



## **Readjustment Counseling Services/Hispanic Working Group**

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Veterans Clinic

Veterans Hospital

Vet Centers

# **Vet Center Mission Statement**

**“We are the people in VA who welcome home war Veterans with honor by providing readjustment counseling in a caring manner. Vet Centers understand and appreciate Veterans’ war experiences while assisting them and their family members toward a successful post-war adjustment in or near their community”**

# Vet Center Values

- **Veteran Centric Care**
- **Quality of Care**
- **Community-Based Care**
- **Delivery of Cost-Effective and Accountable Services**
- **Health, Wellness and Preventive Services**



# VET CENTER SERVICES

- Individual, group & family counseling
- Bereavement counseling
- Military sexual trauma counseling/referral
- Outreach and education
- Substance abuse assessment/referral
- Employment assessment/referral
- Screening/referral to VA Medical Centers/VBA
- Peer 2 Peer Program

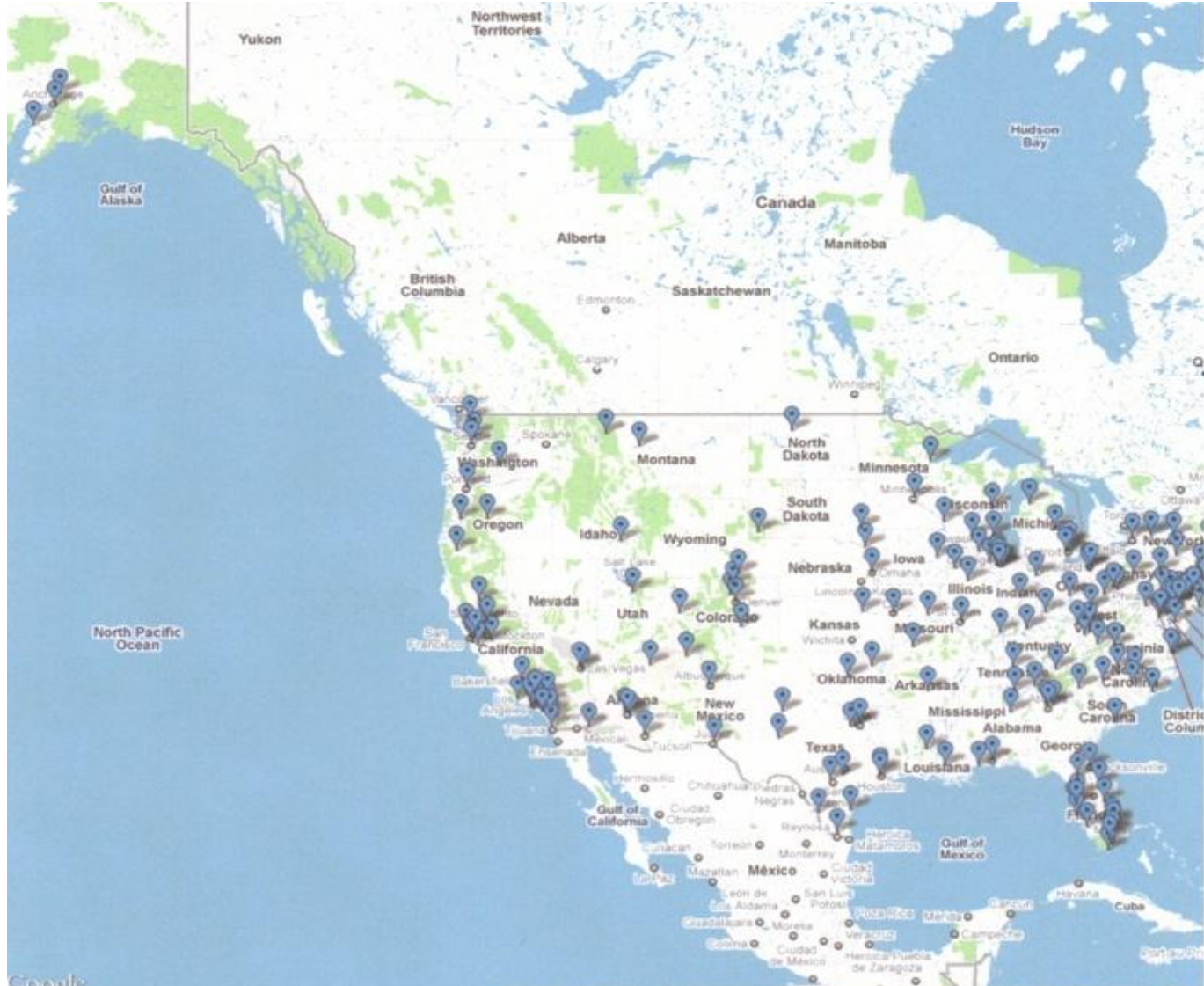


# Eligibility Criteria

- **Combat zone veterans**
- **Military Sexual Trauma**
- **Bereavement**



# Vet Centers Locations



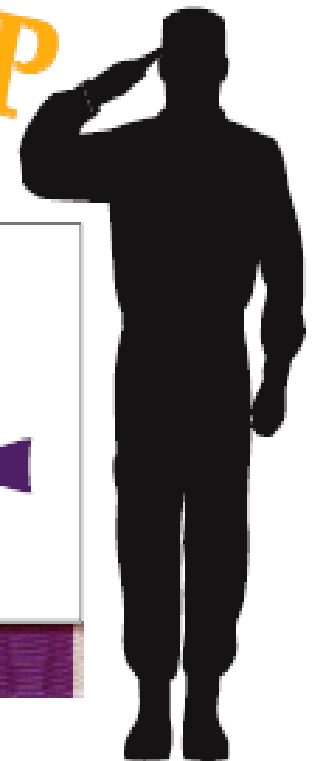
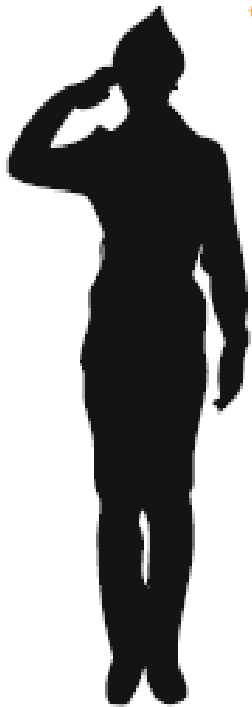


# RCS MOBILE VET CENTERS





# HISPANIC VETERANS WORKING GROUP



# Welcome Home

# Hispanic Working group

## Mission

To promote widespread awareness and appreciation for the contributions of Hispanic Veterans in defense of the Nation and to develop more effective means of providing services to meet their needs.

## Goal

To identify cultural, clinical, and demographic issues of relevance to Hispanic Veterans. The Hispanic Working Group will serve as a resource to Readjustment Counseling Service and the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing materials and recommendations in serving this population.



