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Latinos in the 2016 Election: Virginia

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

- The Hispanic population in Virginia is the 15th largest in the nation. About 732,000 Hispanics reside in Virginia, 1.3% of all Hispanics in the United States.
- Virginia's population is 9% Hispanic, the 28th largest Hispanic statewide population share nationally.
- There are 277,000 Hispanic eligible voters in Virginia—the 16th largest Hispanic statewide eligible voter population nationally. California ranks first with 6.9 million.

Population and Electorate in the United States and Virginia, 2014

	U.S.	Virginia	Virginia state rank
Total population (all ages)			
All (thousands)	318,857	8,326	12
Hispanics (thousands)	55,251	732	15
Percent Hispanic	17.3	8.8	28
Eligible voter population (U.S. citizens ages 18 and older)			
All (thousands)	224,963	5,993	12
Hispanics (thousands)	25,486	277	16
Percent Hispanic	11.3	4.6	27
Eligibility of Hispanic population			
Percent of Hispanic population eligible to vote	46.1	37.8	38

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 5% of Virginia eligible voters are Hispanic, the 27th largest Hispanic statewide eligible voter share nationally. New Mexico ranks first with 40%.
- Some 38% of Hispanics in Virginia are eligible to vote, ranking Virginia 38th 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 in Virginia and the United States, 2014

% of eligible voters (unless otherwise noted)

	U.S.		Virginia	
	All	Hispanics	All	Hispanics
Total population (thousands)	318,857	55,251	8,326	732
Eligible voter population (thousands)	224,963	25,486	5,993	277
Age				
18-29	21.6	32.9	21.8	34.9
30-44	24.0	28.6	24.6	30.3
45-54	17.6	15.9	18.3	17.5
55-64	16.9	11.6	16.8	10.7
65 and older	19.8	11.0	18.6	6.5
Millennial (ages 18-33)	28.2	41.4	28.4	44.2
Gender				
Male	48.4	48.9	48.6	50.9
Female	51.6	51.1	51.4	49.1
Type of citizen				
Citizen by birth	91.4	75.2	92.2	68.1
Naturalized citizen	8.6	24.8	7.8	31.9
Language				
Speaks only English at home	85.2	31.7	90.0	37.7
Does not speak only English at home	14.8	68.3	10.0	62.3
Speaks Spanish at home	8.5	67.8	3.6	61.1
Educational attainment				
Less than high school graduate	10.9	22.0	9.9	13.4
High school graduate	28.4	29.0	25.6	25.2
Two-year degree/Some college	32.7	33.5	30.9	34.5
Bachelor's degree or more	28.1	15.6	33.5	26.9
Marital status				
Married	49.6	42.5	52.0	49.1
Never married	29.9	40.1	28.4	37.3
Divorced/separated/widowed	20.6	17.4	19.6	13.6
With child younger than 18 in home	23.5	28.7	24.7	30.9
Homeownership rate	66.7	55.2	67.6	57.8
Hispanic origin				
Mexican	-	59.2	-	20.1
Puerto Rican	-	14.1	-	22.2
Cuban	-	4.6	-	4.5
Salvadoran	-	2.6	-	15.4
Dominican	-	3.4	-	2.1
Other	-	16.1	-	35.7
Household income (in 2014 \$)				
Less than \$30,000	20.7	22.8	17.0	11.4
\$30,000-\$49,999	17.2	19.6	14.3	11.6
\$50,000-\$74,999	18.7	20.1	17.2	17.6
\$75,000-\$99,999	14.0	14.4	14.4	17.2
\$100,000 or more	29.5	23.1	37.1	42.3

Note: Eligible voters are citizens ages 18 and older. Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding. High school graduate includes GEDs or equivalent. Homeownership rate and household income excludes persons living in institutions, college dormitories and other group quarters.

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Characteristics of Eligible Voters in Virginia, by Race and Ethnicity, 2014

% of eligible voters (unless otherwise noted)

	Hispanic	White	Black	Asian
Total population (thousands)	732	5,244	1,577	510
Eligible voter population (thousands)	277	4,154	1,162	263
Age				
18-29	34.9	19.6	25.0	19.2
30-44	30.3	23.3	25.2	33.2
45-54	17.5	18.3	18.7	19.3
55-64	10.7	17.7	16.5	14.0
65 and older	6.5	21.1	14.6	14.2
Millennial (ages 18-33)	44.2	26.0	31.6	26.9
Gender				
Male	50.9	49.1	46.5	47.1
Female	49.1	50.9	53.5	52.9
Type of citizen				
Citizen by birth	68.1	97.4	95.3	25.2
Naturalized citizen	31.9	2.6	4.7	74.8
Language				
Speaks only English at home	37.7	96.4	94.7	25.3
Does not speak only English at home	62.3	3.6	5.3	74.7
Speaks Spanish at home	61.1	0.7	0.9	0.2
Educational attainment				
Less than high school graduate	13.4	8.2	15.4	9.5
High school graduate	25.2	25.1	31.2	13.6
Two-year degree/Some college	34.5	29.8	34.8	22.7
Bachelor's degree or more	26.9	36.8	18.6	54.2
Marital status				
Married	49.1	56.3	35.8	64.6
Never married	37.3	23.9	41.6	25.6
Divorced/separated/widowed	13.6	19.8	22.6	9.9
With child younger than 18 in home	30.9	24.0	23.4	34.0
Homeownership rate	57.8	73.0	49.7	76.3
Household income (in 2014 \$)				
Less than \$30,000	11.4	15.1	27.1	9.1
\$30,000-\$49,999	11.6	13.6	18.7	8.8
\$50,000-\$74,999	17.6	17.2	18.1	13.3
\$75,000-\$99,999	17.2	15.0	12.1	13.5
\$100,000 or more	42.3	39.2	24.0	55.3

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, 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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