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# Latinos in the 2016 Election: Rhode Island

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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 Rhode Island.<sup>2</sup> All demographic data are based on Pew Research Center tabulations of the U.S. Census Bureau's 2014 American Community Survey.<sup>3</sup>

## Hispanics in Rhode Island's Eligible Voter Population

- The Hispanic population in Rhode Island is the 37th largest in the nation.

About 148,000 Hispanics reside in Rhode Island, 0.3% of all Hispanics in the United States.

- Rhode Island's population is 14% Hispanic, the 12th largest Hispanic statewide population share nationally.

- There are 68,000 Hispanic eligible voters in Rhode Island—the 35th largest Hispanic statewide eligible voter population nationally. California ranks first with 6.9 million.

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### Population and Electorate in the United States and Rhode Island, 2014

	U.S.	Rhode Island	Rhode Island state rank
<b>Total population (all ages)</b>			
All (thousands)	318,857	1,055	43
Hispanics (thousands)	55,251	148	37
Percent Hispanic	17.3	14.0	12
<b>Eligible voter population (U.S. citizens ages 18 and older)</b>			
All (thousands)	224,963	782	44
Hispanics (thousands)	25,486	68	35
Percent Hispanic	11.3	8.6	12
<b>Eligibility of Hispanic population</b>			
Percent of Hispanic population eligible to vote	46.1	45.6	26

Note: Percentages calculated before rounding.

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

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- Some 9% of Rhode Island eligible voters are Hispanic, the 12th largest Hispanic statewide eligible voter share nationally. New Mexico ranks first with 40%.

<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 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 46% of Hispanics in Rhode Island are eligible to vote, ranking Rhode Island 26th nationwide in the share of the Hispanic population that is eligible to vote. By contrast, 82% of the state's white population is eligible to vote.

## Characteristics of Eligible Voters in Rhode Island and the United States, 2014

% of eligible voters (unless otherwise noted)

	U.S.		Rhode Island	
	All	Hispanics	All	Hispanics
<b>Total population (thousands)</b>	318,857	55,251	1,055	148
<b>Eligible voter population (thousands)</b>	224,963	25,486	782	68
<b>Age</b>				
18-29	21.6	32.9	22.2	37.3
30-44	24.0	28.6	21.6	28.7
45-54	17.6	15.9	18.2	16.3
55-64	16.9	11.6	17.2	9.3
65 and older	19.8	11.0	20.7	8.4
<b>Millennial (ages 18-33)</b>	28.2	41.4	28.0	44.2
<b>Gender</b>				
Male	48.4	48.9	47.4	46.7
Female	51.6	51.1	52.6	53.3
<b>Type of citizen</b>				
Citizen by birth	91.4	75.2	91.3	67.2
Naturalized citizen	8.6	24.8	8.7	32.8
<b>Language</b>				
Speaks only English at home	85.2	31.7	84.0	19.5
Does not speak only English at home	14.8	68.3	16.0	80.5
Speaks Spanish at home	8.5	67.8	7.7	80.0
<b>Educational attainment</b>				
Less than high school graduate	10.9	22.0	12.3	26.3
High school graduate	28.4	29.0	28.8	29.2
Two-year degree/Some college	32.7	33.5	30.7	31.3
Bachelor's degree or more	28.1	15.6	28.2	13.1
<b>Marital status</b>				
Married	49.6	42.5	46.1	36.7
Never married	29.9	40.1	32.8	44.0
Divorced/separated/widowed	20.6	17.4	21.1	19.3
<b>With child younger than 18 in home</b>	23.5	28.7	21.1	29.6
<b>Homeownership rate</b>	66.7	55.2	63.1	34.5
<b>Hispanic origin</b>				
Mexican	-	59.2	-	5.6
Puerto Rican	-	14.1	-	35.8
Cuban	-	4.6	-	2.3
Salvadoran	-	2.6	-	1.5
Dominican	-	3.4	-	29.7
Other	-	16.1	-	25.2
<b>Household income (in 2014 \$)</b>				
Less than \$30,000	20.7	22.8	19.1	35.2
\$30,000-\$49,999	17.2	19.6	15.9	18.0
\$50,000-\$74,999	18.7	20.1	17.2	20.8
\$75,000-\$99,999	14.0	14.4	14.1	12.0
\$100,000 or more	29.5	23.1	33.7	14.1

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

## Characteristics of Eligible Voters in Rhode Island, by Race and Ethnicity, 2014

*% of eligible voters (unless otherwise noted)*

	Hispanic	White	Black
<b>Total population (thousands)</b>	148	781	58
<b>Eligible voter population (thousands)</b>	68	641	34
<b>Age</b>			
18-29	37.3	19.3	32.5
30-44	28.7	20.5	25.5
45-54	16.3	18.5	17.5
55-64	9.3	18.6	13.2
65 and older	8.4	23.0	11.3
<b>Millennial (ages 18-33)</b>	44.2	24.9	39.7
<b>Gender</b>			
Male	46.7	47.5	52.1
Female	53.3	52.5	47.9
<b>Type of citizen</b>			
Citizen by birth	67.2	96.0	77.0
Naturalized citizen	32.8	4.0	23.0
<b>Language</b>			
Speaks only English at home	19.5	92.7	75.1
Does not speak only English at home	80.5	7.3	24.9
Speaks Spanish at home	80.0	0.7	2.8
<b>Educational attainment</b>			
Less than high school graduate	26.3	10.5	12.7
High school graduate	29.2	28.4	34.5
Two-year degree/Some college	31.3	30.3	31.8
Bachelor's degree or more	13.1	30.8	20.9
<b>Marital status</b>			
Married	36.7	49.0	24.5
Never married	44.0	29.5	53.7
Divorced/separated/widowed	19.3	21.5	21.8
<b>With child younger than 18 in home</b>	29.6	20.3	23.5
<b>Homeownership rate</b>	34.5	68.2	35.9
<b>Household income (in 2014 \$)</b>			
Less than \$30,000	35.2	16.9	26.4
\$30,000-\$49,999	18.0	15.2	23.3
\$50,000-\$74,999	20.8	17.1	15.7
\$75,000-\$99,999	12.0	14.4	12.3
\$100,000 or more	14.1	36.4	22.3

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 and blacks 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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