# Culturally Competent Services

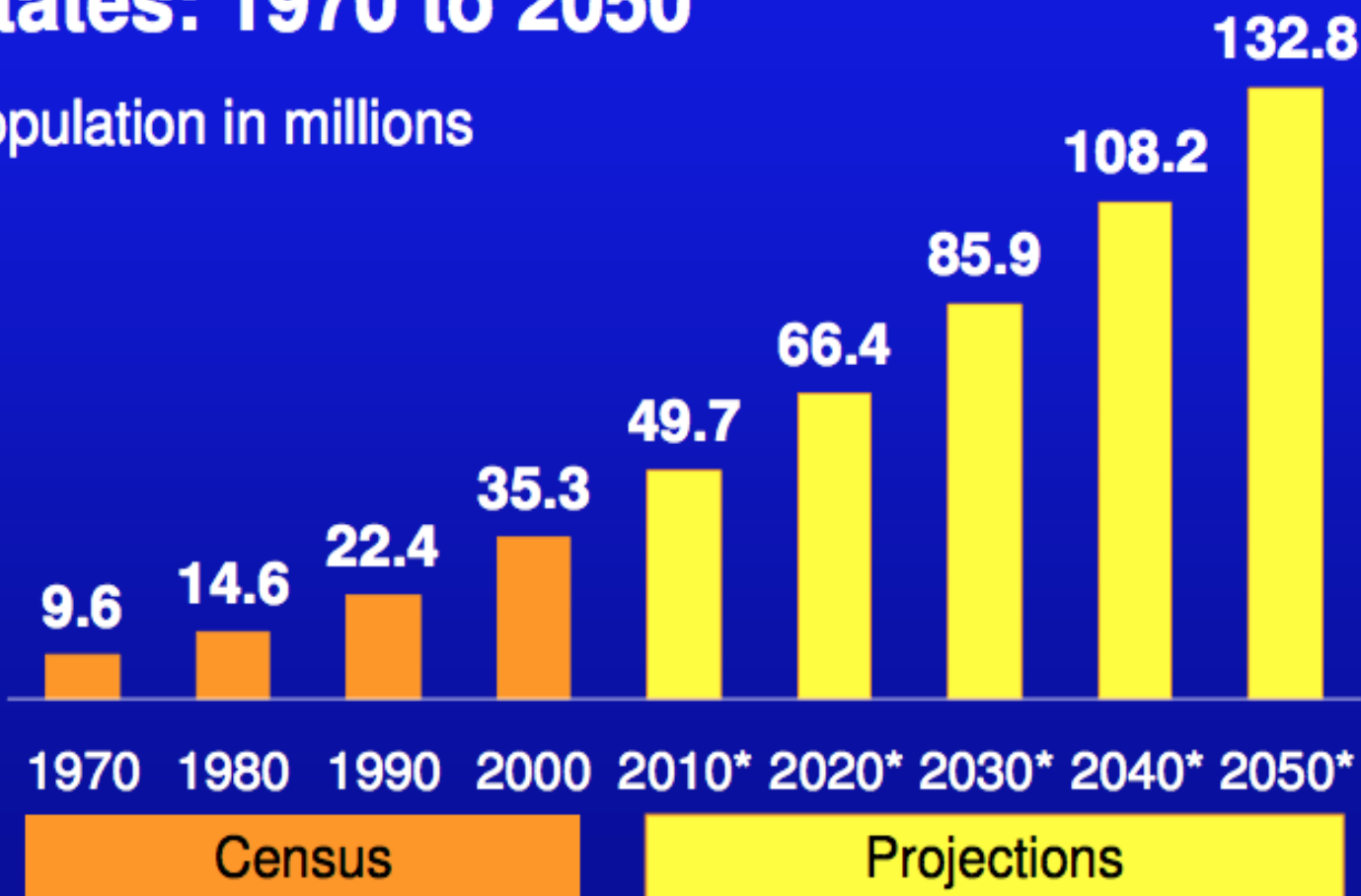
**Enhance outreach and delivery of services by maintaining and promoting a diverse work force that reflects the local Veteran community and their respective needs for service.**





