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Latinos in the 2016 Election: New York

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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 Research Center tabulations of the U.S. Census Bureau's 2014 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. About 3.7 million Hispanics reside in New York, 6.6% of all Hispanics in the United States.
- New York's population is 19% Hispanic, the ninth largest Hispanic statewide population share nationally.
- There are 1.9 million Hispanic eligible voters in New York—the fourth largest Hispanic statewide eligible voter population nationally. California ranks first with 6.9 million.

Population and Electorate in the United States and New York, 2014

	U.S.	New York	New York state rank
Total population (all ages)			
All (thousands)	318,857	19,746	4
Hispanics (thousands)	55,251	3,668	4
Percent Hispanic	17.3	18.6	9
Eligible voter population (U.S. citizens ages 18 and older)			
All (thousands)	224,963	13,654	4
Hispanics (thousands)	25,486	1,882	4
Percent Hispanic	11.3	13.8	8
Eligibility of Hispanic population			
Percent of Hispanic population eligible to vote	46.1	51.3	14

Note: Percentages calculated before rounding.

Source: Pew Research Center tabulations of the 2014 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 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 14% of New York eligible voters are Hispanic, the eighth largest Hispanic statewide eligible voter share nationally. New Mexico ranks first with 40%.
- Fully 51% of Hispanics in New York are eligible to vote, ranking New York 14th nationwide in the share of the Hispanic population that is eligible to vote. By contrast, 79% of the state's white population is eligible to vote.

Characteristics of Eligible Voters

- **Age.** Some three-in-ten Hispanic eligible voters in New York are ages 18 to 29, somewhat lower than the share of all Latino eligible voters nationwide (33%) in that age range. Only 22% of all New York eligible voters and of all U.S. eligible voters are ages 18 to 29.
- **Citizenship and Nativity.** Among Hispanic eligible voters in New York, 30% are naturalized U.S. citizens. This is higher than the 25% of Hispanic eligible voters in the U.S. Just 17% of all eligible voters in New York and 9% of eligible voters in the U.S. overall are naturalized U.S. citizens.
- **Hispanic Origin.** Hispanic eligible voters in New York have a different Hispanic origin profile from Hispanic eligible voters nationwide. Fully 42% of Hispanic eligible voters in New York are of Puerto Rican origin, 21% are of Dominican origin and just 7% are Mexican. By contrast, the majority of Hispanic eligible voters in the U.S. are Mexican (59%), while 14% are Puerto Rican and 3% are of Dominican origin.
- **Educational Attainment.** Roughly a quarter of Latino eligible voters in New York have not completed high school (24%), more than twice the 11% of all New York eligible voters who have not completed high school and somewhat higher than the 22% of Hispanics nationwide who have not completed high school.
- **Homeownership.** About one-third of Hispanic eligible voters in New York (32%) live in owner-occupied homes, lower than the 55% of all Hispanic eligible voters nationwide. Greater shares of all eligible voters in New York (59%) and eligible voters nationwide (67%) live in owner-occupied homes.

Characteristics of Eligible Voters in New York and the United States, 2014

% of eligible voters (unless otherwise noted)

