

Demographic and Employment Profile of Peruvians in Connecticut, 2000-2022

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About This Report

This report was written at the request of the Peruvian General Consulate in Hartford, Connecticut. The report provides a historical demographic and employment profile of Peruvians residing in Connecticut for the period between 2000 and 2022. The report is limited to population growth, and employment by gender and age trends in Connecticut. We use microdata from the American Community Survey harmonized by IPUMS USA.

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- During the period between 2000 and 2022, the Peruvian population in Connecticut grew by 683% or from 2,561 in 2000 to 20,065 in 2022.
- The employment rate decreased by 0.2 percentage points from 75.9% in 2005 to 75.7% in 2022. However, there is a gender gap because the employment rate of male Peruvians increased by 4 percentage points, while the female Peruvians employment rate decreased by 3.6 percentage points.
- There is also a gender gap in self-employment. Where the Total self-employment rate of Peruvians increased by 91.1%, it decreased by 10.8% for male Peruvians, and increased by 672.9 for female Peruvians.

Table 1: Demographic and Employment Profile of Peruvians in Connecticut, 2000-2022

	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022
Population count (Persons)						
Total	2,561	10,133	18,475	21,310	18,478	20,065
Male	747	5,398	10,572	10,417	8,288	9,277
Female	1,814	4,735	7,903	10,893	10,190	10,788
Employment rate (%)						
Total		75.9	76.6	75.4	61.8	75.7
Male		76.4	78.0	79.5	60.6	80.4
Female		75.3	74.6	71.4	62.8	71.7
Self-employment (Persons)						
Total		1,140	1,588	559	1,958	2,179
Male		970	1,077	229	1,477	865
Female		170	511	330	481	1,314

Source: American Community Survey (IPUMS USA). Own elaboration.

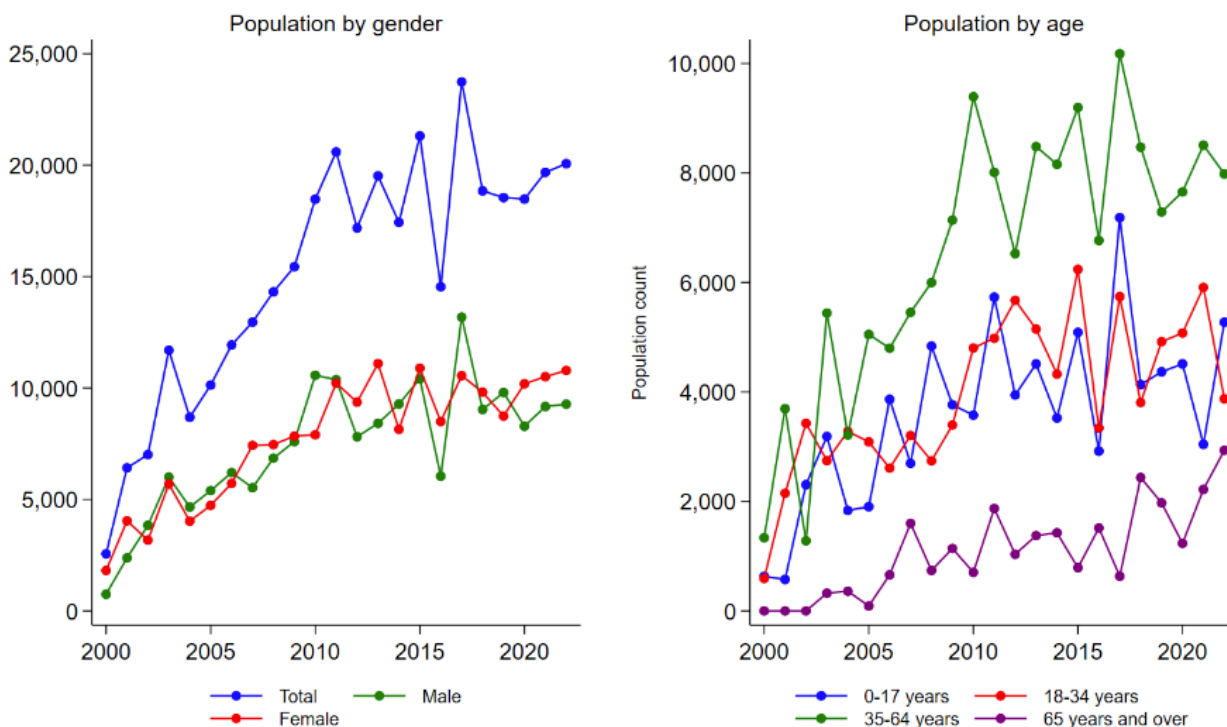
Notes: Self-employed people are those who work for profit or fees in their own business, profession, trade, or farm.

