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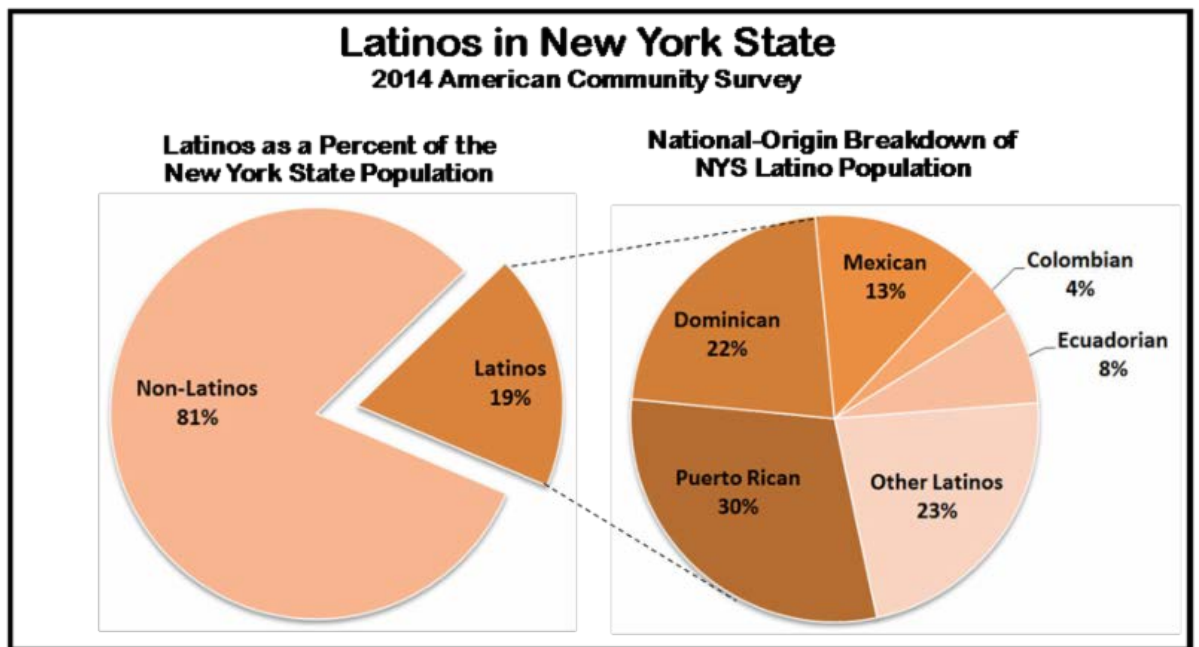
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A Socioeconomic Profile of Latinos in New York State

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With the convening this year of [29th Annual Somos El Futuro statewide Latino conference](#) on March 18-21 in Albany, New York, the National Institute for Latino Policy (NiLP) thought that a review of the current socioeconomic status of New York State's 3.5 million Latinos would be timely. In this *NiLP Latino Datanote* we present selected Census statistics on the state's Latinos, focusing on the five largest Latino national-origin groups: Puerto Ricans, Dominicans, Mexicans, Ecuadorians and Colombians.



According to the Census Bureau's 2014 American Community Survey, there were 3,670,289 Latinos in New York State, making up 18.6 percent of its total population. This population is one of the fastest-growing (21.2 percent growth in 2005-14) and youngest in the state with a median age of 31.9 years compared to 38.2 for the state as a whole. Latinos in New York State have an aggregate annual income of \$68.5 billion. Close to a third of Latinos are Puerto Rican (29.9 percent), followed by Dominicans (22.0 percent), Mexicans (13.5 percent), Ecuadorians (7.6 percent), and Colombians (4.3 percent).

Latinos, however, face many challenges as a community. This includes:

- A family poverty rate (24.1 percent) double that of the state as whole (12.2 percent)
- More than double the statewide rate of persons living in overcrowded housing (13.1 percent of Latinos versus 5.0 percent for the state as a whole)
- A higher percentage of Latinos pay 30 percent or more of their income for rent that the state as a whole (62.2 percent of Latinos compared to 54.7 percent statewide).
- More than double the statewide percentage of adults without a high school diploma are Latinos (33.0

percent) compared to 14.3 percent for the state as whole. The statistics below provide a more complete picture of the status of Latinos in New York State. It also highlights the specific conditions experienced by each of the five largest national-origin groups that make up this diverse Latino population. Please note that the American Community Survey is a sample survey and the statistics below are all estimates with margins of error assumed.

