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NALEO Educational Fund Statement on Release of 2020 Census Redistricting Data

Latino population growth outstrips nation's population increase

Washington, D.C. – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund today released the following statement from CEO Arturo Vargas and preliminary analysis on the Census Bureau's release of Census 2020 redistricting data:

"As was the case in 2010, these data reveal how the growth of the Latino community has been integral to the increase in the United States' population. With Latinos continuing to be the nation's second-largest population group — and a greater share of the nation's population — it remains abundantly clear that for the nation to thrive and prosper, we must address the issues that affect Latinos throughout the country.

"The redistricting data also suggest that Latino population growth likely had a significant impact on apportionment, with Latinos being instrumental in some states securing additional congressional seats, helping states keep the number of seats they currently have, and preventing states from losing seats. Given the growth of the Latino population, it is critical that as states and localities move forward with redistricting, their maps take this growth into account, ensuring that Latinos have fair opportunities to elect candidates who are responsive and accountable to their needs.

"The 2020 Census confirmed what we have known for years: the future of the country is Latino. The 2020 Census shows that slightly more than one in four children under 18-years-old was Latino (25.7 percent). Together with the 2020 Census revealing greater overall diversity throughout the nation, this trend bodes well for the economic, cultural, and civic life of the United States.

"NALEO Educational Fund continues to analyze the data to determine if there are other trends of interest. We will also continue our advocacy to ensure Latinos have a strong voice in the redistricting process at all levels of government. Ultimately, the maps that emerge must provide the community with fair representation and our nation with a more robust democracy."

Preliminary Analysis

- Latinos comprise nearly one of every five of our nation's residents (18.7 percent), up from 16.3 percent in 2010.

- The Latino population grew from 50.5 million (50,477,594) in 2010 to 62.1 million (62,080,044) in 2020. This represents an increase of 11.6 million (11,602,450).
- While the nation’s population increased between 2010 and 2020, the Latino population increase accounted for over half (51.1 percent) of the nation’s overall growth — establishing Latinos as one of the fastest-growing communities in the nation.
 - Between 2010 and 2020, the Latino population grew by 23.0 percent. In comparison, the nation’s overall population grew by 7.4 percent in the same period.
- The Latino share of the population in several states increased significantly between 2010 and 2020.
 - For states with significant Latino populations, the Latino share of the population in 2020 ranged from 8.1 percent (Pennsylvania) to 47.7 percent (New Mexico). (See Table 1)

Table 1
Latino Population, Latino Population Change, and Latino Share of Total Population for Selected States

	Latino Population			Latino Population % Change		Latino share of total population	
	2000	2010	2020	2000-2010	2010-2020	2010	2020
United States	35,305,818	50,477,594	62,080,044	43.0%	23.0%	16.3%	18.7%
Arizona	1,295,617	1,895,149	2,192,253	46.3%	15.7%	29.6%	30.7%
California	10,966,556	14,013,719	15,579,652	27.8%	11.2%	37.6%	39.4%
Colorado	735,601	1,038,687	1,263,390	41.2%	21.6%	20.7%	21.9%
Florida	2,682,715	4,223,806	5,697,240	57.4%	34.9%	22.5%	26.5%
Georgia	435,227	853,689	1,123,457	96.1%	31.6%	8.8%	10.5%
Illinois	1,530,262	2,027,578	2,337,410	32.5%	15.3%	15.8%	18.2%
Nevada	393,970	716,501	890,257	81.9%	24.3%	26.5%	28.7%
New Jersey	1,117,191	1,555,144	2,002,575	39.2%	28.8%	17.7%	21.6%
New Mexico	765,386	953,403	1,010,811	24.6%	6.0%	46.3%	47.7%
New York	2,867,583	3,416,922	3,948,032	19.2%	15.5%	17.6%	19.5%
North Carolina	378,963	800,120	1,118,596	111.1%	39.8%	8.4%	10.7%
Pennsylvania	394,088	719,660	1,049,615	82.6%	45.8%	5.7%	8.1%
Texas	6,669,666	9,460,921	11,441,717	41.8%	20.9%	37.6%	39.3%

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 and 2010, Summary File 1; Census 2020 "legacy" redistricting data release

- For many states, the Latino population grew faster than the overall population, and in at least one case (Illinois), the Latino population increased while the state’s overall population decreased.
- Latino population growth had a significant impact on the apportionment of congressional seats in these states listed above — helping some gain more seats, or preventing the loss or greater loss of seats. *(See Table 2)*

Table 2
Changes in Total and Latino Population 2010 – 2020 and Apportionment for Selected States

	Total population increase/decrease 2010-2020	Latino population increase/decrease 2010-2020		Latino % of total population change	Change in U.S. House seats after 2020 apportionment
United States	7.4%	23.0%		51.1%	N/A
Arizona	11.9%	15.7%		39.1%	No change
California	6.1%	11.2%		68.6%	-1
Colorado	14.8%	21.6%		30.2%	+1
Florida	14.6%	34.9%		53.8%	+1
Georgia	10.6%	31.6%		26.3%	No change
Illinois	-0.1%	15.3%		*	-1
Nevada	15.0%	24.3%		43.0%	No change
New Jersey	5.7%	28.8%		90.0%	No change
New Mexico	2.8%	6.0%		98.4%	No change
New York	4.2%	15.5%		64.5%	-1
North Carolina	9.5%	39.8%		35.2%	+1
Pennsylvania	2.4%	45.8%		109.9%	-1
Texas	15.9%	20.9%		49.5%	+2

*State experienced overall population decrease, making this percentage not applicable.

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010, Summary File 1; Census 2020 apportionment and "legacy" redistricting data releases

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About NALEO Educational Fund

NALEO Educational Fund is the nation’s leading non-partisan, non-profit organization that facilitates the full participation of Latinos in the American political process, from citizenship to public service.