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# Latinos in the 2014 Election: New York *Factsheet*

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This profile provides key demographic information on Latino eligible voters<sup>1</sup> and other major groups of eligible voters in

New York.<sup>2</sup> All demographic data are based on Pew Research Center tabulations of the U.S. Census Bureau's 2012 American Community Survey.<sup>3</sup>

## Hispanics in New York's Eligible Voter Population

- The Hispanic population in New York is the fourth largest in the nation. About 3.6 million Hispanics reside in New York, 6.7% of all Hispanics in the United States.
- New York's population is 18% Hispanic, the ninth largest Hispanic statewide population share nationally.

TABLE 1

### Population and Electorate in the United States and New York, 2012

	U.S.	New York	New York state rank
<b>Total population (all ages)</b>			
All (thousands)	313,914	19,570	3
Hispanics (thousands)	52,932	3,553	4
Percent Hispanic	16.9	18.2	9
<b>Eligible voter population (U.S. citizens ages 18 and older)</b>			
All (thousands)	220,111	13,395	4
Hispanics (thousands)	23,632	1,762	4
Percent Hispanic	10.7	13.2	8
<b>Eligibility of Hispanic population</b>			
Percent of Hispanic population eligible to vote	44.6	49.6	15

Note: Percentages calculated before rounding.

Source: Pew Research Center tabulations of the 2012 American Community Survey (1% IPUMS sample)

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<sup>1</sup> Eligible voters are defined as U.S. citizens ages 18 and older. Eligible voters are not the same as registered voters. To cast a vote, in all states except North Dakota, an eligible voter must first register to vote.

<sup>2</sup> The terms "Hispanic" and "Latino" are used interchangeably. References to other races and ethnicities are to the non-Hispanic components of those populations.

<sup>3</sup> This statistical profile of eligible voters is based on the Census Bureau's 2012 [American Community Survey](#) (ACS). The ACS is the largest household survey in the United States, with a sample of about 3 million addresses. The data used for this statistical profile come from the 2012 ACS Integrated Public Use Microdata Series (IPUMS), representing a 1% sample of the U.S. population. Like any survey, estimates from the ACS are subject to sampling error and (potentially) measurement error. More information is available on [ACS sampling strategy](#) and [associated error](#).

- There are 1.8 million Hispanic eligible voters in New York—the fourth largest Hispanic statewide eligible voter population nationally. California ranks first with 6.4 million.
- Some 13% of New York eligible voters are Hispanic, the eighth largest Hispanic statewide eligible voter share nationally. New Mexico ranks first with 40%.
- Half of Hispanics in New York are eligible to vote, ranking New York 15th nationwide in the share of the Hispanic population that is eligible to vote. By contrast, 78% of the state’s white population is eligible to vote.

## Characteristics of Eligible Voters

- **Age.** Some three-in-ten Hispanic eligible voters in New York are ages 18 to 29, somewhat lower than the share of all Latino eligible voters nationwide (33%) in that age range. Only 22% of all New York eligible voters and of all U.S. eligible voters are ages 18 to 29.
- **Citizenship and Nativity.** Among Hispanic eligible voters in New York, 31% are naturalized U.S. citizens. This is higher than the 25% of Hispanic eligible voters in the U.S. Just 17% of all eligible voters in New York and 8% of eligible voters in the U.S. overall are naturalized U.S. citizens.
- **Hispanic Origin.** Hispanic eligible voters in New York have a different Hispanic origin profile from Hispanic eligible voters nationwide. Fully 43% of Hispanic eligible voters in New York are of Puerto Rican origin, 20%

TABLE 2

### Characteristics of Eligible Voters in New York and the United States, 2012

% of eligible voters (unless otherwise noted)

	U.S.		New York	
	All	Hispanics	All	Hispanics
<b>Total population (thousands)</b>	313,914	52,932	19,570	3,553
<b>Eligible voter population (thousands)</b>	220,111	23,632	13,395	1,762
<b>Age</b>				
18-29	21.6	33.1	22.0	29.8
30-44	24.3	29.1	23.5	27.1
45-54	18.5	16.2	18.6	17.2
55-64	16.7	11.1	16.5	13.1
65 and older	18.9	10.5	19.4	12.8
<b>Gender</b>				
Male	48.4	48.9	47.5	46.7
Female	51.6	51.1	52.5	53.3
<b>Type of citizen</b>				
Citizen by birth	91.8	75.2	82.8	68.9
Naturalized citizen	8.2	24.8	17.2	31.1
<b>Language</b>				
Speaks only English at home	85.6	31.5	76.7	21.7
Does not speak only English at home	14.4	68.5	23.3	78.3
<b>Educational attainment</b>				
Less than high school graduate	11.5	23.0	11.7	25.3
High school graduate	28.6	28.5	26.6	25.8
Two-year degree/Some college	32.8	33.6	29.6	30.8
Bachelor's degree or more	27.2	15.0	32.2	18.1
<b>Marital status</b>				
Married	50.0	42.9	45.7	33.9
Never married	29.1	39.1	35.0	45.2
Divorced/separated/widowed	20.9	18.0	19.3	20.9
<b>With child younger than 18 in home</b>	24.2	29.9	22.7	24.8
<b>Homeownership rate</b>	67.5	56.0	59.7	32.1
<b>Hispanic origin</b>				
Mexican	-	58.9	-	6.7
Puerto Rican	-	14.0	-	42.9
Cuban	-	4.8	-	2.6
Salvadoran	-	2.6	-	2.8
Dominican	-	3.2	-	20.2
Other	-	16.5	-	24.7
<b>Household income</b>				
Less than \$30,000	22.2	25.1	20.3	30.6
\$30,000-\$49,999	17.9	20.2	15.0	18.2
\$50,000-\$74,999	19.1	20.5	17.5	17.2
\$75,000-\$99,999	13.8	13.6	13.4	11.6
\$100,000 or more	26.9	20.6	33.7	22.5

