

Latinos in the 2010 Elections: Ohio

This statistical profile provides key demographic information of Latino eligible voters in Ohio.¹ It also contains data on other major groups of eligible voters in Ohio.² All data are based on Pew Hispanic Center tabulations of the Census Bureau's 2008 American Community Survey.³

Hispanics in Ohio's Eligible Voter Population

- The Hispanic population in Ohio is the 23rd-largest in the nation. Some 296,000 Hispanics reside in Ohio, 1% of all Hispanics in the United States.
- The population in Ohio is 3% Hispanic, the 45th-highest Hispanic population share nationally.
- There are 140,000 eligible Hispanic voters in Ohio—the 18th-largest Hispanic eligible-voter population nationally. California ranks first with 5.4 million.
- Some 2% of eligible voters in Ohio are Latinos, the 40th-largest Hispanic eligible voter population share nationally. New Mexico ranks first with 38%.
- Less than half (47%) of Latinos in Ohio are eligible to vote, ranking Ohio 15th nationwide in the share of the Hispanic population that is eligible to vote. In contrast, 77% of the state's white population is eligible to vote.

Table 1			
Population and Electorate in the United States and Ohio, 2008			
	United States	Ohio	Ohio State Rank
Total Population (all ages)			
All (thousands)	304,060	11,486	7
Hispanics (thousands)	46,822	296	23
Percent Hispanic	15.4	2.6	45
Total Eligible Voter Population (U.S. citizens ages 18 and older)			
All (thousands)	210,696	8,560	7
Hispanics (thousands)	19,346	140	18
Percent Hispanic	9.2	1.6	40
Eligibility of Hispanic Population			
Percent of Hispanic population eligible to vote	41.3	47.2	15

Source: Pew Hispanic Center tabulations of the 2008 ACS (1% IPUMS sample). More information on the source data and sampling error is available at <http://usa.ipums.org/usa/design.shtml> and http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/data_documentation/accuracy/accuracy2008.pdf

Characteristics of Eligible Voters

- **Age.** One-third of Hispanic eligible voters in Ohio (32%) are ages 18 to 29, similar to the share of all Latino eligible voters nationwide (31%) in that age range. By contrast, only 21% of all Ohio eligible voters and 22% of all U.S. eligible voters are ages 18 to 29.
- **Citizenship.** Some 13% of Hispanic eligible voters in Ohio are naturalized U.S. citizens, compared with 2% of all Ohio eligible voters. Hispanic eligible voters in Ohio are more likely to be native-born citizens (87%) than are Hispanic eligible voters nationwide (74%).
- **Educational Attainment.** One-quarter of Latino eligible voters in Ohio (23%) have not completed high school. That was less than the rate for all Latino eligible voters—26%—but greater than the rate for U.S. eligible voters nationwide—13%.
- **Homeownership.** Some 57% of Hispanic eligible voters in Ohio live in owner-occupied homes, compared with 60% of all Hispanic eligible voters nationwide. Somewhat greater shares of all eligible voters in Ohio (72%) and all eligible voters nationwide (70%) live in owner-occupied homes.

Table 2
Characteristics of Eligible Voters in Ohio and the United States, 2008
(% of eligible voters, unless otherwise noted)

	UNITED STATES		OHIO	
	All	Hispanics	All	Hispanics
Total Population (thousands)	304,060	46,822	11,486	296
Total Eligible Voter Population (thousands)	210,696	19,346	8,560	140
Age				
18-29	21.7	30.9	20.9	32.1
30-44	25.6	30.9	25.4	29.2
45-54	19.6	16.8	20.1	19.1
55-64	15.3	10.6	15.5	9.6
65 and older	17.8	10.8	18.2	10.0
Gender				
Male	48.3	49.2	48.0	49.3
Female	51.7	50.8	52.0	50.7
Type of Citizen				
Citizen by birth	92.5	74.4	97.7	87.2
Naturalized citizen	7.5	25.6	2.3	12.8
Language				
Speaks only English at home	86.9	30.2	95.7	48.8
Does not speak only English at home	13.1	69.8	4.3	51.2
Educational Attainment				
Less than high school diploma	12.9	25.8	12.7	22.9
High school diploma or equivalent	29.3	28.9	35.3	29.3
Some college	32.0	31.3	30.2	31.2
Bachelor's degree or more	25.7	14.1	21.8	16.6
Marital Status				
Married	52.0	46.5	52.4	44.9
Never married	27.2	34.7	26.0	33.6
Divorced/separated/widowed	20.8	18.8	21.6	21.5
With Child(ren) Younger Than 18 in Home	26.3	32.4	26.3	32.2
Homeownership Rate	70.0	59.8	71.5	57.2
Household Income*				
Less than \$30,000	20.4	22.9	22.7	31.6
\$30,000-\$49,999	18.1	20.4	20.3	21.0
\$50,000-\$74,999	19.9	21.3	21.5	20.3
\$75,000-\$99,999	14.7	14.4	14.4	8.9
\$100,000 or more	26.8	21.1	21.1	18.3

*Persons in households with zero or negative income excluded (less than 1% of all eligible voters in the U.S.)