	U.S.		New York	
	All	Hispanics	All	Hispanics
Total population (thousands)	318,857	55,251	19,746	3,668
Eligible voter population (thousands)	224,963	25,486	13,654	1,882
Age				
18-29	21.6	32.9	22.0	29.7
30-44	24.0	28.6	23.3	26.9
45-54	17.6	15.9	17.9	17.5
55-64	16.9	11.6	16.7	12.7
65 and older	19.8	11.0	20.0	13.2
Millennial (ages 18-33)	28.2	41.4	28.8	37.7
Gender				
Male	48.4	48.9	47.4	46.6
Female	51.6	51.1	52.6	53.4
Type of citizen				
Citizen by birth	91.4	75.2	82.6	69.6
Naturalized citizen	8.6	24.8	17.4	30.4
Language				
Speaks only English at home	85.2	31.7	76.5	23.4
Does not speak only English at home	14.8	68.3	23.5	76.6
Speaks Spanish at home	8.5	67.8	11.3	76.0
Educational attainment				
Less than high school graduate	10.9	22.0	11.5	24.1
High school graduate	28.4	29.0	26.4	27.1
Two-year degree/Some college	32.7	33.5	28.7	29.9
Bachelor's degree or more	28.1	15.6	33.4	18.9
Marital status				
Married	49.6	42.5	45.7	35.5
Never married	29.9	40.1	35.6	45.6
Divorced/separated/widowed	20.6	17.4	18.6	18.9
With child younger than 18 in home	23.5	28.7	21.8	24.5
Homeownership rate	66.7	55.2	59.1	32.5
Hispanic origin				
Mexican	-	59.2	-	7.0
Puerto Rican	-	14.1	-	42.0
Cuban	-	4.6	-	2.6
Salvadoran	-	2.6	-	2.9
Dominican	-	3.4	-	20.8
Other	-	16.1	-	24.7
Household income (in 2014 \$)				
Less than \$30,000	20.7	22.8	19.5	29.0
\$30,000-\$49,999	17.2	19.6	14.6	17.4
\$50,000-\$74,999	18.7	20.1	16.5	16.5
\$75,000-\$99,999	14.0	14.4	13.5	12.4
\$100,000 or more	29.5	23.1	35.8	24.7

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 New York, by Race and Ethnicity

- **Number of Eligible Voters.** White eligible voters outnumber Hispanic eligible voters in New York by about 5 to 1. In New York, Hispanics outnumber Asians by about 1 million among eligible voters. There are 49,000 fewer Hispanic eligible voters than black eligible voters.
- **Age.** Latino eligible voters are younger than white, black and Asian eligible voters in New York. Some 30% of Latinos are ages 18 to 29, compared with 19% of white eligible voters, 25% of black eligible voters and 23% of Asian eligible voters.
- **Educational Attainment.** Hispanic eligible voters have lower levels of education than do white, black and Asian eligible voters in New York. Some 24% of Hispanic eligible voters have not obtained a high school diploma, compared with 7% of white eligible voters, 16% of black eligible voters and 16% of Asian eligible voters.
- **Homeownership.** Hispanic eligible voters (32%) are less likely to live in owner-occupied homes in New York than are whites (70%), blacks (38%) and Asians (59%) who are eligible to vote.

Characteristics of Eligible Voters in New York, by Race and Ethnicity, 2014

% of eligible voters (unless otherwise noted)

	Hispanic	White	Black	Asian
Total population (thousands)	3,668	11,134	2,847	1,594
Eligible voter population (thousands)	1,882	8,755	1,931	816
Age				
18-29	29.7	19.3	25.1	23.0
30-44	26.9	21.6	24.7	29.2
45-54	17.5	18.1	18.5	16.4
55-64	12.7	18.1	15.5	15.7
65 and older	13.2	23.0	16.2	15.7
Millennial (ages 18-33)	37.7	25.5	32.3	31.4
Gender				
Male	46.6	48.3	44.8	47.2
Female	53.4	51.7	55.2	52.8
Type of citizen				
Citizen by birth	69.6	92.4	75.4	27.4
Naturalized citizen	30.4	7.6	24.6	72.6
Language				
Speaks only English at home	23.4	89.8	89.0	23.9
Does not speak only English at home	76.6	10.2	11.0	76.1
Speaks Spanish at home	76.0	0.8	1.6	0.3
Educational attainment				
Less than high school graduate	24.1	7.3	15.9	15.9
High school graduate	27.1	26.4	29.6	17.1
Two-year degree/Some college	29.9	28.3	32.5	20.9
Bachelor's degree or more	18.9	38.0	22.1	46.1
Marital status				
Married	35.5	51.1	27.7	57.2
Never married	45.6	30.1	51.4	31.9
Divorced/separated/widowed	18.9	18.9	21.0	10.9
With child younger than 18 in home	24.5	21.3	19.9	25.2
Homeownership rate	32.5	69.7	38.3	59.1
Household income (in 2014 \$)				
Less than \$30,000	29.0	15.8	27.4	17.6
\$30,000-\$49,999	17.4	13.6	17.3	13.3
\$50,000-\$74,999	16.5	16.6	16.6	15.6
\$75,000-\$99,999	12.4	13.9	13.4	12.1
\$100,000 or more	24.7	40.1	25.3	41.4

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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