# Hispanic Population in the United States: 1970 to 2050

Population in millions

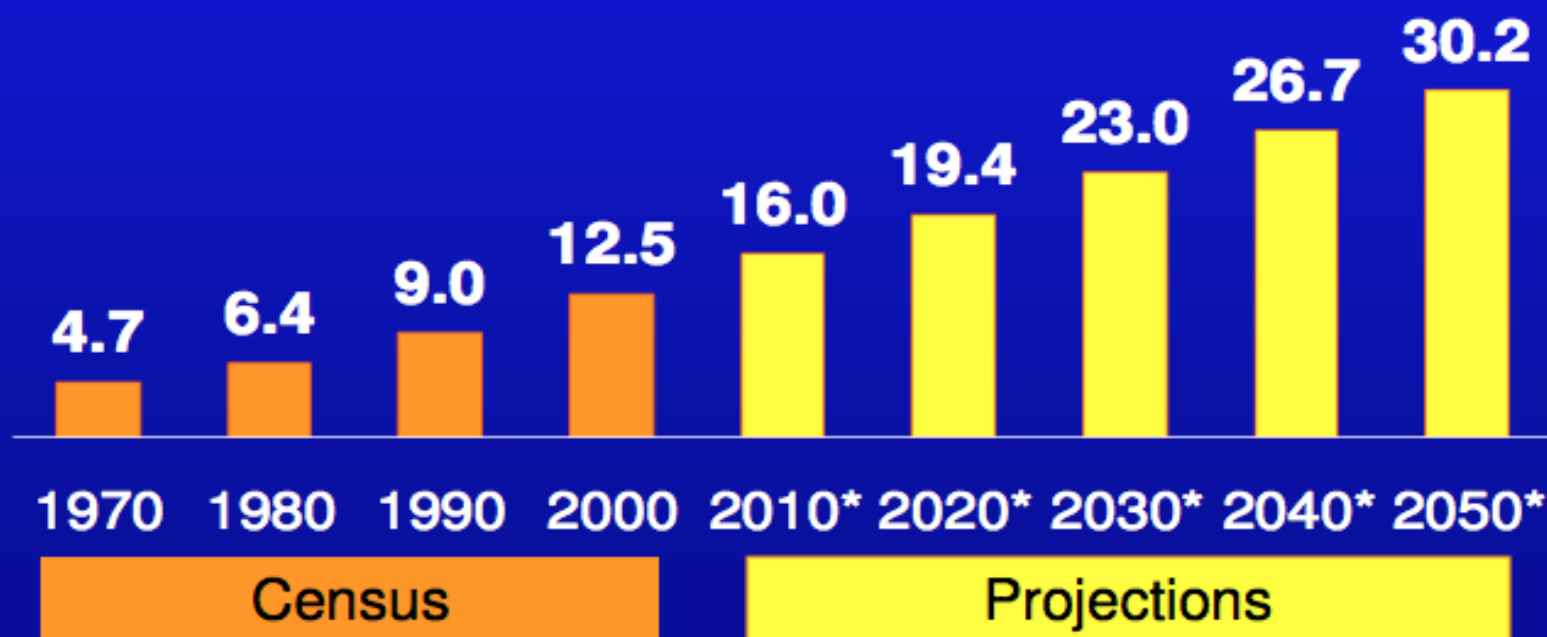


\*Projected Population as of July 1

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1970, 1980, 1990, and 2000 Decennial Censuses; 2008 National Population Projections

