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Latinos in the 2016 Election: Idaho

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

- The Hispanic population in Idaho ranks 33rd in the nation. About 198,000 Hispanics reside in Idaho, 0.4% of all Hispanics in the United States.
- Idaho's population is 12% Hispanic, the 16th largest Hispanic statewide population share nationally.
- There are 80,000 Hispanic eligible voters in Idaho—ranking 33rd in Hispanic statewide eligible voter population nationally. California ranks first with 6.9 million.

Population and Electorate in the United States and Idaho, 2014

	U.S.	Idaho	Idaho state rank
Total population (all ages)			
All (thousands)	318,857	1,634	39
Hispanics (thousands)	55,251	198	33
Percent Hispanic	17.3	12.1	16
Eligible voter population (U.S. citizens ages 18 and older)			
All (thousands)	224,963	1,144	39
Hispanics (thousands)	25,486	80	33
Percent Hispanic	11.3	7.0	16
Eligibility of Hispanic population			
Percent of Hispanic population eligible to vote	46.1	40.5	31

Note: Percentages calculated before rounding.

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

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- Some 7% of Idaho eligible voters are Hispanic, the 16th 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 40% of Hispanics in Idaho are eligible to vote, ranking Idaho 31st nationwide in the share of the Hispanic population that is eligible to vote. By contrast, three-quarters of the state's white population is eligible to vote.

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

% of eligible voters (unless otherwise noted)

	U.S.		Idaho	
	All	Hispanics	All	Hispanics
Total population (thousands)	318,857	55,251	1,634	198
Eligible voter population (thousands)	224,963	25,486	1,144	80
Age				
18-29	21.6	32.9	21.7	38.4
30-44	24.0	28.6	24.9	29.6
45-54	17.6	15.9	16.2	13.6
55-64	16.9	11.6	17.1	10.7
65 and older	19.8	11.0	20.2	7.6
Millennial (ages 18-33)	28.2	41.4	28.4	48.0
Gender				
Male	48.4	48.9	49.6	51.6
Female	51.6	51.1	50.4	48.4
Type of citizen				
Citizen by birth	91.4	75.2	96.9	77.0
Naturalized citizen	8.6	24.8	3.1	23.0
Language				
Speaks only English at home	85.2	31.7	94.3	51.5
Does not speak only English at home	14.8	68.3	5.7	48.5
Speaks Spanish at home	8.5	67.8	4.0	48.2
Educational attainment				
Less than high school graduate	10.9	22.0	8.2	23.8
High school graduate	28.4	29.0	29.4	31.8
Two-year degree/Some college	32.7	33.5	39.3	34.6
Bachelor's degree or more	28.1	15.6	23.1	9.8
Marital status				
Married	49.6	42.5	57.3	53.7
Never married	29.9	40.1	22.3	33.1
Divorced/separated/widowed	20.6	17.4	20.4	13.2
With child younger than 18 in home	23.5	28.7	27.1	36.2
Homeownership rate	66.7	55.2	70.6	55.2
Hispanic origin				
Mexican	-	59.2	-	85.2
Puerto Rican	-	14.1	-	3.7
Cuban	-	4.6	-	0.3
Salvadoran	-	2.6	-	0.6
Dominican	-	3.4	-	<0.05
Other	-	16.1	-	10.1
Household income (in 2014 \$)				
Less than \$30,000	20.7	22.8	22.4	24.4
\$30,000-\$49,999	17.2	19.6	21.6	26.3
\$50,000-\$74,999	18.7	20.1	20.7	23.2
\$75,000-\$99,999	14.0	14.4	14.9	15.4
\$100,000 or more	29.5	23.1	20.4	10.7

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 Idaho, by Race and Ethnicity, 2014

% of eligible voters (unless otherwise noted)

	Hispanic	White
Total population (thousands)	198	1,353
Eligible voter population (thousands)	80	1,019
Age		
18-29	38.4	20.1
30-44	29.6	24.3
45-54	13.6	16.6
55-64	10.7	17.7
65 and older	7.6	21.3
Millennial (ages 18-33)	48.0	26.6
Gender		
Male	51.6	49.4
Female	48.4	50.6
Type of citizen		
Citizen by birth	77.0	99.2
Naturalized citizen	23.0	0.8
Language		
Speaks only English at home	51.5	98.3
Does not speak only English at home	48.5	1.7
Speaks Spanish at home	48.2	0.7
Educational attainment		
Less than high school graduate	23.8	6.9
High school graduate	31.8	29.3
Two-year degree/Some college	34.6	39.7
Bachelor's degree or more	9.8	24.1
Marital status		
Married	53.7	58.1
Never married	33.1	21.0
Divorced/separated/widowed	13.2	20.9
With child younger than 18 in home	36.2	26.4
Homeownership rate	55.2	72.2
Household income (in 2014 \$)		
Less than \$30,000	24.4	21.8
\$30,000-\$49,999	26.3	21.4
\$50,000-\$74,999	23.2	20.5
\$75,000-\$99,999	15.4	15.1
\$100,000 or more	10.7	21.2

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