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This profile provides key demographic information on Latino eligible voters¹ and other major groups of eligible voters in New York.² All demographic data are based on Pew Hispanic Center tabulations of the U.S. Census Bureau's 2010 American Community Survey.³

Hispanics in New York's Eligible Voter Population

- The Hispanic population in New York is the fourth largest in the nation.⁴ About 3.4 million Hispanics reside in New York, 6.8% of all Hispanics in the United States.
- New York's population is 18% Hispanic, the ninth largest Hispanic population share nationally.
- There are 1.7 million Hispanic eligible voters in New York—the fourth largest Hispanic eligible voter population

Table 1

Population and Electorate in the United States and New York, 2010

	U.S.	New York	New York state rank
Total population (all ages)			
All (thousands)	309,350	19,392	3
Hispanics (thousands)	50,730	3,434	4
Percent Hispanic	16.4	17.7	9
Total eligible voter population (U.S. citizens ages 18 and older)			
All (thousands)	214,972	13,172	3
Hispanics (thousands)	21,509	1,651	4
Percent Hispanic	10.0	12.5	8
Eligibility of Hispanic population			
Percent of Hispanic population eligible to vote	42.4	48.1	10*

Notes: Percentages calculated before rounding. *Rankings for "Percent of Hispanic population eligible to vote" are based on the District of Columbia and the 46 states whose Hispanic samples in the 2010 American Community Survey (ACS) are large enough to generate reliable estimates. All other rankings are based on the District of Columbia and the 50 states.

Source: Pew Hispanic Center tabulations of the 2010 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 2010 [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 2010 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](#).

⁴ Rankings for "Percent of Hispanic population eligible to vote" are based on the District of Columbia and the 46 states whose Hispanic samples in the 2010 ACS are large enough to generate reliable estimates. All other rankings are based on the District of Columbia and the 50 states.

nationally. California ranks first with 5.9 million.

- Some 13% of New York eligible voters are Hispanic, the eighth largest Hispanic eligible voter share nationally. New Mexico ranks first with 39%.
- Almost half (48%) of Hispanics in New York are eligible to vote, ranking New York 10th nationwide in the share of the Hispanic population that is eligible to vote. By contrast, more than three-quarters (78%) of the state's white population is eligible to vote.

Characteristics of Eligible Voters

- Age.** Nearly three-in-ten Hispanic eligible voters in New York (29%) are ages 18 to 29, just below the share of all Latino eligible voters nationwide (33%) in that age range. By contrast, only 22% of all eligible voters in New York and in the overall U.S. are ages 18 to 29.
- Citizenship and Nativity.** Fully 30% of Hispanic eligible voters in New York are naturalized U.S. citizens, compared with 25% of Hispanic eligible voters nationwide and 16% of all New York eligible voters.
- Hispanic Origin.** Hispanic eligible voters in New York have a different Hispanic origin profile from Hispanic eligible voters nationwide. Fully 45% of Hispanic eligible voters in New York are of Puerto Rican origin, 20% are of Dominican origin and just 6% are Mexican. By contrast, most Hispanic eligible voters in the U.S. are Mexican (59%), while 14% are

Table 2

Characteristics of Eligible Voters in New York and the United States, 2010

(% of eligible voters, unless otherwise noted)

	U.S.		New York	
	All	Hispanics	All	Hispanics
Total population (thousands)	309,350	50,730	19,392	3,434
Total eligible voter population (thousands)	214,972	21,509	13,172	1,651
Age				
18-29	21.6	32.8	21.8	29.3
30-44	24.6	29.3	24.0	27.8
45-54	19.4	16.7	19.2	17.7
55-64	16.3	10.9	16.2	12.7
65 and older	18.2	10.4	18.8	12.5
Gender				
Male	48.2	48.3	47.3	46.1
Female	51.8	51.7	52.7	53.9
Type of citizen				
Citizen by birth	92.2	74.9	83.7	70.1
Naturalized citizen	7.8	25.1	16.3	29.9
Language				
Speaks only English at home	86.2	30.7	77.3	21.5
Does not speak only English at home	13.8	69.3	22.7	78.5
Educational attainment				
Less than high school diploma	12.3	24.7	12.6	26.7
High school diploma or equivalent	29.1	28.6	27.2	26.1
Some college	32.4	32.5	28.8	30.1
Bachelor's degree or more	26.3	14.3	31.5	17.1
Marital status				
Married	50.9	44.7	47.1	36.2
Never married	28.1	37.4	34.0	43.6
Divorced/separated/widowed	20.9	17.9	18.9	20.1
With child younger than 18 in home	25.0	31.1	23.7	25.9
Homeownership rate	68.8	58.2	60.3	33.0
Hispanic origin				
Mexican	---	59.1	---	6.1
Puerto Rican	---	14.4	---	45.0
Cuban	---	4.8	---	3.0
Salvadoran	---	2.4	---	2.3
Dominican	---	3.1	---	19.5
Other	---	16.2	---	24.0
Household income				
Less than \$30,000	22.9	25.3	21.1	30.0
\$30,000-\$49,999	18.6	20.7	15.7	17.6
\$50,000-\$74,999	19.6	21.0	17.4	16.9
\$75,000-\$99,999	13.8	13.3	13.6	12.1
\$100,000 or more	25.1	19.7	32.2	23.4

