State by State
Survey of Remittance Senders: U.S. to Latin America

January – April 2004
3802 Interviews conducted in 37 states and the District of Columbia
I. The Sample Who was Interviewed?

- 100% 18 years or older
- 100% Latin American immigrants living in U.S.
Where were they interviewed?
## Country of Birth

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U.S. Residency

- More than 10 years: 52%
- Between 5 and 10 years: 23%
- Between 1 and 5 years: 20%
- Less than one year: 5%
Annual Income*

- Less than $20,000: 49%
- Between $20,000 and $30,000: 31%
- More than $30,000: 20%

*Percent who answered question
Education

- Did not complete high school: 46%
- High school diploma: 35%
- Some college or technical school: 7%
- College graduate or more: 10%
Age

- 18-24: 15%
- 25-34: 34%
- 35-49: 30%
- 50-64: 12%
- 65 or older: 6%
II. Remesas

- Our study indicates that 10 million Latin American immigrants (61%) living in the United States send about $30 billion to their families on a yearly basis. Each transaction averages approximately $240.
Total Money Sent

Remittances to Latin America from the US—2004
(in millions)
Total Money Sent (in millions)

States that send Over $1 billion

- California: $9,610
- New York: $3,562
- Texas: $3,182
- Florida: $2,450
- Illinois: $1,528
- New Jersey: $1,371

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States that send between $350 million to $1 billion

- Georgia: $947
- North Carolina: $833
- Arizona: $606
- Virginia: $586
- Colorado: $544
- Massachusetts: $527
- Maryland: $500
- Nevada: $447
- Washington: $353
Total Money Sent (in millions)
States that send between $100 million to $350 million

- Oregon: $218 million
- Michigan: $192 million
- Indiana: $190 million
- Pennsylvania: $180 million
- Utah: $164 million
- Tennessee: $162 million
- Oklahoma: $156 million
- Wisconsin: $152 million
Total Money Sent
(in millions)
States that send between $100 million to $350 million

- Alabama: $149
- South Carolina: $148
- Minnesota: $147
- Connecticut: $129
- Arkansas: $114
- Ohio: $108
- Missouri: $105
- New Mexico: $103
Total Money Sent (in millions)

States that send between $50 million to $100 million

- Idaho: $96 million
- District of Columbia: $94 million
- Kansas: $94 million
- Nebraska: $80 million
- Iowa: $69 million
- Louisiana: $61 million
- Kentucky: $53 million
For Remittance Senders

How often do you send money to family in your home country?

- Once a month or more: 61%
- Every two to three months: 21%
- Every four to six months: 9%
- Once a year: 5%
- Do not remember: 4%
Remittance Senders

Percentage of Immigrant Adults that send Remittances Regularly

Legend:
- 70% and up
- 60% to 70%
- Less than 60%
- Insufficient Latin American Population Data
How many years have you been sending money to family in your home country?

- **Less than one year**: 8%
- **Between one and three years**: 16%
- **Between three and five years**: 18%
- **More than five years**: 56%
Percent of Latin American Immigrants that send Remittances

States that send 70% or more

- North Carolina: 84%
- Virginia: 84%
- Georgia: 81%
- New York: 81%
- Massachusetts: 80%
- Maryland: 80%
- Missouri: 79%
- Alabama: 78%
Percent of Latin American Immigrants that send Remittances

States that send 70% or more

- Indiana: 76%
- South Carolina: 76%
- District of Columbia: 74%
- Michigan: 73%
- Pennsylvania: 71%
- Tennessee: 71%
- Kentucky: 71%
- Arkansas: 70%
Percent of Latin American Immigrants that send Remittances

States that send 60% to 70%

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States that send 60% to 70%

- Utah: 65%
- Nevada: 64%
- California: 64%
- Oregon: 63%
- Kansas: 62%
- Washington: 62%
- Idaho: 60%
- Oklahoma: 60%
Percent of Latin American Immigrants that send Remittances

States that send less than 60%

- Louisiana: 59%
- Minnesota: 56%
- Florida: 47%
- Texas: 43%
- Arizona: 42%
- New Mexico: 38%
III. Methods of Sending *Remesas* to Latin America

- Most Latin American immigrants send *remesas* to their families through international money transfer companies.
How do you usually send money to your family?

- International money transfer companies: 78%
- People traveling: 11%
- U.S. Bank: 7%
- Mail: 2%
- Credit union: 1%
IV. Legal Status

- 39% Citizen
- 32% Legal resident
- 24% Undocumented Immigrant
- 5% No answer
V. Access to Financial Services:

Do you have a *matricula consular*?

(Undocumented Mexican immigrants only)

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