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Latinos in the 2016 Election: Connecticut

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This profile provides key demographic information on Latino eligible voters¹ and other major groups of eligible voters in Connecticut.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 Connecticut's Eligible Voter Population

- The Hispanic population in Connecticut is the 18th largest in the nation. About 540,000 Hispanics reside in Connecticut, 1% of all Hispanics in the United States.
- Connecticut's population is 15% Hispanic, the 11th largest Hispanic statewide population share nationally.
- There are 280,000 Hispanic eligible voters in Connecticut—the 15th largest Hispanic statewide eligible voter population nationally. California ranks first with 6.9 million.

Population and Electorate in the United States and Connecticut, 2014

| | U.S. | Connecticut | Connecticut state rank |
|--|---------|-------------|------------------------|
| Total population (all ages) | | | |
| All (thousands) | 318,857 | 3,597 | 29 |
| Hispanics (thousands) | 55,251 | 540 | 18 |
| Percent Hispanic | 17.3 | 15.0 | 11 |
| Eligible voter population (U.S. citizens ages 18 and older) | | | |
| All (thousands) | 224,963 | 2,590 | 29 |
| Hispanics (thousands) | 25,486 | 280 | 15 |
| Percent Hispanic | 11.3 | 10.8 | 10 |
| Eligibility of Hispanic population | | | |
| Percent of Hispanic population eligible to vote | 46.1 | 51.8 | 13 |

Note: Percentages calculated before rounding.

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

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- Some 11% of Connecticut eligible voters are Hispanic, the 10th largest Hispanic statewide eligible voter share nationally. New Mexico ranks first with 40%.

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 52% of Hispanics in Connecticut are eligible to vote, ranking Connecticut 13th nationwide in the share of the Hispanic population that is eligible to vote. By contrast, about eight-in-ten (79%) of the state's white population is eligible to vote.

Characteristics of Eligible Voters in Connecticut and the United States, 2014

% of eligible voters (unless otherwise noted)

| | U.S. | | Connecticut | |
|--|---------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| | All | Hispanics | All | Hispanics |
| Total population (thousands) | 318,857 | 55,251 | 3,597 | 540 |
| Eligible voter population (thousands) | 224,963 | 25,486 | 2,590 | 280 |
| Age | | | | |
| 18-29 | 21.6 | 32.9 | 19.6 | 30.1 |
| 30-44 | 24.0 | 28.6 | 22.2 | 31.4 |
| 45-54 | 17.6 | 15.9 | 19.7 | 18.1 |
| 55-64 | 16.9 | 11.6 | 17.8 | 11.3 |
| 65 and older | 19.8 | 11.0 | 20.7 | 9.1 |
| Millennial (ages 18-33) | 28.2 | 41.4 | 25.5 | 39.2 |
| Gender | | | | |
| Male | 48.4 | 48.9 | 47.6 | 47.8 |
| Female | 51.6 | 51.1 | 52.4 | 52.2 |
| Type of citizen | | | | |
| Citizen by birth | 91.4 | 75.2 | 91.2 | 84.8 |
| Naturalized citizen | 8.6 | 24.8 | 8.8 | 15.2 |
| Language | | | | |
| Speaks only English at home | 85.2 | 31.7 | 83.6 | 26.4 |
| Does not speak only English at home | 14.8 | 68.3 | 16.4 | 73.6 |
| Speaks Spanish at home | 8.5 | 67.8 | 8.6 | 72.8 |
| Educational attainment | | | | |
| Less than high school graduate | 10.9 | 22.0 | 8.8 | 22.8 |
| High school graduate | 28.4 | 29.0 | 27.9 | 32.7 |
| Two-year degree/Some college | 32.7 | 33.5 | 27.9 | 27.7 |
| Bachelor's degree or more | 28.1 | 15.6 | 35.3 | 16.7 |
| Marital status | | | | |
| Married | 49.6 | 42.5 | 49.5 | 36.3 |
| Never married | 29.9 | 40.1 | 31.0 | 45.2 |
| Divorced/separated/widowed | 20.6 | 17.4 | 19.4 | 18.5 |
| With child younger than 18 in home | 23.5 | 28.7 | 23.1 | 30.9 |
| Homeownership rate | 66.7 | 55.2 | 70.4 | 42.3 |
| Hispanic origin | | | | |
| Mexican | - | 59.2 | - | 5.3 |
| Puerto Rican | - | 14.1 | - | 68.3 |
| Cuban | - | 4.6 | - | 1.9 |
| Salvadoran | - | 2.6 | - | 0.5 |
| Dominican | - | 3.4 | - | 4.1 |
| Other | - | 16.1 | - | 19.9 |
| Household income (in 2014 \$) | | | | |
| Less than \$30,000 | 20.7 | 22.8 | 15.0 | 30.5 |
| \$30,000-\$49,999 | 17.2 | 19.6 | 13.1 | 17.9 |
| \$50,000-\$74,999 | 18.7 | 20.1 | 15.4 | 15.9 |
| \$75,000-\$99,999 | 14.0 | 14.4 | 14.3 | 14.0 |
| \$100,000 or more | 29.5 | 23.1 | 42.2 | 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. 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 Connecticut, by Race and Ethnicity, 2014