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SOCIOECONOMIC PROFILE OF LATINOS IN NEW YORK STATE

Source: 2014 American Community Survey, US Bureau of the Census

	Puerto Rican	Dominican	Mexican	Colombian	Ecuadorian	Latino Population	STATEWIDE POPULATION
Total population	1,095,858	806,078	494,290	156,023	278,291	3,670,289	19,746,227
Percent of Total State Population	5.5%	4.1%	2.5%	0.8%	1.4%	18.6%	100.0%
Percent of Statewide Latino Population	29.86%	21.96%	13.47%	4.25%	7.58%	100.00%	NA
SEX AND AGE							
Female	52.1%	54.1%	44.6%	55.7%	46.8%	50.6%	51.5%
Median age (years)	31.9	31.1	27.0	38.8	33.4	31.2	38.2
18 years and over	72.1%	72.9%	67.0%	79.8%	73.8%	72.5%	78.6%
21 years and over	66.9%	67.2%	61.6%	76.5%	69.0%	67.5%	74.4%
62 years and over	13.6%	10.5%	2.2%	15.4%	8.8%	10.4%	18.0%
65 years and over	11.0%	8.1%	1.8%	12.8%	7.3%	8.3%	14.7%
HOUSEHOLD SIZE							
Average household size	2.60	3.19	4.12	2.86	3.89	3.14	2.63
Average family size	3.32	3.61	4.38	3.32	4.11	3.68	3.31
MARITAL STATUS							
Population 15 years and over	843,615	624,097	351,126	130,536	216,044	2,817,774	16,248,072
Now married, except separated	28.9%	32.7%	40.4%	44.3%	45.1%	36.1%	44.3%
Widowed	5.4%	3.6%	1.3%	5.2%	2.6%	3.9%	6.0%
Divorced	9.8%	11.3%	2.8%	10.7%	7.3%	8.4%	8.7%
Separated	4.0%	6.7%	2.7%	3.5%	3.8%	4.2%	2.5%
Never married	51.9%	45.6%	52.9%	36.2%	41.2%	47.4%	38.5%
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT							
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	317,951	233,254	153,892	38,303	75,395	1,048,469	4,874,923
Nursery school, preschool	6.4%	5.8%	8.0%	3.9%	4.9%	6.6%	6.2%
Kindergarten	5.5%	6.0%	7.5%	5.2%	7.2%	6.1%	5.0%
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	43.0%	39.5%	45.4%	34.8%	41.4%	41.6%	37.9%
High school (grades 9-12)	23.9%	21.5%	19.6%	21.7%	21.0%	21.6%	20.5%
College or graduate school	21.20%	27.3%	19.5%	34.4%	25.5%	24.2%	30.4%
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT							
Population 25 years and over	660,678	483,903	266,779	111,613	174,688	2,225,471	13,539,612
Less than high school diploma	28.5%	35.6%	46.2%	21.9%	39.2%	33.0%	14.3%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	29.9%	24.6%	27.9%	28.6%	25.4%	27.1%	26.6%
Some college or associate's degree	25.8%	24.4%	13.0%	24.2%	20.0%	22.5%	24.7%
Bachelor's degree	10.2%	11.5%	9.0%	17.6%	11.4%	11.6%	19.6%
Graduate or professional degree	5.7%	3.9%	3.9%	7.8%	4.0%	5.8%	14.9%
FERTILITY							
Women 15 to 50 years	289,246	235,068	136,295	42,863	72,779	998,548	4,904,976
Women 15 to 50 years who had a birth in the past 12 months	13,119	12,876	7,885	970	4,900	50,873	223,568
Unmarried women 15 to 50 years who had a birth in the past 12 months	8,383	6,717	3,655	209	1,974	25,824	76,105
As a percent of all women with a birth in the past 12 months	63.9%	52.2%	46.4%	21.5%	40.3%	50.8%	34.0%
VETERAN STATUS							
Civilian population 18 years and over	789,191	587,289	329,950	124,518	205,397	2,657,185	15,498,859
Civilian veteran	3.8%	0.8%	0.8%	1.5%	1.2%	2.0%	5.0%

