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New Census Research Charts Florida's Latino Population Growth Statewide and Within Its 10 Largest Counties

NALEO Educational Fund finds Latinos accounted for more than half (53.8 percent) of Florida's population growth over the past decade though new districting maps are not representative of growing demographic

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Washington, D.C. – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund released today its [2020 Census Profile of Florida](#), offering an in-depth look at how Florida's Latino population grew across the state and in its 10 largest counties over the last decade. Additionally, the [report](#) provides a granular look at population growth by age and ethnicity and features charts and graphics illustrating Latino population growth compared to the overall population growth.

Although the [report](#) finds that increases in Florida's Latino population accounted for over half (53.8 percent) of the state's total population growth between 2010 and 2020, the new political redistricting maps presented by the Florida Senate [only include](#) four Latino majority districts — the same number that existed previously.

"While the data are clear on Latinos driving the population growth in every corner of Florida, this reality is not evident in the state's proposed new district maps," said NALEO Educational Fund CEO Arturo Vargas. "According to our new [2020 Census Profile of Florida](#), Latinos accounted for over half of the state's population growth over the last decade but are not being provided with the additional representation they deserve through redistricting. These maps would deny Latinos fair and equal opportunities to elect candidates who are responsive and accountable to their communities and needs. Florida's state legislature does not appear to be fully taking into account the growth of the Latino electorate — threatening to significantly undermine fair representation for Latinos in the state's democracy for the next 10 years. This is unacceptable."

Key findings include:

- Between 2010 and 2020, Florida’s total population grew from 18.8 million to 21.5 million, an increase of 14.6 percent.
- During the same period, Florida’s Latino population grew from 4.2 million to 5.7 million — an increase of **34.9 percent** — leading the Latino share of the state’s population to grow from 22.5 percent to **26.5 percent**.
- In 2020, 1.4 million Latinos were under 18, and 4.3 million were 18 and older. Nearly one-third (32.5 percent) of all Floridians under 18 are Latino.
- In 2020, over three-quarters (76.5 percent) of Florida Latinos live in the state’s 10 largest counties, with 32.6 percent residing in Miami-Dade County.
- Most of Florida’s 10 largest cities also have significant Latino populations. For example, in Hialeah (Miami-Dade County), **94.0 percent** of residents are Latino.

County	Total Population	Latino Population	Latino Share of Population
Miami-Dade County	2,701,767	1,856,938	68.7%
Broward County	1,944,375	608,703	31.3%
Palm Beach County	1,492,191	349,933	23.5%
Hillsborough County	1,459,762	427,381	29.3%
Orange County	1,429,908	473,025	33.1%
Duval County	995,567	112,689	11.3%
Pinellas County	959,107	102,439	10.7%
Lee County	760,822	173,161	22.8%
Polk County	725,046	187,695	25.9%
Brevard County	606,612	67,907	11.2%

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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.