

Westchester Hispanic Community Empowerment Project

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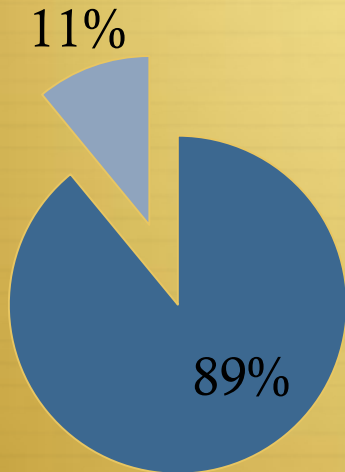
Origin

A historical illustration showing a group of immigrants on the deck of a ship. In the background, the Statue of Liberty stands prominently on a rocky island. The scene is set on a large sailing vessel with multiple masts and rigging. The immigrants are dressed in period-appropriate clothing, including coats, hats, and shawls. Some are looking towards the shore, while others are engaged in conversation or looking down. The overall atmosphere is one of anticipation and hope.

**“Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!”**

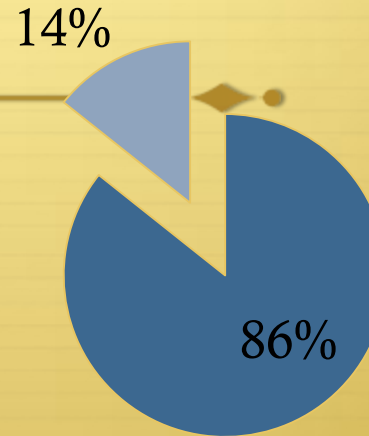
-Emma Lazarus

**US Census
New York State
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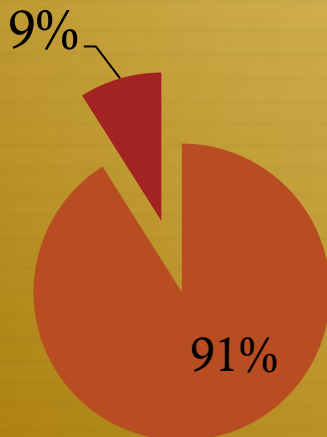
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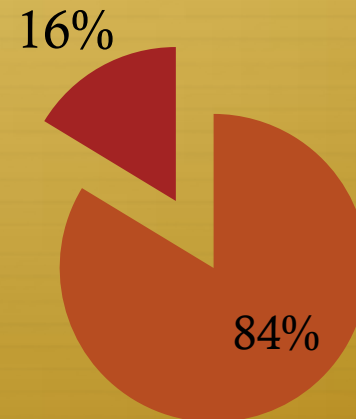
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Mission



- ✦ Foster understanding, tolerance and mutual cooperation.
- ✦ Acclimate and integrate newly arrived members of the Westchester Hispanic community to life in the United States.
- ✦ Empower the community.

Mission

“We will help the community to not only relate their story, but also to create their story.”

- ✦ Annual documentary.
- ✦ Annual dialogue.

Added Benefit:

- ✦ Strengthening existing ties.





Our Partners

El Centro Hispano (White Plains, NY)

-Theme: Education and the DREAM* Act

*Development, Relief and
Education for Alien Minors Act



El Centro Hispano

- ✦ -Objective: To understand and address the obstacles facing students as they pursue a higher education.



**HISPANIC
RESOURCE
CENTER**

Our Partners

The Hispanic Resource Center
(Mamaroneck, NY)

-Theme: English Language Acquisition



The Hispanic Resource Center

- ✦ -Objective: To consider the difficulties that confront Hispanic immigrants trying to learn English.





Our Partners

Neighbors Link (Mount Kisco, NY)

-Theme: Family and Integration



Neighbors Link

-Objective: To illuminate the struggles newly arrived Hispanic immigrants endure when faced with the separation from the family members still living in their native country.



Our Collective Mission



- ✦ Empowerment.
- ✦ Integration.
- ✦ Education.
- ✦ Community.

The Future



✦ Goal:

- ✦ Annual Film.
- ✦ Annual Discussion.

✦ *Purpose:*

- ✦ Ease in transition.
- ✦ Give people a fresh perspective.
- ✦ Help in acclimation.

✦ May 26th, 2010:

- ✦ First annual screening and panel discussion at the Jacob Burns Film Center.