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New Census Research Charts Latino Population Growth Across Texas and Within 10 Largest Cities

NALEO Educational Fund finds Latinos accounted for nearly half (49.5 percent) of Texas's population growth over past decade

Washington, D.C. – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund released its [2020 Census Profile of Texas](#), offering an in-depth look at how Texas's Latino population grew both across the state and in its 10 largest cities over the last decade. The report, which comes on the heels of Governor Greg Abbott's approval of new political redistricting maps that have been criticized for diluting the power of Latinos and other voters of color, found that increases in Texas's Latino population accounted for nearly half (49.5 percent) of the state's population growth between 2010 and 2020. It also offers a granular look at population growth by age and ethnicity and features charts and graphics illustrating Latino population growth compared with overall population growth.

"Our 2020 Census Profile of Texas confirmed what we have known all along: that the future of Texas — and our country — is Latino," said NALEO Educational Fund CEO Arturo Vargas. "Unfortunately, there continue to be efforts in Texas to delay or avoid that future. Texas has historically used redistricting to deny Latinos fair opportunities to elect candidates of their choice who are accountable and responsive to our communities. Once again, the maps adopted by the state during this redistricting process continue this discriminatory trend. Moreover, given the Latino population growth in Texas, these maps will significantly undermine fair representation for Latinos in the state's democracy for the next 10 years."

Key findings include:

- Between 2010 and 2020, Texas's Latino population grew 20.9 percent — from 9.5 million to 11.4 million — leading the Latino share of the state's population to grow from 37.6 percent to 39.3 percent.
- In 2020, 3.5 million Latinos were under 18, and 7.9 million were 18 and older. Nearly half (48.6 percent) of all Texans under 18 are Latino.
- Between 2010 and 2020, more than 95 percent (1,899,595) of the total Latino population growth in the state occurred in Metropolitan counties. Nearly two in three Texas Latinos live in the state's 10 largest counties, with nearly 18 percent residing in Harris County (home to Houston).

- Latinos are also a significant driver of consistent population growth within many of the state’s largest cities. For example, in Fort Worth, where the population has grown by 24 percent since 2010, the Latino population grew by 26.7 percent.

| City | Total Population Growth (2010 to 2020) | Latino Population Growth (2010 to 2020) | Latino Share of Population |
|---------------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Houston City | 9.8% | 10.2% | 44.0% |
| San Antonio City | 8.1% | 9.2% | 63.9% |
| Dallas City | 8.9% | 8.6% | 42.3% |
| Austin City | 21.7% | 12.5% | 32.5% |
| Fort Worth City | 24.0% | 26.7% | 34.8% |
| El Paso City | 4.6% | 5.3% | 81.2% |
| Arlington City | 7.9% | 20.6% | 30.7% |
| Corpus Christi City | 4.1% | 5.9% | 60.7% |
| Plano City | 9.9% | 20.0% | 16.0% |
| Lubbock City | 12.0% | 24.3% | 35.6% |

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