	Puerto Rican	Dominican	Mexican	Colombian	Ecuadorian	Latino Population	STATEWIDE POPULATION
DISABILITY STATUS							
Total civilian noninstitutionalized population	1,074,445	799,479	491,272	154,346	277,464	3,628,277	19,499,548
With a disability	16.2%	11.0%	4.1%	8.0%	7.0%	10.5%	11.5%
PLACE OF BIRTH, CITIZENSHIP STATUS AND YEAR OF ENTRY							
Native	98%	44%	50%	37%	37%	61%	77%
Foreign born	2%	56%	50%	63%	63%	39%	23%
Foreign born; naturalized U.S. citizen	1%	29%	7%	36%	24%	16%	12%
Foreign born; not a U.S. citizen	1%	28%	43%	27%	39%	23%	10%
Population born outside the United States	17,205	454,471	245,926	97,911	175,039	1,432,808	4,465,469
Entered 2010 or later	9.0%	13.1%	9.1%	7.6%	8.8%	10.4%	12.0%
Entered 2000 to 2009	16.7%	23.7%	43.5%	24.5%	33.7%	30.6%	26.6%
Entered before 2000	74.4%	63.2%	47.4%	67.9%	57.5%	59.0%	61.4%
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME AND ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH							
Population 5 years and over	1,011,663	735,724	438,671	148,177	256,120	3,360,345	18,563,935
English only	37.1%	9.1%	13.0%	13.1%	8.0%	20.9%	69.6%
Language other than English	62.9%	90.9%	87.0%	86.9%	92.0%	79.1%	30.4%
Speak English less than "very well"	17.0%	46.9%	49.3%	45.2%	53.4%	37.2%	13.8%
EMPLOYMENT STATUS							
Population 16 years and over	826,760	611,746	343,818	129,296	211,886	2,764,889	16,001,813
In labor force	55.3%	62.9%	73.3%	65.0%	70.6%	64.0%	63.2%
Civilian labor force	55.2%	62.8%	72.9%	65.0%	70.6%	63.9%	63.0%
Employed	48.5%	56.3%	68.2%	60.7%	65.5%	58.2%	58.5%
Unemployed	6.7%	6.4%	4.7%	4.3%	5.1%	5.7%	4.6%
Percent of civilian labor force	12.2%	10.2%	6.5%	6.6%	7.2%	9.0%	7.3%
Armed Forces	0.1%	0.1%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
Not in labor force	44.7%	37.1%	26.7%	35.0%	29.4%	36.0%	36.8%
Females 16 years and over	438,706	341,742	150,258	72,816	97,934	1,414,265	8,336,032
In labor force	52.5%	59.6%	58.9%	59.3%	61.2%	57.7%	58.6%
Civilian labor force	52.5%	59.6%	58.9%	59.3%	61.2%	57.7%	58.6%
Employed	46.2%	53.1%	52.4%	55.0%	55.4%	51.7%	54.5%
Unemployed	6.3%	6.5%	6.6%	4.2%	5.8%	6.0%	4.1%
Percent of civilian labor force	12.0%	11.0%	11.1%	7.2%	9.5%	10.4%	6.9%
CLASS OF WORKER							
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	400,861	344,708	234,591	78,448	138,761	1,608,708	9,354,155
Private wage and salary workers	78.2%	83.6%	88.0%	85.4%	83.4%	82.9%	78.9%
Government workers	18.3%	10.0%	3.4%	8.1%	7.0%	10.5%	15.2%
Self-employed workers in own not incorporated business	3.3%	6.2%	8.6%	6.3%	9.4%	6.4%	5.8%
Unpaid family workers	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%
INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS (IN 2014 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)							
Households	374,519	246,272	111,801	48,931	74,511	1,096,548	7,282,398
Median household income (dollars)	33,906	33,234	45,564	52,644	47,612	40,740	58,878
Mean earnings (dollars)	63,726	50,625	64,613	75,852	63,140	65,134	91,451
Families	235,976	188,589	87,776	34,383	60,277	780,045	4,621,954
Median family income (dollars)	42,655	35,412	40,309	56,840	45,451	43,309	71,115
Married-couple family	43.60%	38.20%	59.80%	61.30%	62.50%	50.40%	68.70%
Median income (dollars)	76,179	51,011	44,511	77,683	48,146	61,005	89,684
Male householder, no spouse present, family	10.8%	11.5%	18.0%	12.3%	15.7%	12.6%	7.9%
Median income (dollars)	37,409	43,785	44,227	46,802	50,912	43,648	50,289
Female householder, no husband present, family	45.6%	50.3%	22.3%	26.5%	21.9%	37.0%	23.3%
Median income (dollars)	23,449	25,057	21,234	35,346	31,938	25,350	36,304
Individuals	1,095,858	806,078	494,290	156,023	278,291	3,670,389	19,746,227
Per capita income (dollars)	19,289	15,601	15,635	24,323	17,626	18,894	33,095
HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE							
Civilian noninstitutionalized population	1,074,445	799,479	491,272	154,346	277,464	3,628,277	19,499,548
With private health insurance	50.8%	40.5%	28.3%	57.4%	37.9%	44.9%	65.5%
With public coverage	48.8%	54.8%	39.4%	33.5%	40.7%	44.3%	36.9%
No health insurance coverage	8.3%	11.0%	35.9%	15.3%	28.8%	17.0%	8.7%

