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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

Connecticut.<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 Connecticut's Eligible Voter Population

- The Hispanic population in Connecticut is the 17th largest in the nation. About 511,000 Hispanics reside in Connecticut, 1% of all Hispanics in the United States.
- Connecticut's population is 14% Hispanic, the 11th largest Hispanic statewide population share nationally.

TABLE 1

### Population and Electorate in the United States and Connecticut, 2012

	U.S.	Connecticut	Connecticut state rank
<b>Total population (all ages)</b>			
All (thousands)	313,914	3,590	29
Hispanics (thousands)	52,932	511	17
Percent Hispanic	16.9	14.2	11
<b>Eligible voter population (U.S. citizens ages 18 and older)</b>			
All (thousands)	220,111	2,562	29
Hispanics (thousands)	23,632	265	16
Percent Hispanic	10.7	10.3	10
<b>Eligibility of Hispanic population</b>			
Percent of Hispanic population eligible to vote	44.6	51.9	12

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 265,000 Hispanic eligible voters in Connecticut—the 16th largest Hispanic statewide eligible voter population nationally. California ranks first with 6.4 million.
- Some one-in-ten Connecticut eligible voters are Hispanic, the 10th largest Hispanic statewide eligible voter share nationally. New Mexico ranks first with 40%.
- Some 52% of Hispanics in Connecticut are eligible to vote, ranking Connecticut 12th 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.** About three-in-ten Hispanic eligible voters in Connecticut (31%) 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 19% of all Connecticut eligible voters and 22% of all U.S. eligible voters are ages 18 to 29.
- **Citizenship and Nativity.** Among Hispanic eligible voters in Connecticut, 17% are naturalized U.S. citizens. This is less than the 25% of Hispanic eligible voters in the U.S., but just 9% of all eligible voters in Connecticut and 8% of eligible voters in the U.S. overall are naturalized U.S. citizens.
- **Hispanic Origin.** Hispanic eligible voters in Connecticut have a much different Hispanic origin profile than Hispanic eligible voters nationwide. Only 5% of Hispanic eligible voters in

TABLE 2

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

*% of eligible voters (unless otherwise noted)*

	U.S.		Connecticut	
	All	Hispanics	All	Hispanics
<b>Total population (thousands)</b>	313,914	52,932	3,590	511
<b>Eligible voter population (thousands)</b>	220,111	23,632	2,562	265
<b>Age</b>				
18-29	21.6	33.1	19.4	31.2
30-44	24.3	29.1	22.7	31.7
45-54	18.5	16.2	20.6	18.6
55-64	16.7	11.1	17.2	9.5
65 and older	18.9	10.5	20.1	8.9
<b>Gender</b>				
Male	48.4	48.9	47.7	46.8
Female	51.6	51.1	52.3	53.2
<b>Type of citizen</b>				
Citizen by birth	91.8	75.2	91.4	82.8
Naturalized citizen	8.2	24.8	8.6	17.2
<b>Language</b>				
Speaks only English at home	85.6	31.5	83.4	20.9
Does not speak only English at home	14.4	68.5	16.6	79.1
<b>Educational attainment</b>				
Less than high school graduate	11.5	23.0	9.4	26.8
High school graduate	28.6	28.5	28.1	31.4
Two-year degree/Some college	32.8	33.6	28.1	27.4
Bachelor's degree or more	27.2	15.0	34.4	14.5
<b>Marital status</b>				
Married	50.0	42.9	49.9	36.1
Never married	29.1	39.1	30.6	44.5
Divorced/separated/widowed	20.9	18.0	19.5	19.4
<b>With child younger than 18 in home</b>	24.2	29.9	25.0	31.4
<b>Homeownership rate</b>				
	67.5	56.0	71.1	42.2
<b>Hispanic origin</b>				
Mexican	-	58.9	-	5.3
Puerto Rican	-	14.0	-	66.8
Cuban	-	4.8	-	2.3
Salvadoran	-	2.6	-	0.7
Dominican	-	3.2	-	5.2
Other	-	16.5	-	19.7
<b>Household income</b>				
Less than \$30,000	22.2	25.1	16.4	35.0
\$30,000-\$49,999	17.9	20.2	12.7	16.2
\$50,000-\$74,999	19.1	20.5	16.8	16.9
\$75,000-\$99,999	13.8	13.6	14.5	12.3
\$100,000 or more	26.9	20.6	39.6	19.6

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

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

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Connecticut are of Mexican origin, two-thirds (67%) are of Puerto Rican origin, and 28% claim other Hispanic origin. Among all Hispanic eligible voters nationwide, 59% are Mexican, 14% are Puerto Rican, and 27% are of some other Hispanic origin.

