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This profile provides key demographic information on Latino eligible voters¹ and other major groups of eligible voters in

Wyoming.² All demographic data are based on Pew Research Center tabulations of the U.S. Census Bureau's 2012 American Community Survey.³

Hispanics in Wyoming's Eligible Voter Population

- The Hispanic population in Wyoming is the 43rd largest in the nation. About 54,000 Hispanics reside in Wyoming, 0.1% of all Hispanics in the United States.
- Wyoming's population is 9% Hispanic, the 22nd largest Hispanic statewide population share nationally.

TABLE 1

Population and Electorate in the United States and Wyoming, 2012

	U.S.	Wyoming	Wyoming state rank
Total population (all ages)			
All (thousands)	313,914	576	51
Hispanics (thousands)	52,932	54	43
Percent Hispanic	16.9	9.4	22
Eligible voter population (U.S. citizens ages 18 and older)			
All (thousands)	220,111	431	51
Hispanics (thousands)	23,632	31	40
Percent Hispanic	10.7	7.2	15
Eligibility of Hispanic population			
Percent of Hispanic population eligible to vote	44.6	57.5	6

Note: Percentages calculated before rounding.

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

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¹ 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.

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

³ 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 31,000 Hispanic eligible voters in Wyoming—the 40th largest Hispanic statewide eligible voter population nationally. California ranks first with 6.4 million.
- Some 7% of Wyoming eligible voters are Hispanic, the 15th largest Hispanic statewide eligible voter share nationally. New Mexico ranks first with 40%.
- Some 57% of Hispanics in Wyoming are eligible to vote, ranking Wyoming sixth 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.** About one-third of Hispanic eligible voters in Wyoming (34%) are ages 18 to 29, about the same as the share of all Latino eligible voters nationwide (33%) in that age range. By contrast, only 22% of all Wyoming eligible voters and of all U.S. eligible voters are ages 18 to 29.
- **Citizenship and Nativity.** Among Hispanic eligible voters in Wyoming, 10% are naturalized U.S. citizens, less than Hispanic eligible voters nationwide (25%). Only 2% of all eligible voters in Wyoming are naturalized citizens, as are 8% of all U.S. eligible voters.
- **Hispanic Origin.** Hispanic eligible voters in Wyoming have a different Hispanic origin profile from Hispanic eligible voters nationwide. About two-thirds of Hispanic eligible voters (68%) in Wyoming are of Mexican

TABLE 2

Characteristics of Eligible Voters in Wyoming and the United States, 2012

% of eligible voters (unless otherwise noted)

	U.S.		Wyoming	
	All	Hispanics	All	Hispanics
Total population (thousands)	313,914	52,932	576	54
Eligible voter population (thousands)	220,111	23,632	431	31
Age				
18-29	21.6	33.1	22.2	33.7
30-44	24.3	29.1	24.7	31.0
45-54	18.5	16.2	17.6	11.3
55-64	16.7	11.1	18.1	13.0
65 and older	18.9	10.5	17.4	10.9
Gender				
Male	48.4	48.9	50.6	52.0
Female	51.6	51.1	49.4	48.0
Type of citizen				
Citizen by birth	91.8	75.2	98.5	89.8
Naturalized citizen	8.2	24.8	1.5	10.2
Language				
Speaks only English at home	85.6	31.5	94.0	58.3
Does not speak only English at home	14.4	68.5	6.0	41.7
Educational attainment				
Less than high school graduate	11.5	23.0	8.8	20.1
High school graduate	28.6	28.5	30.0	33.4
Two-year degree/Some college	32.8	33.6	38.1	34.6
Bachelor's degree or more	27.2	15.0	23.1	12.0
Marital status				
Married	50.0	42.9	54.9	44.2
Never married	29.1	39.1	23.8	42.4
Divorced/separated/widowed	20.9	18.0	21.3	13.4
With child younger than 18 in home	24.2	29.9	25.6	31.1
Homeownership rate				
	67.5	56.0	69.9	62.8
Hispanic origin				
Mexican	-	58.9	-	67.9
Puerto Rican	-	14.0	-	0.9
Cuban	-	4.8	-	0.7
Salvadoran	-	2.6	-	0.3
Dominican	-	3.2	-	<0.05
Other	-	16.5	-	30.3
Household income				
Less than \$30,000	22.2	25.1	20.4	25.8
\$30,000-\$49,999	17.9	20.2	18.1	23.0
\$50,000-\$74,999	19.1	20.5	20.1	20.9
\$75,000-\$99,999	13.8	13.6	17.1	16.6
\$100,000 or more	26.9	20.6	24.2	13.7

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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origin, compared to 59% among all U.S. Hispanic eligible voters. About 1% of Hispanic eligible voters in Wyoming are Puerto Rican and 1% are Cuban, while the remaining 31% is of another Hispanic origin. Among all U.S. Hispanic eligible voters, 14% are Puerto Rican and 5% are Cuban.

- **Educational Attainment.** Some two-in-ten Latino eligible voters in Wyoming have not completed high school, twice the 9% of all Wyoming eligible voters who have not completed high school and about the same as the 23% of Hispanics nationwide who have not completed high school.
- **Homeownership.** About two-thirds of Hispanic eligible voters (63%) in Wyoming live in owner-occupied homes, greater than the 56% of all Hispanic eligible voters nationwide. Hispanic eligible voters in Wyoming live in owner-occupied homes at about the same rate as all eligible voters nationwide (67%), but greater shares of all eligible voters in Wyoming (70%) live in owner-occupied homes.

Characteristics of Eligible Voters in Wyoming, by Race and Ethnicity

- **Number of Eligible Voters.** White eligible voters outnumber Hispanic eligible voters in Wyoming by a margin of 12 to 1 (380,000 vs. 31,000).
- **Age.** Latino eligible voters are younger than white eligible voters in Wyoming. Some 34% of Latinos are ages 18 to 29, compared with 21% of white eligible voters.
- **Educational Attainment.** Hispanic eligible voters have lower levels of education than do white eligible voters in Wyoming. Some 20% of Hispanic eligible voters have not obtained a high school diploma, compared with 7% of white eligible voters.
- **Homeownership.** Hispanic eligible voters (63%) are less likely to live in owner-occupied homes than white eligible voters (72%).

TABLE 3

Characteristics of Eligible Voters in Wyoming and the United States, by Race and Ethnicity, 2012

% of eligible voters (unless otherwise noted)

	Hispanic	White
Total population (thousands)	54	488
Eligible voter population (thousands)	31	380
Age		
18-29	33.7	21.0
30-44	31.0	23.6
45-54	11.3	18.3
55-64	13.0	18.8
65 and older	10.9	18.3
Gender		
Male	52.0	50.9
Female	48.0	49.1
Type of citizen		
Citizen by birth	89.8	99.4
Naturalized citizen	10.2	0.6
Language		
Speaks only English at home	58.3	97.4
Does not speak only English at home	41.7	2.6
Educational attainment		
Less than high school graduate	20.1	7.5
High school graduate	33.4	29.7
Two-year degree/Some college	34.6	38.4
Bachelor's degree or more	12.0	24.5
Marital status		
Married	44.2	56.4
Never married	42.4	21.8
Divorced/separated/widowed	13.4	21.8
With child younger than 18 in home	31.1	24.9
Homeownership rate	62.8	71.6
Household income		
Less than \$30,000	25.8	19.5
\$30,000-\$49,999	23.0	17.8
\$50,000-\$74,999	20.9	19.9
\$75,000-\$99,999	16.6	17.3
\$100,000 or more	13.7	25.5

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