

Latinos in HotLanta

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As the Latino population continues to grow, the major cities such as New York, Los Angeles, Detroit, Philadelphia, Miami, and the rest are saturated with the Latin flavor. The search to find that peace of heaven to raise our children, buy a house and grow old without the big city woes has brought many of us to Atlanta, GA

There is a thriving Latino population in Georgia, many professionals that are trying to incorporate ourselves into the southern ways without losing our flavor. We occupy positions in just about every job out there from construction to government. Many are members of different Latino organizations such as the Latin American Association, Boricuas in Georgia, and others. Trying to keep the presence of our ancestors in a southern state that barely recognizes that we are here is not easy but we have become quite creative in establishing the Latin flavor in Georgia. We have opened supermarkets, we have parades to celebrate "Dia de la Mujer Latina" and we even have our own TV station on cable called "Georgia TV". This doesn't sound like much to those that have all the comforts of "home" be that Puerto Rico, Cuba, Republica Dominicana, Peru, or America Central but when your sources are limited you are grateful for the few things you can get.

There is still a long way to go but we're growing. I personally would be happy to have a good Puerto Rican restaurant that didn't take me almost an hour to get to.

Stay tuned Mijas, I'll be back with more from Hotlanta.

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