Population Trends of Peruvians in Connecticut

The Peruvian population showed a positive growth trend between 2000 and 2022. Female Peruvians residing in Connecticut increased by 494% from 1,814 in 2000 to 19,788 in 2022. Likewise, the male Peruvian population grew by 1,141% from 747 in 2000 to 9,277 in 2022. Peruvian female population growth began to outpace their male counterpart around 2015.

The most significant proportion of the Peruvian population in Connecticut is between 35 and 64 years old, which grew by 734% or from 632 in 2000 to 5,274 in 2022. The Peruvian population from 0-17 years old increased by 553% or from 593 in 2000 to 3,875 in 2022. The number of Peruvians aged 18-35 increased by 497% or from 1,336 in 2000 to 7,981 in 2022. Peruvians 65 and over grew at the lowest rate.

Figure 1a: Population Count of Peruvians in Connecticut, 2000-2022

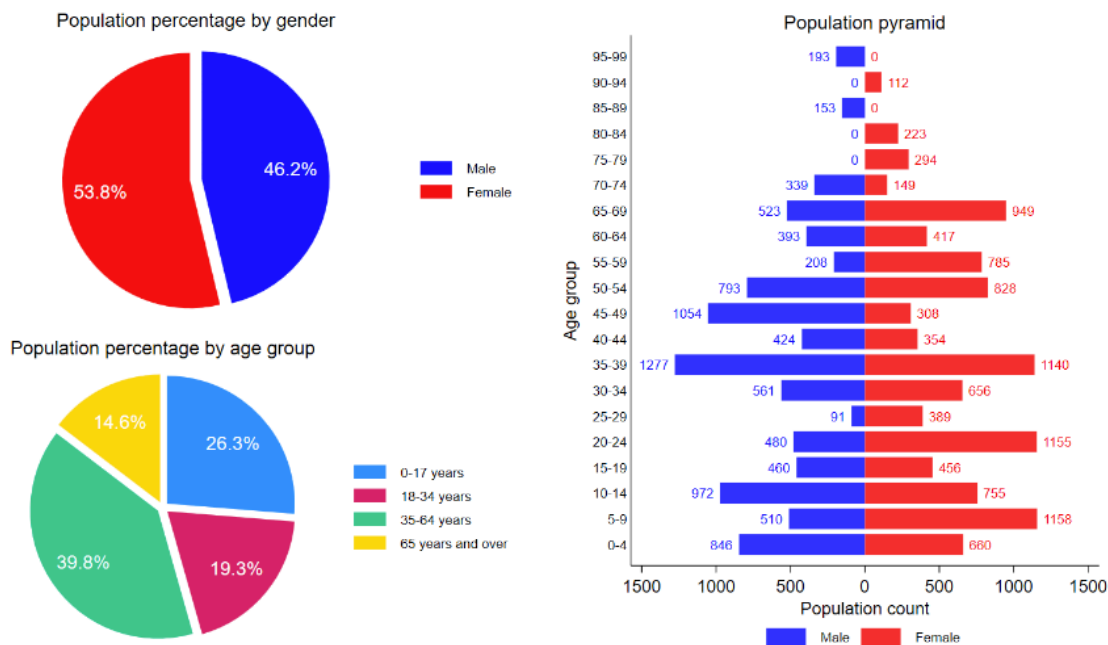


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In 2022, there were more female Peruvians residing in Connecticut (53.8%) than male Peruvians (46.2%).

