

**HISTORY:** The Latin Kings formed in Chicago in the mid-1960's with the goal of helping Puerto Rican immigrants overcome racial prejudice by forming an organization of "Kings."

**ALSO KNOWN AS:** Almighty Latin King Nation (ALKN), Almighty Latin King and Queen Nation (ALKQN).

**MEMBERSHIP/HIERARCHY:** The Latin Kings are highly organized and gang leadership exists at the national, regional, and local levels. Membership is governed by a manifesto and constitution with established rules and by-laws. The gang originally consisted of predominantly Puerto Rican males, but currently have members of various nationalities. Some Latin King chapters also have female associates, commonly referred to as Latin Queens.

**LOCATION:** While active in 34 states, the Latin Kings can be found primarily in many North Carolina rural and urban jurisdictions.

**CRIMINAL ACTIVITY:** Latin King members are particularly ruthless and are involved in a myriad of criminal activity, including the distribution and sale of drugs, weapons trafficking, murder, assault, armed robbery, kidnapping, burglary, auto theft, money laundering, extortion, racketeering, public corruption and intimidation, and alien smuggling.

**GANG IDENTIFIERS:**

- 5-pointed crown
- Graffiti: a lion wearing a crown; 5-pointed crown accompanied by the initials "LK"; Amor de Rey or "ADR," "1-4-18", Amor de Corona, or "ADC"
- **Colors:** Black and Gold (yellow), red and green



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