% of eligible voters (unless otherwise noted)

| | Hispanic | White | Black | Asian |
|--|----------|-------|-------|-------|
| Total population (thousands) | 540 | 2,466 | 351 | 152 |
| Eligible voter population (thousands) | 280 | 1,959 | 237 | 66 |
| Age | | | | |
| 18-29 | 30.1 | 17.0 | 25.3 | 21.6 |
| 30-44 | 31.4 | 19.7 | 28.1 | 30.6 |
| 45-54 | 18.1 | 20.0 | 19.7 | 22.5 |
| 55-64 | 11.3 | 19.6 | 13.3 | 12.9 |
| 65 and older | 9.1 | 23.8 | 13.6 | 12.4 |
| Millennial (ages 18-33) | 39.2 | 22.2 | 32.6 | 29.1 |
| Gender | | | | |
| Male | 47.8 | 47.9 | 45.4 | 44.4 |
| Female | 52.2 | 52.1 | 54.6 | 55.6 |
| Type of citizen | | | | |
| Citizen by birth | 84.8 | 95.2 | 84.1 | 27.4 |
| Naturalized citizen | 15.2 | 4.8 | 15.9 | 72.6 |
| Language | | | | |
| Speaks only English at home | 26.4 | 92.8 | 90.9 | 25.3 |
| Does not speak only English at home | 73.6 | 7.2 | 9.1 | 74.7 |
| Speaks Spanish at home | 72.8 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 0.6 |
| Educational attainment | | | | |
| Less than high school graduate | 22.8 | 6.3 | 13.3 | 7.0 |
| High school graduate | 32.7 | 27.0 | 32.9 | 15.6 |
| Two-year degree/Some college | 27.7 | 27.4 | 33.0 | 21.3 |
| Bachelor's degree or more | 16.7 | 39.3 | 20.7 | 56.1 |
| Marital status | | | | |
| Married | 36.3 | 53.6 | 32.6 | 59.4 |
| Never married | 45.2 | 26.7 | 47.4 | 27.0 |
| Divorced/separated/widowed | 18.5 | 19.7 | 20.0 | 13.6 |
| With child younger than 18 in home | 30.9 | 21.9 | 21.0 | 31.2 |
| Homeownership rate | 42.3 | 77.5 | 47.4 | 76.0 |
| Household income (in 2014 \$) | | | | |
| Less than \$30,000 | 30.5 | 11.8 | 24.3 | 9.9 |
| \$30,000-\$49,999 | 17.9 | 11.9 | 16.8 | 10.5 |
| \$50,000-\$74,999 | 15.9 | 14.8 | 19.8 | 15.6 |
| \$75,000-\$99,999 | 14.0 | 14.5 | 13.1 | 14.2 |
| \$100,000 or more | 21.7 | 47.0 | 26.0 | 49.8 |

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. Homeownership rate and household income excludes persons living in institutions, college dormitories and other group quarters.

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