In 2022, Peruvians between the ages of 35 and 65 years old (39.8%) accounted for the highest share of the population, followed by 0-17 year-old (26.3%) and 18-34 years old (19.3%). The population pyramid indicates that most Peruvians (female and male) were 35-39 years old.

Figure 1b: Population Count of Peruvians in Connecticut, 2022



Source: American Community Survey (IPUMS USA). Own elaboration.

Employment Trends of Peruvians in Connecticut

Between 2000 and 2022, Peruvian employment rates show a negative trend by gender and age groups. During this period, Peruvian women experienced the lowest employment rates. Likewise, the employment rates of both 18-34 and 35-64 year-old Peruvians declined during this period. In contrast, older the employment rate of older Peruvians (65 and over) grew over time.

Figure 2a: Employment Trends of Peruvians in Connecticut, 2000-2022

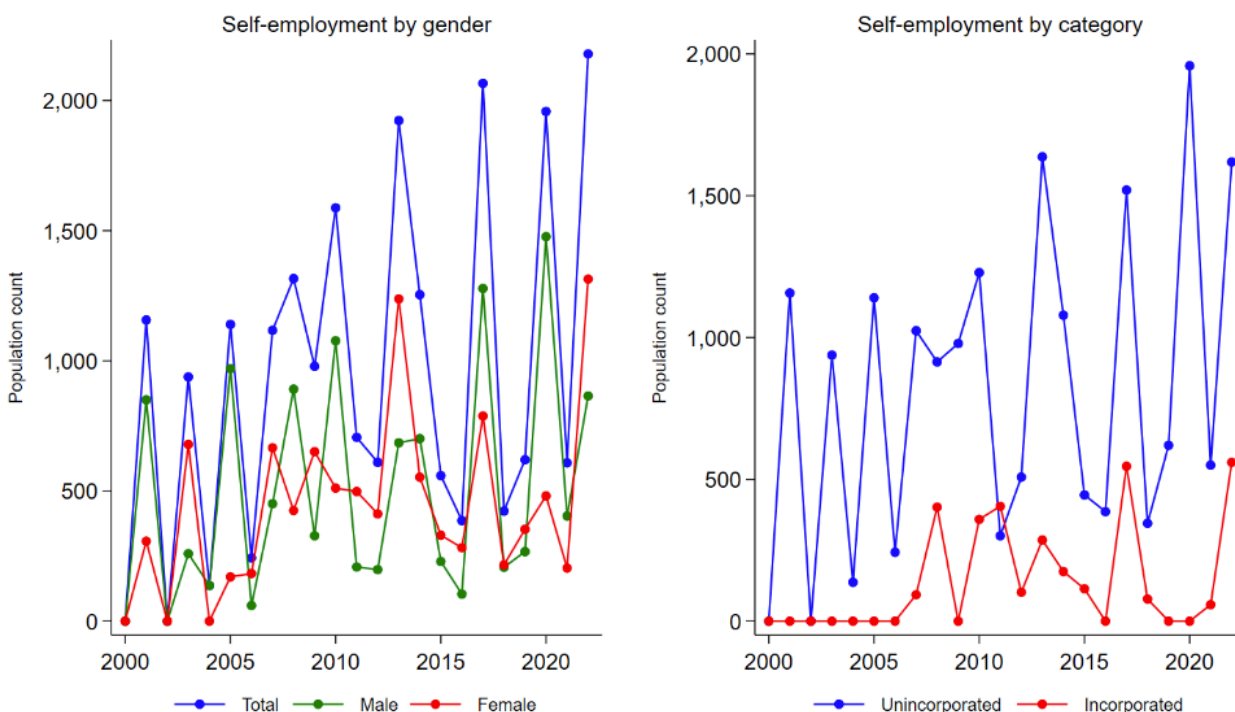


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Self-Employment Trends of Peruvians in Connecticut

