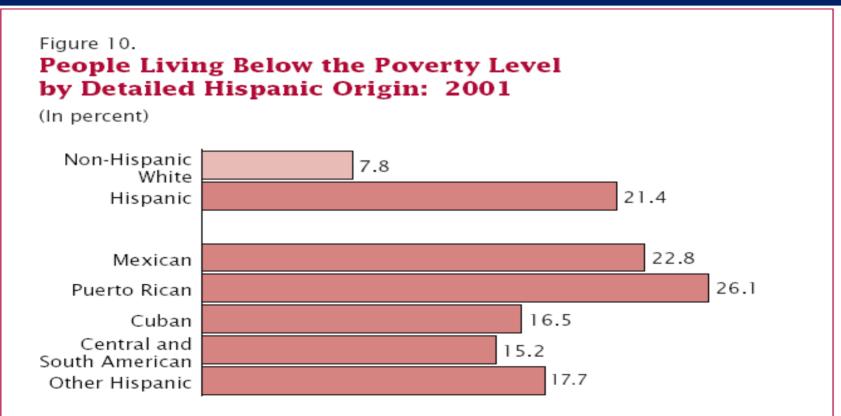
# Latino Housing Values

#### Mean Value of Housing

Source: Survey of Consumer Finances with Race/Ethnicity Weights

	1992	1995	1998
White	\$80,892	\$83,873	\$103,665
Median:	(\$55,000)	(\$65,000)	(\$76,000)
Black	\$28,567	\$30,009	\$38,957
Median:	(\$0)	(\$0)	(\$0)
Latino	\$33,764	\$41,690	\$47,464
Median:	(\$0)	(\$0)	(\$0)

# Latino Poverty



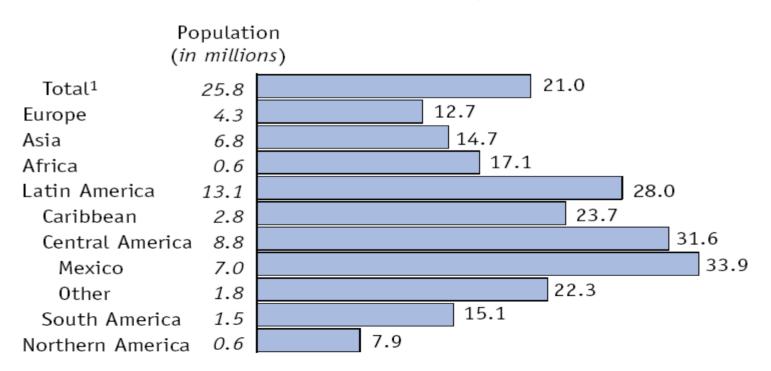
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Annual Demographic Supplement to the March 2002 Current Population Survey.

# Latino Foreign Born Poverty

Figure 18-2.

### Poverty Rates for the Foreign-Born Population by Region of Birth: 1996

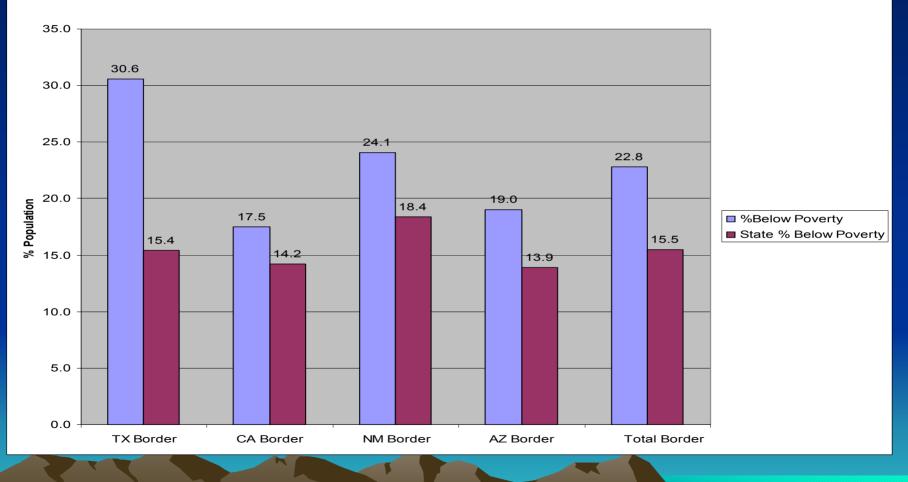
(Population as of March 1997. Civilian noninstitutional population plus Armed Forces living off post or with their families on post and excluding unrelated individuals under 15 years old)