# Percent Hispanic of the Total Population in the United States: 1970 to 2050

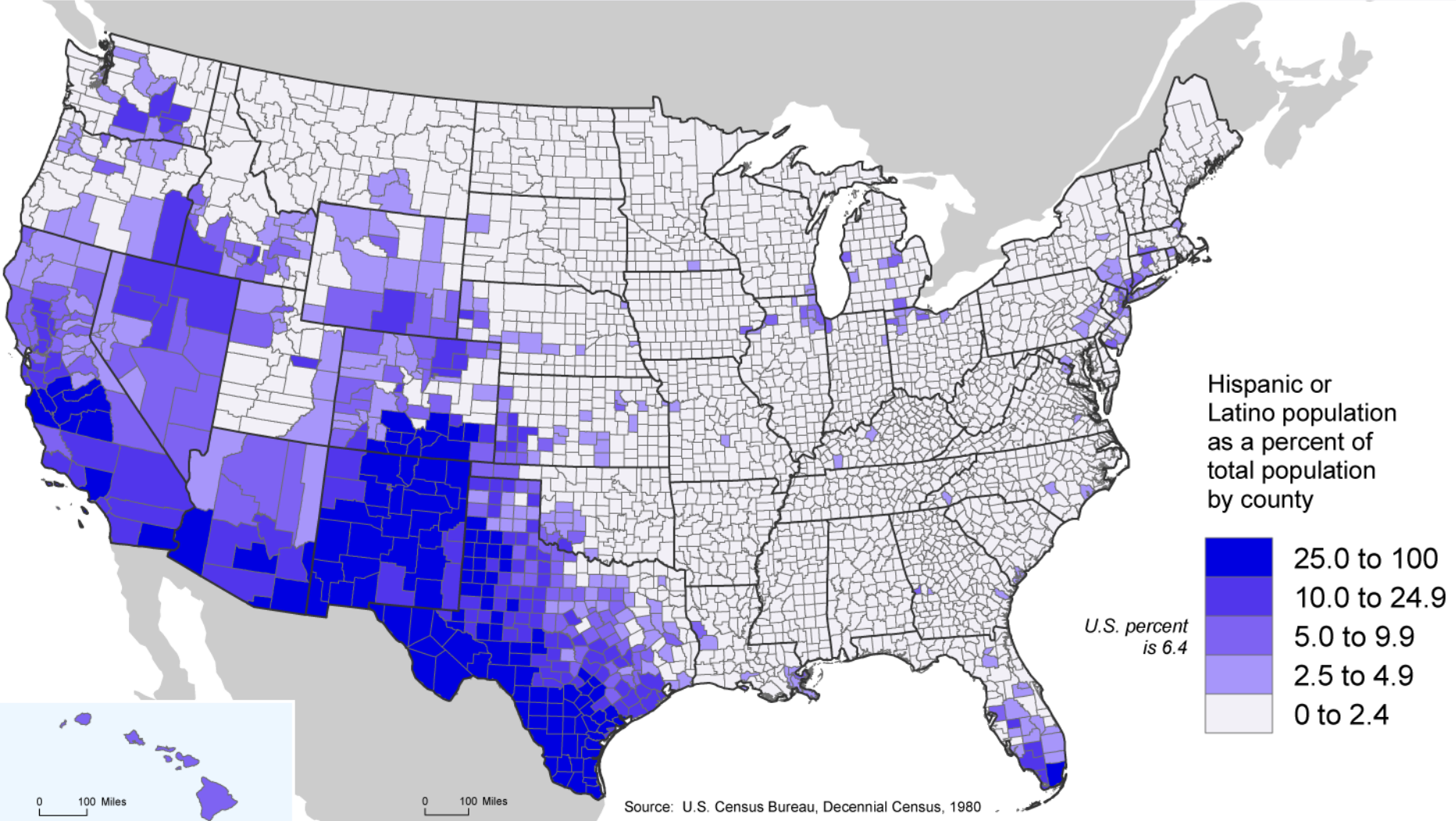
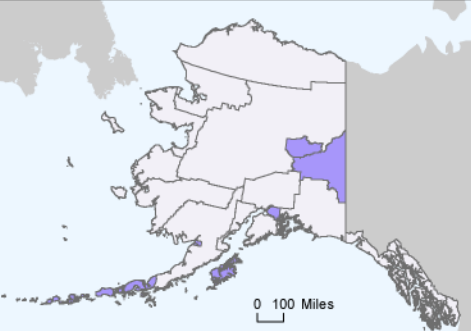


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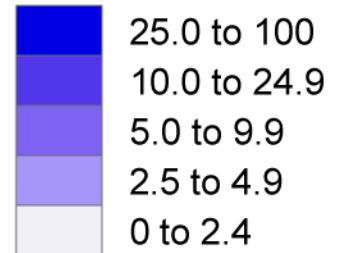
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# Percent of Population 1980 Hispanic or Latino