Notes: Eligible voters are citizens ages 18 and older. Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

Source: Pew Hispanic Center tabulations of the 2010 American Community Survey (1% IPUMS sample)

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Puerto Rican and 5% are of Cuban origin.

- **Educational Attainment.** Among Latino eligible voters in New York, 27% have not completed high school, more than double the 13% of all New York eligible voters who have not completed high school. This is also greater than the percentage of Latino eligible voters nationwide who lack a high school diploma (25%).
- **Homeownership.** One-third of Hispanic eligible voters in New York (33%) live in owner-occupied homes, far below the share of all Hispanic eligible voters nationwide (58%). Greater shares of all eligible voters in New York (60%) and all eligible voters nationwide (69%) 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 more than 5 to 1. In New York, there are 170,000 fewer Hispanic eligible voters than black eligible voters, but Hispanics outnumber Asians by about 1 million among eligible voters.

- **Age.** Latino eligible voters are younger than black, Asian and white eligible voters in New York. Nearly three-tenths (29%) of Latino eligible voters are ages 18 to 29 compared with 25% of black eligible voters, 24% of Asian eligible voters and 19% of white eligible voters.

- **Educational Attainment.** Hispanic eligible voters have lower levels of education than do black, Asian and white eligible voters in New York. Some 27% of Hispanic eligible voters have not obtained a high school diploma,

compared with 19% of black eligible voters, 15% of Asian eligible voters and 8% of white eligible voters.

Table 3

Characteristics of Eligible Voters in New York, by Race and Ethnicity, 2010

(% of eligible voters, unless otherwise noted)

	Hispanic	White	Black	Asian
Total population (thousands)	3,434	11,292	2,803	1,422
Total eligible voter population	1,651	8,769	1,821	691
Age				
18-29	29.3	19.2	25.3	24.2
30-44	27.8	22.5	25.6	28.4
45-54	17.7	19.6	19.6	18.5
55-64	12.7	17.3	14.3	15.5
65 and older	12.5	21.4	15.2	13.4
Gender				
Male	46.1	48.1	44.3	47.4
Female	53.9	51.9	55.7	52.6
Type of citizen				
Citizen by birth	70.1	92.8	76.2	25.3
Naturalized citizen	29.9	7.2	23.8	74.7
Language				
Speaks only English at home	21.5	89.6	89.5	20.9
Does not speak only English at home	78.5	10.4	10.5	79.1
Educational attainment				
Less than high school diploma	26.7	8.3	18.7	15.5
High school diploma or equivalent	26.1	27.7	29.6	17.3
Some college	30.1	28.2	32.6	20.6
Bachelor's degree or more	17.1	35.7	19.1	46.7
Marital Status				
Married	36.2	52.3	28.7	58.2
Never married	43.6	28.9	49.7	31.7
Divorced/separated/widowed	20.1	18.8	21.6	10.1
With child younger than 18 in home	25.9	23.1	23.3	26.9
Homeownership rate	33.0	70.1	38.8	61.9
Household income				
Less than \$30,000	30.0	17.9	29.6	18.2
\$30,000-\$49,999	17.6	15.0	17.8	14.2
\$50,000-\$74,999	16.9	17.6	17.6	16.2
\$75,000-\$99,999	12.1	14.2	11.8	13.2
\$100,000 or more	23.4	35.3	23.2	38.3

Notes: Eligible voters are citizens ages 18 and older. Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding. Hispanics are of any race. Whites, blacks and Asians include only non-Hispanics.

Source: Pew Hispanic Center tabulations of the 2010 American Community Survey (1% IPUMS sample)

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- **Homeownership.** Hispanic eligible voters (33%) are less likely to live in owner-occupied homes in New York than are whites (70%), Asians (62%) and blacks (39%) who are eligible to vote.