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Latinos in the 2012 Election: Wyoming

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This profile provides key demographic information on Latino eligible voters¹ and other major groups of eligible voters in Wyoming.² All demographic data are based on Pew Hispanic Center tabulations of the U.S. Census Bureau's 2010 American Community Survey.³

Hispanics in Wyoming's Eligible Voter Population

- The Hispanic population in Wyoming ranks 43rd in the nation.⁴ About 50,000 Hispanics reside in Wyoming, 0.1% of all Hispanics in the United States.
- Wyoming's population is 9% Hispanic, ranking 22nd in Hispanic population share nationally.
- There are 25,000 Hispanic eligible voters in Wyoming—ranking 42nd in Hispanic eligible voter population nationally. California

Table 1

Population and Electorate in the United States and Wyoming, 2010

	U.S.	Wyoming	Wyoming state rank
Total population (all ages)			
All (thousands)	309,350	564	51
Hispanics (thousands)	50,730	50	43
Percent Hispanic	16.4	8.9	22
Total eligible voter population (U.S. citizens ages 18 and older)			
All (thousands)	214,972	420	51
Hispanics (thousands)	21,509	25	42
Percent Hispanic	10.0	6.1	17
Eligibility of Hispanic population			
Percent of Hispanic population eligible to vote	42.4	50.8	6*

Notes: Percentages calculated before rounding. *Rankings for "Percent of Hispanic population eligible to vote" are based on the District of Columbia and the 46 states whose Hispanic samples in the 2010 American Community Survey (ACS) are large enough to generate reliable estimates. All other rankings are based on the District of Columbia and the 50 states.

Source: Pew Hispanic Center tabulations of the 2010 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 2010 [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 2010 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](#).

⁴ Rankings for "Percent of Hispanic population eligible to vote" are based on the District of Columbia and the 46 states whose Hispanic samples in the 2010 ACS are large enough to generate reliable estimates. All other rankings are based on the District of Columbia and the 50 states.

ranks first with 5.9 million.

- Some 6% of Wyoming eligible voters are Hispanic, the 17th-largest Hispanic eligible voter share nationally. New Mexico ranks first with 39%.
- More than half (51%) of Hispanics in Wyoming are eligible to vote, ranking Wyoming sixth nationwide in the share of the Hispanic population that is eligible to vote. By contrast, more than three-quarters (78%) of the state's white population is eligible to vote.

Characteristics of Eligible Voters

- Age.** One-third of Hispanic eligible voters in Wyoming (33%) are ages 18 to 29, similar to the share of all Latino eligible voters nationwide in that age range. By contrast, only 22% of all eligible voters both in Wyoming and nationwide are ages 18 to 29.
- Citizenship and Nativity.** Among Hispanic eligible voters in Wyoming, 11% are naturalized U.S. citizens, less than Hispanic eligible voters nationwide (25%). Only 1% of all eligible voters in Wyoming are naturalized citizens, as are 8% of all U.S. eligible voters.
- Hispanic Origin.** Hispanic eligible voters in Wyoming have a different Hispanic origin profile from Hispanic eligible voters nationwide. More than seven-in-ten (71%) Hispanic eligible voters in Wyoming are of Mexican origin, compared to 59% among all U.S. Hispanic eligible voters. About 1% of

Table 2

Characteristics of Eligible Voters in Wyoming and the United States, 2010

(% of eligible voters, unless otherwise noted)