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POVERTY RATES FOR FAMILIES AND PEOPLE FOR WHOM POVERTY STATUS IS DETERMINED							
All families	25.8%	29.2%	31.6%	10.4%	17.1%	24.1%	12.2%
With related children under 18 years	34.9%	35.9%	38.8%	13.6%	21.4%	31.2%	19.0%
With related children under 5 years only	27.9%	26.7%	26.8%	7.1%	16.5%	23.3%	15.8%
Married-couple family	8.4%	17.4%	26.1%	4.1%	12.9%	13.1%	6.3%
With related children under 18 years	9.8%	20.7%	32.2%	4.1%	15.7%	16.8%	9.3%
With related children under 5 years only	5.7%	14.6%	20.6%	N	10.7%	10.8%	7.2%
Female householder, no husband present, family	43.6%	40.9%	52.9%	22.9%	31.7%	41.0%	28.7%
With related children under 18 years	52.7%	47.2%	58.9%	30.3%	40.4%	49.5%	39.2%
With related children under 5 years only	49.8%	35.8%	36.3%	34.5%	42.9%	39.4%	36.8%
All people	29.2%	30.1%	31.2%	13.6%	18.0%	25.9%	15.9%
Under 18 years	38.1%	37.9%	42.1%	15.0%	22.1%	34.1%	22.6%
18 years and over	25.8%	27.2%	25.8%	13.3%	16.6%	22.8%	14.1%
18 to 64 years	25.3%	26.4%	26.0%	12.6%	15.7%	22.3%	14.6%
65 years and over	28.7%	34.0%	18.1%	16.9%	24.1%	26.5%	11.7%
HOUSING TENURE							
Occupied housing units	373,539	386,272	111,803	48,931	76,511	1,096,548	7,282,398
Owner-occupied housing units	23.8%	13.7%	14.3%	11.5%	24.3%	23.7%	53.0%
Renter-occupied housing units	76.4%	86.6%	85.5%	88.5%	75.7%	76.3%	47.0%
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT							
Occupied housing units	373,539	386,272	111,803	48,931	76,511	1,096,548	7,282,398
Built 2010 or later	1.00%	1.0%	0.8%	0.8%	0.7%	0.9%	1.1%
Built 2000 to 2009	5.20%	5.5%	4.9%	6.1%	6.2%	5.3%	6.3%
Built 1990 to 1999	9.20%	6.0%	9.6%	9.3%	9.6%	9.0%	13.7%
Built 1960 to 1979	23.90%	18.4%	17.2%	20.9%	10.4%	21.2%	23.3%
Built 1940 to 1959	26.50%	26.7%	22.9%	34.1%	29.9%	27.2%	24.3%
Built 1939 or earlier	34.80%	42.3%	44.2%	28.7%	35.1%	36.4%	31.5%
VEHICLES AVAILABLE							
Occupied housing units	374,519	246,272	111,801	48,931	74,511	1,096,548	7,282,398
None	50.3%	60.7%	60.1%	39.3%	41.5%	50.2%	29.4%
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS							
No telephone service available	4.0%	2.8%	3.3%	7.1%	3.3%	3.4%	7.2%
1.0E or more occupants per room	6.2%	14.1%	31.0%	7.5%	23.6%	13.1%	5.0%
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS							
Housing units with a mortgage (excluding units where 5MOC cannot be computed)	65,622	25,687	12,007	11,947	14,050	195,781	2,397,391
Less than 30 percent	58.0%	38.0%	53.8%	44.5%	36.4%	49.8%	62.8%
30 percent or more	42.0%	62.0%	46.2%	55.5%	63.6%	50.2%	37.2%
OWNER CHARACTERISTICS							
Owner-occupied housing units	88,362	32,597	16,233	16,380	18,080	259,670	3,657,906
Median value (dollars)	312,700	367,500	272,500	382,100	358,300	339,800	279,100
Median selected monthly owner costs with a mortgage (dollars)	2,165	2,591	2,382	2,650	2,746	2,397	1,982
Median selected monthly owner costs without a mortgage (dollars)	724	790	591	923	760	773	709
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS							
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GR&PI cannot be computed)	270,841	204,000	92,772	30,890	54,108	797,702	3,219,660
Less than 30 percent	40.1%	35.8%	35.4%	37.0%	37.3%	37.8%	45.3%
30 percent or more	59.9%	64.2%	64.6%	63.0%	62.7%	62.2%	54.7%
GROSS RENT							
Exclude this category Occupied units paying rent	278,797	208,553	93,668	31,535	54,899	815,158	3,295,207
Median gross rent (dollars)	934	1,104	1,384	1,343	1,360	1,150	1,148
COMPUTERS AND INTERNET USE							
Total households	374,519	246,272	111,801	48,931	74,511	1,096,548	7,282,398
With a computer	77.1%	81.1%	82.9%	86.5%	84.1%	81.0%	85.1%
With a broadband internet subscription	68.2%	70.1%	68.2%	72.0%	73.3%	70.2%	76.5%

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