Peruvians’ rate of self-employment showed positive trends. The total number of self-employed Peruvians increased by 88% from 1,157 in 2001 to 2,179 in 2022. In contrast, the rate of growth of male Peruvians (850 in 2001 and 865 in 2022) was significantly smaller (1.8%) than female Peruvians rate of growth (328%) during the same period (307 in 2001 and 1,314 in 2022). Self-employed Peruvians were more likely work in unincorporated businesses, which increased by 39% from 1,157 in 2001 to 1,619 in 2022.

Figure 3a: Self-Employment Trends of Peruvians in Connecticut, 2000-2022

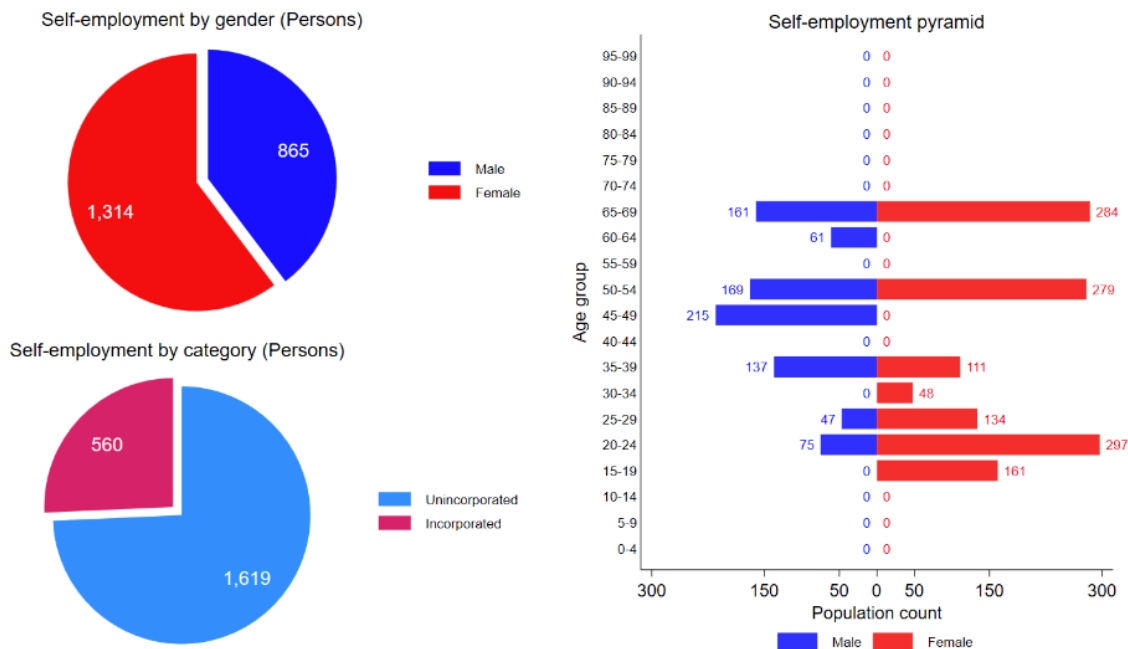


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In 2022, more Peruvian women (1,314) likely than men (865) to be self-employed. The highest proportion of self-employment was concentrated in the unincorporated category (1,619). The Self-Employment Pyramid indicates that Peruvian women of various ages were more likely to be self-employed than men. Peruvian women at key age ranges, including younger generation (20-24 years old), adult stage (50-54 years old), and older age range (65-69 years old) were more likely than men to be self-employed.

Figure 3b: Self-Employment Trends of Peruvians in Connecticut, 2022



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