- **Educational Attainment.** About one-quarter of Latino eligible voters in Connecticut (27%) have not completed high school, triple the 9% of all Connecticut eligible voters who have not completed high school and slightly higher than the 23% of Hispanics nationwide who have not completed high school.
- **Homeownership.** About four-in-ten Hispanic eligible voters in Connecticut (42%) live in owner-occupied homes, lower than the 56% of all Hispanic eligible voters nationwide. Greater shares of all eligible voters in Connecticut (71%) and all eligible voters nationwide (67%) live in owner-occupied homes.

## Characteristics of Eligible Voters in Connecticut, by Race and Ethnicity

- **Number of Eligible Voters.** White eligible voters outnumber Hispanic eligible voters in Connecticut by more than 7 to 1. There are a similar number of Hispanic eligible voters (265,000) and black eligible voters (225,000) in Connecticut. Hispanic eligible voters outnumber Asian eligible voters by about 4 to 1.
- **Age.** Latino eligible voters are younger than white, black and Asian eligible voters in Connecticut. Some 31% of Latinos are ages 18 to 29, compared with 17% of white eligible voters, 25% of black eligible voters and 20% of Asian eligible voters.
- **Educational Attainment.** Hispanic eligible voters have lower levels of education than do white, black and Asian eligible voters in Connecticut. Some 27% of Hispanic eligible voters have not obtained a high school diploma, compared with 7% of white eligible voters, 12% of black eligible voters and 10% of Asian eligible voters.

TABLE 3

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

*% of eligible voters (unless otherwise noted)*

	Hispanic	White	Black	Asian
<b>Total population (thousands)</b>	511	2,514	343	145
<b>Eligible voter population (thousands)</b>	265	1,973	225	61
<b>Age</b>				
18-29	31.2	16.9	25.1	19.7
30-44	31.7	20.3	29.1	34.8
45-54	18.6	21.1	18.3	18.7
55-64	9.5	18.9	13.4	15.8
65 and older	8.9	22.8	14.1	11.0
<b>Gender</b>				
Male	46.8	48.1	45.5	44.6
Female	53.2	51.9	54.5	55.4
<b>Type of citizen</b>				
Citizen by birth	82.8	95.2	86.8	25.6
Naturalized citizen	17.2	4.8	13.2	74.4
<b>Language</b>				
Speaks only English at home	20.9	92.7	91.5	23.2
Does not speak only English at home	79.1	7.3	8.5	76.8
<b>Educational attainment</b>				
Less than high school graduate	26.8	6.6	12.4	10.1
High school graduate	31.4	26.9	38.4	15.5
Two-year degree/Some college	27.4	27.8	32.5	19.5
Bachelor's degree or more	14.5	38.6	16.6	54.9
<b>Marital status</b>				
Married	36.1	54.0	29.2	68.5
Never married	44.5	26.3	50.2	22.9
Divorced/separated/widowed	19.4	19.7	20.7	8.6
<b>With child younger than 18 in home</b>	31.4	23.8	24.7	36.1
<b>Homeownership rate</b>	42.2	78.1	46.5	74.1
<b>Household income</b>				
Less than \$30,000	35.0	12.4	31.0	8.0
\$30,000-\$49,999	16.2	11.8	16.2	12.6
\$50,000-\$74,999	16.9	16.8	17.5	13.6
\$75,000-\$99,999	12.3	15.0	12.8	14.7
\$100,000 or more	19.6	43.9	22.5	51.1

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

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- **Homeownership.** Hispanic eligible voters (42%) are less likely to live in owner-occupied homes than black (46%), white (78%) or Asian (74%) eligible voters.