	U.S.		Wyoming	
	All	Hispanics	All	Hispanics
Total population (thousands)	309,350	50,730	564	50
Total eligible voter population (thousands)	214,972	21,509	420	25
Age				
18-29	21.6	32.8	22.1	33.4
30-44	24.6	29.3	24.3	29.1
45-54	19.4	16.7	19.9	19.1
55-64	16.3	10.9	17.1	9.5
65 and older	18.2	10.4	16.6	9.0
Gender				
Male	48.2	48.3	50.7	50.0
Female	51.8	51.7	49.3	50.0
Type of citizen				
Citizen by birth	92.2	74.9	98.6	88.9
Naturalized citizen	7.8	25.1	1.4	11.1
Language				
Speaks only English at home	86.2	30.7	95.0	62.6
Does not speak only English at home	13.8	69.3	5.0	37.4
Educational attainment				
Less than high school diploma	12.3	24.7	7.8	12.2
High school diploma or equivalent	29.1	28.6	30.8	37.9
Some college	32.4	32.5	39.4	35.8
Bachelor's degree or more	26.3	14.3	22.1	14.1
Marital status				
Married	50.9	44.7	58.6	56.0
Never married	28.1	37.4	21.3	29.1
Divorced/separated/widowed	20.9	17.9	20.1	14.9
With child younger than 18 in home	25.0	31.1	27.1	40.6
Homeownership rate	68.8	58.2	70.6	61.3
Hispanic origin				
Mexican	---	59.1	---	70.8
Puerto Rican	---	14.4	---	1.5
Cuban	---	4.8	---	0.5
Salvadoran	---	2.4	---	0.0
Dominican	---	3.1	---	0.0
Other	---	16.2	---	27.2
Household income				
Less than \$30,000	22.9	25.3	18.7	20.7
\$30,000-\$49,999	18.6	20.7	18.4	21.2
\$50,000-\$74,999	19.6	21.0	22.7	16.2
\$75,000-\$99,999	13.8	13.3	16.0	17.8
\$100,000 or more	25.1	19.7	24.2	24.1

Notes: Eligible voters are citizens ages 18 and older. Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

Source: Pew Hispanic Center tabulations of the 2010 American Community Survey (1% IPUMS sample)

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Hispanic eligible voters in Wyoming are Puerto Rican and 1% are Cuban, while the remaining 27% is of another Hispanic origin. Among all U.S. Hispanic eligible voters, 14% are Puerto Rican and 5% are Cuban.

- ***Educational Attainment.*** More than one-in-ten eligible voters in Wyoming (12%) have not completed high school, more than the 8% of all Wyoming eligible voters who have not completed high school.
- ***Homeownership.*** More than six-in-ten Hispanic eligible voters in Wyoming (61%) live in owner-occupied homes, above the share of all Hispanic eligible voters nationwide (58%). Greater shares of all eligible voters in Wyoming (71%) and all eligible voters nationwide (69%) live in owner-occupied homes.

Characteristics of Eligible Voters in Wyoming, by Race and Ethnicity

- Number of Eligible Voters.** White eligible voters outnumber Hispanic eligible voters in Wyoming by a margin of 15 to 1 (376,000 vs. 25,000).
- Age.** Latino eligible voters are younger than white eligible voters in Wyoming. One-in-three (33%) Latinos are ages 18 to 29, compared with 21% of white eligible voters.
- Educational Attainment.** Hispanic eligible voters have lower levels of education than do white eligible voters in Wyoming. Some 12% of Hispanic eligible voters have not obtained a high school diploma, compared with 7% of white eligible voters.
- Homeownership.** Hispanic eligible voters (61%) are less likely to live in owner-occupied homes than white eligible voters (72%) in Wyoming.

Table 3

Characteristics of Eligible Voters in Wyoming, by Race and Ethnicity, 2010

(% of eligible voters, unless otherwise noted)

	Hispanic	White
Total population (thousands)		
	50	485
Total eligible voter population (thousands)		
	25	376
Age		
18-29	33.4	21.0
30-44	29.1	23.8
45-54	19.1	19.9
55-64	9.5	18.0
65 and older	9.0	17.3
Gender		
Male	50.0	50.6
Female	50.0	49.4
Type of citizen		
Citizen by birth	88.9	99.5
Naturalized citizen	11.1	0.5
Language		
Speaks only English at home	62.6	97.5
Does not speak only English at home	37.4	2.5
Educational attainment		
Less than high school diploma	12.2	7.3
High school diploma or equivalent	37.9	30.1
Some college	35.8	39.8
Bachelor's degree or more	14.1	22.8
Marital Status		
Married	56.0	59.4
Never married	29.1	20.0
Divorced/separated/widowed	14.9	20.5
With child younger than 18 in home		
	40.6	26.2
Homeownership rate		
	61.3	71.9
Household income		
Less than \$30,000	20.7	18.4
\$30,000-\$49,999	21.2	18.2
\$50,000-\$74,999	16.2	23.1
\$75,000-\$99,999	17.8	15.7
\$100,000 or more	24.1	24.6

Notes: Eligible voters are citizens ages 18 and older. Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding. Hispanics are of any race. Whites include only non-Hispanics.

Source: Pew Hispanic Center tabulations of the 2010 American Community Survey (1% IPUMS sample)

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