Being Latino in Red Wing: Perspectives and Expectations during Hard Times

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Survey design

- American Community Survey estimates that there were 739 persons of Latino origin living in Red Wing in 2016.
- Survey was applied to 108 persons, with visits to their households.
- This represents 15% of the total Latino population estimated.
### Total and Latino Population, 2015/2016
(American Community Survey)

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Respondents Country of Origin

- Mexico 67%
- Guatemala 9%
- Cuba 6%
- Venezuela 5%
- El Salvador 4%
- Others 9%
- Mexico 67%
Home Language and English Fluency

Do you speak English?

- Yes: 69%
- No: 31%

How fluent is your English?

- Completely: 28.4%
- Partial: 47.3%
- Very few: 14.9%
- Having difficulties: 6.8%
- NR: 2.7%
- Very few: 14.9%
Education Level

- Masters/Ph.D: 4.6%
- College: 9.3%
- Some College: 17.6%
- High School: 18.5%
- Some High School: 13.0%
- Middle School or less: 36.1%
- No education: 0.9%
Household Composition by Income

Number of individuals in the Household:
- $50,000 to $74,999
- $25,000 to $49,999
- $16,000 to $24,999
- Less than $15,000
- N/R

Number of kids in the Household:
- $50,000 to $74,999
- $25,000 to $49,999
- $16,000 to $24,999
- Less than $15,000
- N/R
Time Living in the United States

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Welcomeness Perceptions

91% Felt well received
9% Felt NOT well received

- Discrimination/Racism
- Cultural Differences
- Weather
- Few Job Opportunities
- Few Shops

Recommendations

Place to share information about local Latino community

Info. available in Spanish and bilingual staff in community organization

Activities to integrate the Latino communities

Responsibility of government, governor and mayor + community members
Safety Perceptions

56% Felt no change
18% Felt a change

• New Administration
• Changes in Laws
• Felt unsafe in public spaces
• Afraid of deportations
• ↑ violence and aggressive behaviors

Recommendations

Drivers License and + buses

Better communication w/Police Officers and security cameras

Government support legal processes and legalization

What can/cannot be done?

Information in Spanish, more involvement Latino communities
Communication Perceptions

Communication Means

- School 7%
- Clinic 5%
- Church 12%
- Social Media 34%
- Word of Mouth 26%
- Local News (English) 16%

Have you heard about Services for Hispanics?

- 98% Yes
- 73% Have used this services (translation services, internships, tutoring and rent advice)

Recommendations

Welcome Center (77% of people would go)
Transportation Perceptions

88% Car owners

**Recommendations**

Information in **Spanish** and **bilingual** staff

More **buses** and routes
Housing and Living Perceptions

96% Feel safe in their neighborhood

97% Feel safe at home

90% do not know local housing support program

Housing Issues
- No SSN or Credit Scores
- Immigration Status

Unsafe Neighborhood
- Drugs and vandalism
- Drug consumption, fear immigration officers

Small Sizes, High Prices
- Language Barriers
54 out of 55 respondents with children attending school think school share news and communicate with them.

- Communications are in Spanish
- Use of interpreter

**School Urgent Issues**

- Racism, discrimination
- Bullying
- Teenagers drug use
- Lack bilingual staff
- More communication in Spanish
- Discipline
- More police or security guards
- Transportation
Spanish Services Perceptions

35% respondents need an interpreter

Mainly Clinics, Hospitals, Doctor’s appointment

Few cases public offices, court or workplace

Major Issues

• Lack of Interpreters
• Lack bilingual staff in facilities
• Long waiting times for interpreters
• Interpretation poor quality (lack understanding, not the real message)

Recommendations

Training interpreters

↑ interpreters supply

Bilingual staff in agencies, learn English
Work Environment Perceptions

Are you currently employed?
- Yes: 88%
- No: 77%

Do you think your native language is a barrier for your advancement?
- Yes: 
- No: 77%

Major Issues

- Not having a drivers license or SSN
- Not having working permits
- Language Barriers
- Some feel not knowing English has prevent them for growing professionally (better jobs and salaries)
Work Environment Perceptions

14.0% Supported

78.5% No

14.0% Yes

77.6% Safe

14.0% No

15.9% Yes

29.0% Advance Professionally

15.9% No

15.9% Yes

55.1% Have equal opportunities

15.9% No

20.6% Yes

63.6% Support services such as ELL

30.8% No

30.8% Yes

38.3% NR

No

Yes

NR

No

Yes

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Yes

NR

No

Yes
Health and Law Enforcement Perceptions

**Major Health Issues**

- No access to health insurance due to:
  - High Prices
  - No SSN to apply
- Forced to access health services at a higher cost or not accessing them at all

**Law enforcement Issues**

- 15% respondents do not feel that Red Wing Police Department is dedicating efforts to improve communication with Latino families
- Information in Spanish and bilingual staff
- Better attitudes from police officers (cordial, honest and respectful, less racist)
Thanks!

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