Note: Eligible voters are citizens ages 18 and older. Percentages may not total due to rounding.

Source: Pew Hispanic Center tabulations of the 2008 ACS (1% IPUMS sample). More information on the source data and sampling error is available at <http://usa.ipums.org/usa/design.shtml> and http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/data_documentation/accuracy/accuracy2008.pdf

Characteristics of Eligible Voters in Ohio, by Race and Ethnicity

- **Number of Latino Eligible Voters.** Black eligible voters in Ohio outnumber Hispanic eligible voters by a margin of more than 6-to-1—934,000 blacks compared with 140,000 Hispanics.
- **Age.** Latino eligible voters are younger than black and white eligible voters in Ohio. Nearly one-third (32%) of Latino eligible voters are ages 18 to 29 compared with 26% of black eligible voters and 20% of white eligible voters.
- **Educational Attainment.** Hispanic eligible voters have lower levels of education than do white eligible voters in Ohio. Some 23% of Hispanic eligible voters have not obtained at least a high school diploma compared with 11% of white eligible voters.
- **Homeownership.** Hispanic eligible voters in Ohio are less likely than white eligible voters, but more likely than black eligible voters, to live in owner-occupied homes—57% versus 76% and 44%, respectively.

Table 3
Characteristics of Eligible Voters in Ohio, by Race and Ethnicity, 2008
(% of eligible voters, unless otherwise noted)

	Hispanics	NON-HISPANICS	
		White	Black
Total Population (thousands)	296	9,458	1,334
Total Eligible Voter Population (thousands)	140	7,300	934
Age			
18-29	32.1	19.9	25.8
30-44	29.2	24.9	27.2
45-54	19.1	20.2	19.7
55-64	9.6	16.0	13.3
65 and older	10.0	19.1	14.0
Gender			
Male	49.3	48.2	46.5
Female	50.7	51.8	53.5
Type of Citizen			
Citizen by birth	87.2	98.6	98.6
Naturalized citizen	12.8	1.4	1.4
Language			
Speaks only English at home	48.8	97.0	97.4
Does not speak only English at home	51.2	3.0	2.6
Educational Attainment			
Less than high school diploma	22.9	11.4	20.8
High school diploma or equivalent	29.3	36.0	33.3
Some college	31.2	29.8	33.6
Bachelor's degree or more	16.6	22.8	12.3
Marital Status			
Married	44.9	55.7	28.6
Never married	33.6	23.2	44.9
Divorced/separated/widowed	21.5	21.1	26.5
With Child(ren) Younger Than 18 in Home			
	32.2	26.2	25.7
Homeownership Rate			
	57.2	75.5	44.4
Household Income*			
Less than \$30,000	31.6	20.4	39.6
\$30,000-\$49,999	21.0	19.9	23.3
\$50,000-\$74,999	20.3	22.2	16.8
\$75,000-\$99,999	8.9	15.1	9.8
\$100,000 or more	18.3	22.4	10.5

*Persons in households with zero or negative income excluded (less than 1% of all eligible voters in the U.S.)

Note: Eligible voters are citizens ages 18 and older. Percentages may not total due to rounding.

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Table 4 Population and Electorate in Ohio, by Congressional District, 2008						
	ALL (thousands)		HISPANICS (thousands)		SHARE HISPANIC (%)	
	Population	Eligible Voters	Population	Eligible Voters	Population	Eligible Voters
Congressional District						
1	626	464	12	3	2.0	0.7
2	684	504	11	4	1.6	0.7
3	640	478	10	5	1.6	1.0
4	630	476	10	6	1.6	1.2
5	628	475	29	15	4.6	3.2
6	610	478	4	2	0.7	0.4
7	681	504	13	5	1.9	1.0
8	652	482	14	5	2.2	1.0
9	621	463	29	16	4.7	3.4
10	593	442	42	23	7.1	5.3
11	548	405	12	7	2.3	1.8
12	705	494	17	6	2.5	1.3
13	641	479	27	16	4.2	3.4
14	653	486	13	5	2.0	1.0
15	673	483	30	8	4.4	1.8
16	654	494	8	4	1.2	0.7
17	605	468	13	7	2.1	1.6
18	643	487	5	2	0.7	0.5

Note: Eligible voters are citizens ages 18 and older.
Source: Pew Hispanic Center compilation from U.S. Census Bureau, American Factfinder Tables B05003 and B05003I

Endnotes

- 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 “whites,” “blacks,” and “Asians” are to the non-Hispanic components of those populations.
- ³ This statistical profile of eligible voters in Ohio is based on the Census Bureau's 2008 [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 2008 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. Information on the ACS sampling strategy and associated error is available at http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/data_documentation/Accuracy/accuracy2008.pdf. An example of measurement error is that citizenship rates for the foreign born are estimated to be overstated in the Decennial Census and other official surveys, such as the ACS (see Jeffrey Passel. “[Growing Share of Immigrants Choosing Naturalization](#),” Pew Hispanic Center, Washington, D.C. (March 28, 2008)).