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# The Chinese Population in Cuba





# The Chinese Population in Peru



# The Chinese Population in Ecuador



# Chinese Presence in Ecuador

- \*1960 – A large number of Chinese from Canton province arrived in Quevedo, Ecuador
- 2007 – Around 50,000 Chinese reside in Ecuador (*Chinese-Ecuadorian Chamber of Commerce*). 339 more entered the country (*Dirección de Migración de la Policía*)
- 2008 (June) – 9,921 Chinese entered the country (no visa requirement)
- 2008 (November) – 10,638 entered and 3,941 left the country
- 2011 – 9,291 Chinese entered the country and 7, 943 left. 1,244 remained. (*Dirección de Migración de la Policía*)

# Chinese Presence in Ecuador

- 2012- 12,241 Chinese tourists entered the country (El Ministerio de Turismo)
- Currently, it is reported that around 25,000-30,000 Chinese reside in the cities of Guayaquil, Quito, Quevedo, and Cuenca

## Chinese Community in Ecuador

- Emigrated from the People's Republic of China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong.
- They have a good education, money, have friends and/or family in Ecuador.
- They are business owners.



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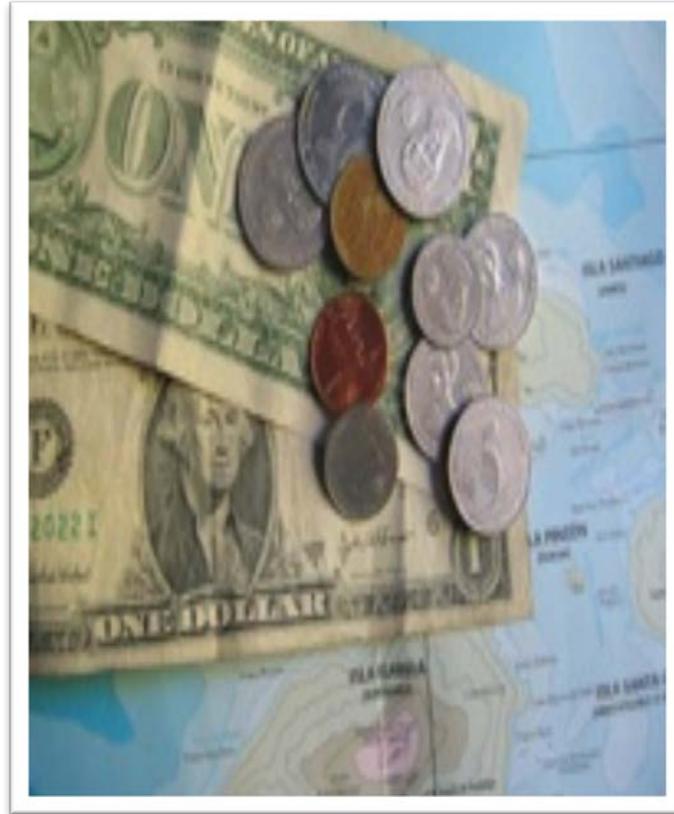
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# Latino Influence on Chinese Youth



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