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# Latinos in the 2016 Election: Washington

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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 Washington.<sup>2</sup> All demographic data are based on Pew Research Center tabulations of the U.S. Census Bureau's 2014 American Community Survey.<sup>3</sup>

## Hispanics in Washington's Eligible Voter Population

- The Hispanic population in Washington is the 12th largest in the nation. About 858,000 Hispanics reside in Washington, 1.6% of all Hispanics in the United States.
- Washington's population is 12% Hispanic, the 15th largest Hispanic statewide population share nationally.
- There are 334,000 Hispanic eligible voters in Washington—the 12th largest Hispanic statewide eligible voter population nationally. California ranks first with 6.9 million.

### Population and Electorate in the United States and Washington, 2014

	U.S.	Washington	Washington state rank
<b>Total population (all ages)</b>			
All (thousands)	318,857	7,062	13
Hispanics (thousands)	55,251	858	12
Percent Hispanic	17.3	12.2	15
<b>Eligible voter population (U.S. citizens ages 18 and older)</b>			
All (thousands)	224,963	5,007	13
Hispanics (thousands)	25,486	334	12
Percent Hispanic	11.3	6.7	17
<b>Eligibility of Hispanic population</b>			
Percent of Hispanic population eligible to vote	46.1	38.9	35

Note: Percentages calculated before rounding.

Source: Pew Research Center tabulations of the 2014 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 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 7% of Washington eligible voters are Hispanic, the 17th largest Hispanic statewide eligible voter share nationally. New Mexico ranks first with 40%.
- Some 39% of Hispanics in Washington are eligible to vote, ranking Washington 35th nationwide in the share of the Hispanic population that is eligible to vote. By contrast, 80% of the state's white population is eligible to vote.

## Characteristics of Eligible Voters in Washington and the United States, 2014

% of eligible voters (unless otherwise noted)

	U.S.		Washington	
	All	Hispanics	All	Hispanics
<b>Total population (thousands)</b>	318,857	55,251	7,062	858
<b>Eligible voter population (thousands)</b>	224,963	25,486	5,007	334
<b>Age</b>				
18-29	21.6	32.9	21.2	38.1
30-44	24.0	28.6	24.8	30.3
45-54	17.6	15.9	17.5	14.6
55-64	16.9	11.6	17.4	9.9
65 and older	19.8	11.0	19.1	7.1
<b>Millennial (ages 18-33)</b>	28.2	41.4	28.1	46.4
<b>Gender</b>				
Male	48.4	48.9	49.5	51.5
Female	51.6	51.1	50.5	48.5
<b>Type of citizen</b>				
Citizen by birth	91.4	75.2	91.8	82.2
Naturalized citizen	8.6	24.8	8.2	17.8
<b>Language</b>				
Speaks only English at home	85.2	31.7	88.2	48.8
Does not speak only English at home	14.8	68.3	11.8	51.2
Speaks Spanish at home	8.5	67.8	4.3	50.7
<b>Educational attainment</b>				
Less than high school graduate	10.9	22.0	8.1	20.9
High school graduate	28.4	29.0	24.0	27.4
Two-year degree/Some college	32.7	33.5	37.0	35.6
Bachelor's degree or more	28.1	15.6	30.9	16.2
<b>Marital status</b>				
Married	49.6	42.5	52.2	44.6
Never married	29.9	40.1	27.6	40.3
Divorced/separated/widowed	20.6	17.4	20.2	15.0
<b>With child younger than 18 in home</b>	23.5	28.7	23.6	32.3
<b>Homeownership rate</b>	66.7	55.2	65.9	53.1
<b>Hispanic origin</b>				
Mexican	-	59.2	-	73.8
Puerto Rican	-	14.1	-	6.7
Cuban	-	4.6	-	1.4
Salvadoran	-	2.6	-	1.0
Dominican	-	3.4	-	0.3
Other	-	16.1	-	16.8
<b>Household income (in 2014 \$)</b>				
Less than \$30,000	20.7	22.8	16.7	19.6
\$30,000-\$49,999	17.2	19.6	15.9	19.5
\$50,000-\$74,999	18.7	20.1	19.1	22.6
\$75,000-\$99,999	14.0	14.4	14.9	15.2
\$100,000 or more	29.5	23.1	33.5	23.1

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

Source: Pew Research Center tabulations of the 2014 American Community Survey (1% IPUMS sample)

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## Characteristics of Eligible Voters in Washington, by Race and Ethnicity, 2014

*% of eligible voters (unless otherwise noted)*

	Hispanic	White	Asian	Black
<b>Total population (thousands)</b>	858	4,960	549	237
<b>Eligible voter population (thousands)</b>	334	3,945	303	163
<b>Age</b>				
18-29	38.1	18.8	20.6	25.7
30-44	30.3	23.4	28.1	30.2
45-54	14.6	17.7	20.0	17.8
55-64	9.9	18.6	15.1	15.1
65 and older	7.1	21.5	16.2	11.2
<b>Millennial (ages 18-33)</b>	46.4	25.3	27.8	33.1
<b>Gender</b>				
Male	51.5	49.5	44.5	55.1
Female	48.5	50.5	55.5	44.9
<b>Type of citizen</b>				
Citizen by birth	82.2	96.9	34.0	88.6
Naturalized citizen	17.8	3.1	66.0	11.4
<b>Language</b>				
Speaks only English at home	48.8	95.9	31.3	88.9
Does not speak only English at home	51.2	4.1	68.7	11.1
Speaks Spanish at home	50.7	1.0	0.3	0.5
<b>Educational attainment</b>				
Less than high school graduate	20.9	6.4	11.5	11.9
High school graduate	27.4	24.1	15.3	27.1
Two-year degree/Some college	35.6	37.3	30.1	40.9
Bachelor's degree or more	16.2	32.2	43.0	20.0
<b>Marital status</b>				
Married	44.6	54.1	56.9	36.4
Never married	40.3	24.8	27.8	42.1
Divorced/separated/widowed	15.0	21.2	15.3	21.6
<b>With child younger than 18 in home</b>	32.3	22.4	26.4	23.8
<b>Homeownership rate</b>	53.1	68.5	72.5	38.7
<b>Household income (in 2014 \$)</b>				
Less than \$30,000	19.6	15.8	14.5	27.4
\$30,000-\$49,999	19.5	15.8	11.5	17.3
\$50,000-\$74,999	22.6	19.2	15.3	21.1
\$75,000-\$99,999	15.2	15.0	14.1	12.6
\$100,000 or more	23.1	34.2	44.5	21.7

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