<sup>1</sup>Total includes Oceania and region not reported, not shown separately. Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1999b, Table 18-1D.

### **Poverty: US-Mexico Border** (Source: County Data, Census 2000)

Percent Below Poverty along US-Mexico Border



# Latino Communities

- Approximately half a million Latino families live in colonias
- 34.5% of Latino Families have median incomes below \$25,000
- Latino families have the lowest EITC participation rates
  - Had Latino families participated in EITC at the rates that low-income white families did, Latino working poor families would have received \$2.6 billion in EITC refunds in 2000

(Source: Own Calculations from County Census, CPS, SOI and ASF data)

# Latino Community Service Providers

- Many Latino Community Based Organizations (CBOs) providing needed services to Latino families were founded in the mid-sixties and early seventies following Civil Rights and the War on Poverty legislation of the early1960s
- Latino CBOs recognize the need for comprehensive services targeting: youth, health care accessibility, affordable housing, employment training, immigration issues, farm workers' rights, language acquisition and education programs.

# **Opportunities for Latino CBOs**

- Latino population growth outpaces government estimates and will continue growing at rapid rates
- Latino labor participation rates exceed those of other populations
- Latino family formation will continue to increase with population and immigration growth
- The Border Economy plays a significant role in National and Border States' GDP
- Latino CBOs understand and recognize Latino families' economic survival strategies and can mediate between Latino communities and mainstream institutions lacking cultural competency

# Challenges for Latino CBOs

- State and city budget cut-backs
- Operating Self-Sufficiency of Latino CBOs
- Low educational attainment rates of Latino youth and the foreign-born
- Bear market repercussions on Foundation and private donor portfolios
- Continued lack of cultural competency in mainstream institutions creates difficulties in building long-term 'trust' relationships with Latino CBOs

### **Future Latino Economic Indicators**

- Latino purchasing power has increased from \$223 billion in 1990 to \$490.7 billion in 2002 and is projected to grow to \$926.1 billion by 2007 (Source: Selig Center for Economic Growth, University of GA)
- Between the Census 2000 data and recent Current Population Surveys for 2002, the Latino population grew 9.8% while the total US population growth rate was 2.5%
- Latino home ownership is the primary wealth building indicator for future generational transfers of wealth and socio-economic mobility

#### ¡Dando Gracias! To Latino CBOs

- Had no Latino CBOs, CDCs or CDFIs existed in Latino communities in the last 35 years:
  - The degree of socio-economic mobility for many Latino families would have been significantly less
  - The Latino homeownership rate would not have increased
  - The increase in Latino microenterprises and selfemployment would have been significantly lower
  - The rate of growth of Colonias would have been higher since access to affordable housing would have been lower
  - The stress on Border State agencies after the passage of NAFTA would have created a 'Grand Canyon' divide between the affluent and the working poor along the Border
  - Latino purchasing power would not have grown as rapidly

### Asset Building Issues for Latino Families and Communities

- Increasing Affordable Housing and Latino home ownership
- Providing Latino Communities with Financial Services and Literacy outreach
- Increasing Latino participation in the Earned Income Tax Credit
- Reducing the number of the Latino 'Unbanked'
- Increasing Latino CBO Self-sufficiency through capital campaigns, trusts and endowments
- Training future Latino CBO providers