Note: Eligible voters are citizens ages 18 and older. Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding. High school graduate includes GEDs or equivalent.

Source: Pew Research Center tabulations of the 2012 American Community Survey (1% IPUMS sample)

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are of Dominican origin and just 7% are Mexican. By contrast, most Hispanic eligible voters in the U.S. are Mexican (59%), while 14% are Puerto Rican and 3% are of Dominican origin.

- **Educational Attainment.** A quarter of Latino eligible voters in New York have not completed high school, more than twice the 12% of all New York eligible voters who have not completed high school and somewhat higher than the 23% of Hispanics nationwide who have not completed high school.
- **Homeownership.** About one-third of Hispanic eligible voters in New York (32%) live in owner-occupied homes, lower than the 56% of all Hispanic eligible voters nationwide. Greater shares of all eligible voters in New York (60%) and eligible voters nationwide (67%) live in owner-occupied homes.

## Characteristics of Eligible Voters in New York, by Race and Ethnicity

- **Number of Eligible Voters.** White eligible voters outnumber Hispanic eligible voters in New York by 5 to 1. In New York, Hispanics outnumber Asians by about 1 million among eligible voters. Hispanics overall outnumber blacks, but there are 94,000 fewer Hispanic eligible voters than black eligible voters.

TABLE 3

### Characteristics of Eligible Voters in New York and the United States, by Race and Ethnicity, 2012

% of eligible voters (unless otherwise noted)

- **Age.** Latino eligible voters are younger than white, black and Asian eligible voters in New York. Some 30% of Latinos are ages 18 to 29, compared with 19% of white eligible voters, 25% of black eligible voters and 24% of Asian eligible voters.
- **Educational Attainment.** Hispanic eligible voters have lower levels of education than do white, black and Asian eligible voters in New York. Some 25% of Hispanic eligible voters have not obtained a high school diploma, compared with 8% of white eligible voters, 16% of black eligible voters and 16% of Asian eligible voters.
- **Homeownership.** Hispanic eligible voters

	Hispanic	White	Black	Asian
<b>Total population (thousands)</b>	3,553	11,227	2,819	1,487
<b>Eligible voter population (thousands)</b>	1,762	8,770	1,856	750
<b>Age</b>				
18-29	29.8	19.3	25.4	24.1
30-44	27.1	22.0	24.8	28.6
45-54	17.2	18.8	19.3	18.0
55-64	13.1	17.7	14.8	15.3
65 and older	12.8	22.2	15.7	13.9
<b>Gender</b>				
Male	46.7	48.2	44.9	47.5
Female	53.3	51.8	55.1	52.5
<b>Type of citizen</b>				
Citizen by birth	68.9	92.4	75.6	25.8
Naturalized citizen	31.1	7.6	24.4	74.2
<b>Language</b>				
Speaks only English at home	21.7	89.5	89.6	22.0
Does not speak only English at home	78.3	10.5	10.4	78.0
<b>Educational attainment</b>				
Less than high school graduate	25.3	7.5	16.5	15.9
High school graduate	25.8	26.9	29.5	17.4
Two-year degree/Some college	30.8	28.9	33.8	22.8
Bachelor's degree or more	18.1	36.6	20.3	43.9
<b>Marital status</b>				
Married	33.9	51.1	27.8	57.2
Never married	45.2	29.6	50.3	32.3
Divorced/separated/widowed	20.9	19.2	21.9	10.5
<b>With child younger than 18 in home</b>	24.8	22.1	21.6	26.6
<b>Homeownership rate</b>	32.1	70.0	38.2	60.4
<b>Household income</b>				
Less than \$30,000	30.6	16.7	27.6	20.7
\$30,000-\$49,999	18.2	13.9	18.0	13.0
\$50,000-\$74,999	17.2	17.6	18.4	15.9
\$75,000-\$99,999	11.6	14.1	12.4	12.9
\$100,000 or more	22.5	37.7	23.6	37.6

Note: Eligible voters are citizens ages 18 and older. Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding. High school graduate includes GEDs or equivalent. Whites, blacks and Asians include only non-Hispanics. Hispanics are of any race.

Source: Pew Research Center tabulations of the 2012 American Community Survey (1% IPUMS sample)

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(32%) are less likely to live in owner-occupied homes in New York than are whites (70%), blacks (38%) and Asians (60%) who are eligible to vote.