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Latinos in the 2016 Election: District of Columbia

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This profile provides key demographic information on Latino eligible voters¹ and other major groups of eligible voters in the District of Columbia.² All demographic data are based on Pew Research Center tabulations of the U.S. Census Bureau's 2014 American Community Survey.³

Hispanics in the District of Columbia's Eligible Voter Population

- The Hispanic population in the District of Columbia ranks 42nd in the nation. About 68,000 Hispanics reside in District of Columbia, 0.1% of all Hispanics in the United States.

- The District of Columbia's population is 10% Hispanic, the 19th largest Hispanic statewide population share nationally.

- There are 27,000 Hispanic eligible voters in the District of Columbia—ranking 44th in terms of Hispanic statewide eligible voter population nationally. California ranks first with 6.9 million.

Population and Electorate in the United States and District of Columbia, 2014

	U.S.	District of Columbia	District of Columbia state rank
Total population (all ages)			
All (thousands)	318,857	659	49
Hispanics (thousands)	55,251	68	42
Percent Hispanic	17.3	10.4	19
Eligible voter population (U.S. citizens ages 18 and older)			
All (thousands)	224,963	494	49
Hispanics (thousands)	25,486	27	44
Percent Hispanic	11.3	5.5	22
Eligibility of Hispanic population			
Percent of Hispanic population eligible to vote	46.1	39.5	32

Note: Percentages calculated before rounding.

Source: Pew Research Center tabulations of the 2014 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 2014 [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 2014 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](#).

- Some 5% of District of Columbia eligible voters are Hispanic, the 22nd largest Hispanic statewide eligible voter share nationally. New Mexico ranks first with 40%.
- Some 40% of Hispanics in the District of Columbia are eligible to vote, ranking the District of Columbia 32nd nationwide in the share of the Hispanic population that is eligible to vote. By contrast, 85% of the District's white population and 76% of the District's black population are eligible to vote.

Characteristics of Eligible Voters in D.C. and the United States, 2014

% of eligible voters (unless otherwise noted)

	U.S.		D.C.	
	All	Hispanics	All	Hispanics
Total population (thousands)	318,857	55,251	659	68
Eligible voter population (thousands)	224,963	25,486	494	27
Age				
18-29	21.6	32.9	29.8	39.2
30-44	24.0	28.6	28.8	31.2
45-54	17.6	15.9	13.8	12.3
55-64	16.9	11.6	13.0	8.5
65 and older	19.8	11.0	14.6	8.8
Millennial (ages 18-33)	28.2	41.4	40.3	51.2
Gender				
Male	48.4	48.9	46.1	46.1
Female	51.6	51.1	53.9	53.9
Type of citizen				
Citizen by birth	91.4	75.2	93.1	70.6
Naturalized citizen	8.6	24.8	6.9	29.4
Language				
Speaks only English at home	85.2	31.7	88.7	33.1
Does not speak only English at home	14.8	68.3	11.3	66.9
Speaks Spanish at home	8.5	67.8	4.8	66.2
Educational attainment				
Less than high school graduate	10.9	22.0	8.0	11.0
High school graduate	28.4	29.0	19.2	17.9
Two-year degree/Some college	32.7	33.5	21.2	20.3
Bachelor's degree or more	28.1	15.6	51.5	50.9
Marital status				
Married	49.6	42.5	26.8	29.2
Never married	29.9	40.1	56.6	62.5
Divorced/separated/widowed	20.6	17.4	16.7	8.4
With child younger than 18 in home	23.5	28.7	13.7	12.1
Homeownership rate	66.7	55.2	41.6	47.5
Hispanic origin				
Mexican	-	59.2	-	15.5
Puerto Rican	-	14.1	-	11.0
Cuban	-	4.6	-	8.7
Salvadoran	-	2.6	-	16.7
Dominican	-	3.4	-	4.1
Other	-	16.1	-	44.0
Household income (in 2014 \$)				
Less than \$30,000	20.7	22.8	19.2	10.2
\$30,000-\$49,999	17.2	19.6	11.5	12.8
\$50,000-\$74,999	18.7	20.1	12.5	17.2
\$75,000-\$99,999	14.0	14.4	12.0	12.5
\$100,000 or more	29.5	23.1	44.7	47.2

Note: Eligible voters are citizens ages 18 and older. Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding. High school graduate includes GEDs or equivalent. Homeownership rate and household income excludes persons living in institutions, college dormitories and other group quarters.

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Characteristics of Eligible Voters in D.C., by Race and Ethnicity, 2014

% of eligible voters (unless otherwise noted)

	Hispanic	Black	White
Total population (thousands)	68	314	235
Eligible voter population (thousands)	27	239	200
Age			
18-29	39.2	25.0	33.5
30-44	31.2	22.5	34.0
45-54	12.3	16.9	10.8
55-64	8.5	17.1	9.6
65 and older	8.8	18.4	12.0
Millennial (ages 18-33)	51.2	31.3	47.5
Gender			
Male	46.1	44.3	49.4
Female	53.9	55.7	50.6
Type of citizen			
Citizen by birth	70.6	96.2	94.6
Naturalized citizen	29.4	3.8	5.4
Language			
Speaks only English at home	33.1	96.2	90.4
Does not speak only English at home	66.9	3.8	9.6
Speaks Spanish at home	66.2	0.7	1.8
Educational attainment			
Less than high school graduate	11.0	13.9	1.1
High school graduate	17.9	32.9	4.7
Two-year degree/Some college	20.3	30.8	10.5
Bachelor's degree or more	50.9	22.3	83.7
Marital status			
Married	29.2	20.1	34.6
Never married	62.5	56.3	55.1
Divorced/separated/widowed	8.4	23.7	10.3
With child younger than 18 in home	12.1	15.8	11.9
Homeownership rate	47.5	40.0	43.9
Household income (in 2014 \$)			
Less than \$30,000	10.2	31.0	7.3
\$30,000-\$49,999	12.8	16.4	5.6
\$50,000-\$74,999	17.2	14.4	10.2
\$75,000-\$99,999	12.5	12.6	10.8
\$100,000 or more	47.2	25.6	66.1

Note: Eligible voters are citizens ages 18 and older. Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding. High school graduate includes GEDs or equivalent. Blacks and whites include only non-Hispanics. Hispanics are of any race. Homeownership rate and household income excludes persons living in institutions, college dormitories and other group quarters.

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