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### **Report: California's Latino Population Has Grown More Than 11 Percent Over Past Decade**

*NALEO Educational Fund finds Latinos accounted for more than two-thirds (68.6 percent) of California's population growth since 2010, charts growth across state and within 10 largest counties and cities*

*More than half (51.6 percent) of all Californians under 18 are Latino*

**Washington, D.C.** – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund released today its 2020 Census [Profile of California](#), offering an in-depth look at how California's Latino population has grown across the state and within its 10 largest cities and counties over the last decade. The [report](#) also offers a thorough look at population growth by age and ethnicity and features charts and graphics illustrating California's Latino population growth compared to that of the overall state population. According to the [report](#), California's Latino population has grown more than 11 percent over the past decade, accounting for nearly 70 percent (68.6 percent) of the state's population growth between 2010 and 2020.

"Our 2020 Census profile of California highlights that Latinos had the largest growth of any population group in the state, which is why policymakers must ensure that addressing the concerns of the Latino community at every stage of the decision-making process is a top priority," said NALEO Educational Fund CEO Arturo Vargas. "Making up more than half of the state's under-18 population, Latinos are both the present and the future of California, poised to have an even bigger voice in the political process in the years to come."

#### **Key findings include:**

- Between 2010 and 2020, California's Latino population grew from 14.0 million to 15.6 million, an increase of 11.2 percent.
  - By comparison, California's overall population grew from 37.3 million to 39.5 million, an increase of 6.1 percent.
  - The increase in California's Latino population accounted for more than two-thirds (68.6 percent) of the state's population growth over the last decade.
- Between 2010 and 2020, the Latino share of the state's population grew from 37.6 percent to 39.4 percent. In 2020, the Latino share of the population (39.4 percent) exceeded the

Non-Hispanic White share (34.7 percent), with Latinos being the state’s largest population group.

- The Latino population is younger than other Californians. More than half (51.6 percent) of all Californians under 18 are Latino.
  - In 2020, 4.5 million Latinos were under 18, and 11.0 million were 18 and older.
  - More than one-quarter of Latino Californians (28.9 percent) were under 18, compared to 17.6 percent of non-Latinos.
- In 2020, nearly three-quarters of California Latinos lived in one of the state’s largest counties. In Los Angeles County, Latinos make up nearly half (48 percent) of the population.
- Seven of California’s major cities are home to the state’s largest Latino communities, including Los Angeles, San Diego, San Jose, Fresno, Long Beach, Bakersfield, and Anaheim. The state’s 10 largest cities are home to 24.7 percent of California’s Latino population.

### **Top 10 California Counties & Cities**

<b>County</b>	<b>Total Population</b>	<b>Latino Population</b>	<b>Latino Share of Population</b>
Los Angeles County	10,014,009	4,804,763	48.0%
San Diego County	3,298,634	1,119,629	33.9%
Orange County	3,186,989	1,086,834	34.1%
Riverside County	2,418,185	1,202,295	49.7%
San Bernardino County	2,181,654	1,170,913	53.7%
Santa Clara County	1,936,259	487,357	25.2%
Alameda County	1,682,353	393,749	23.4%
Sacramento County	1,585,055	374,434	23.6%
Contra Costa County	1,165,927	314,900	27.0%
Fresno County	1,008,654	540,743	53.6%

<b>City</b>	<b>Total Population</b>	<b>Latino Population</b>	<b>Latino Share of Population</b>
Los Angeles City	3,898,747	1,829,991	46.9%
San Diego City	1,386,932	411,286	29.7%
San Jose City	1,013,240	316,266	31.2%
San Francisco City	873,965	136,761	15.6%
Fresno City	542,107	273,771	50.5%
Sacramento City	524,943	151,253	28.8%
Long Beach City	466,742	201,997	43.3%
Oakland City	440,646	126,843	28.8%
Bakersfield City	403,455	212,822	52.7%
Anaheim City	346,824	186,651	53.8%

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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.*