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NALEO Educational Fund Statement on Youth Data in the 2020 Census Redistricting Data

Latinos account for one of every four youth in the United States

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 analysis on the Census Bureau’s release of Census 2020 redistricting data and our nation’s youth population:

“The 2020 Census reveals a sizeable Latino youth population (under-18-year-olds) throughout the nation, with 18.8 million Latino youth in the country. The numbers show us that Latinos tend to be a younger population than our nation’s population overall. In many states, the Latino share of the youth population is significantly larger than the Latino share of the states’ total population.

“Given this relatively large share of Latinos among our population’s youth, it is critical that the full range of policies affecting our nation’s youth take into account the needs of the Latino community.

“Our nation cannot address such challenges as poverty, poor health care, or the lack of access to quality education without tailored approaches that enhance the opportunities and well-being of Latino families and children. An investment in Latino children today can help ensure a strong, prosperous nation tomorrow.”

Youth Analysis

- In several states with sizeable Latino communities, Latino youth make up at least 13.0 percent of the states’ youth population. *(See table below)*
- Some states had considerable differences between the Latino share of the overall population and the youth population.
 - In Arizona, while Latinos comprise 30.7 percent of the state’s total population, they are 43.7 percent of its youth.
 - In Nevada, Latinos are 28.7 percent of the total population compared to 40.6 percent of the state’s youth.
 - In New Mexico, just under half of the state’s overall population is Latino (47.7 percent), while nearly 60 percent of its youth are Latino.

Comparison of Total and Latino Population with Youth Population for the Nation and Selected States

	Total Population				Under 18 population		
	Total	Latino	Latino Share of Total		Total	Latino	Latino Share of Total
United States	331,449,281	62,080,044	18.7%		73,106,000	18,757,252	25.7%
Arizona	7,151,502	2,192,253	30.7%		1,609,526	702,636	43.7%
California	39,538,223	15,579,652	39.4%		8,711,118	4,496,358	51.6%
Colorado	5,773,714	1,263,390	21.9%		1,264,138	399,194	31.6%
Florida	21,538,187	5,697,240	26.5%		4,198,955	1,364,555	32.5%
Georgia	10,711,908	1,123,457	10.5%		2,491,634	380,539	15.3%
Illinois	12,812,508	2,337,410	18.2%		2,813,039	717,098	25.5%
Nevada	3,104,614	890,257	28.7%		691,288	280,861	40.6%
New Jersey	9,288,994	2,002,575	21.6%		2,007,684	566,576	28.2%
New Mexico	2,117,522	1,010,811	47.7%		478,533	284,047	59.4%
New York	20,201,249	3,948,032	19.5%		4,113,114	1,022,146	24.9%
North Carolina	10,439,388	1,118,596	10.7%		2,284,289	394,285	17.3%
Pennsylvania	13,002,700	1,049,615	8.1%		2,649,152	345,357	13.0%
Texas	29,145,505	11,441,717	39.3%		7,278,805	3,534,398	48.6%

Source: Census 2020 "legacy" redistricting data release

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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.