Hispanic or Latino population as a percent of total population by county



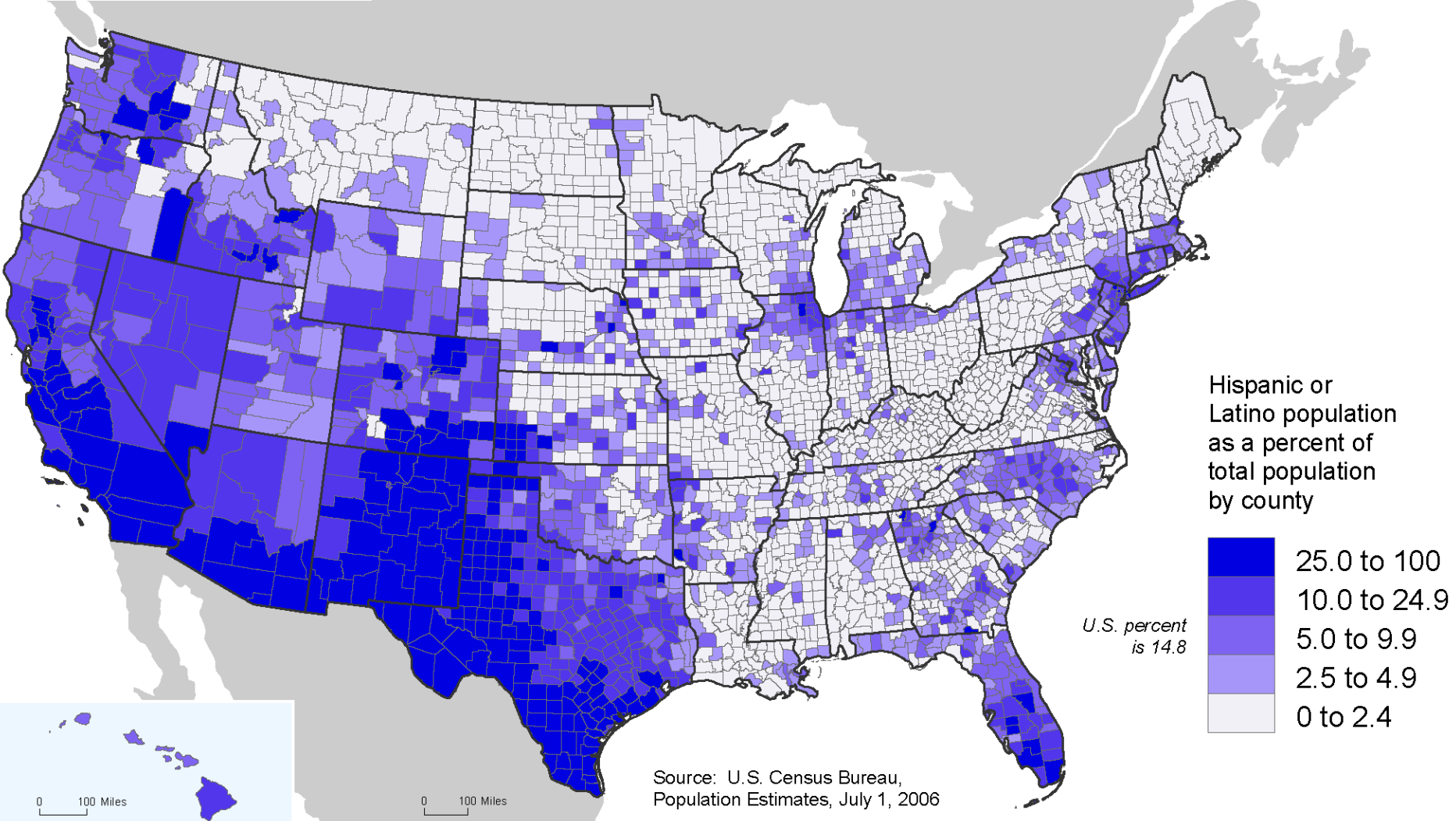
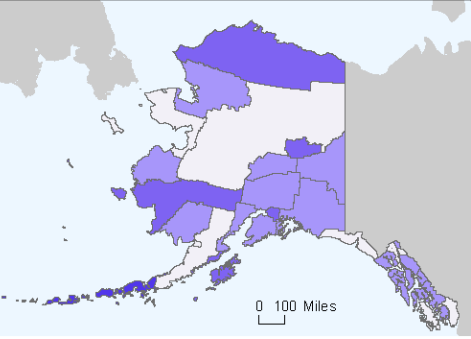
*U.S. percent is 6.4*



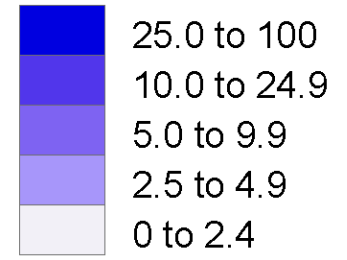


# Percent of Population 2006

## Hispanic or Latino



Hispanic or Latino population as a percent of total population by county



*U.S. percent is 14.8*



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates, July 1, 2006

# Veteran Census Data

**2009 Census reports 23.2 million veterans in the United States.**

**1.1 million Hispanic**



# Vet Center Website

<http://www.vetcenter.va.gov/VETCENTER/media/confessions/confessions.asp>



# Vet Center Combat Call Center

1-877-WAR-VETS





**Our Hispanics,  
Our Pride**

**Vet  
Center**



**Gracias Por Servir**

**"Thank You for Serving"**

