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Report: North Carolina's Latino Population Has Grown Nearly 40 Percent Over Last Decade

NALEO Educational Fund finds Latinos accounted for over one-third of North Carolina's population growth since 2010

"North Carolina must ensure the redistricting process provides its growing Latino electorate with the fair representation it deserves"
– NALEO Educational Fund CEO Arturo Vargas

Washington, D.C. – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund released today its [2020 Census Profile of North Carolina](#), offering an in-depth look at how North Carolina's Latino population has grown across the state and within its 10 largest counties and cities over the last decade. According to the [report](#), North Carolina's Latino population increased by nearly 40 percent — from 800,120 to 1.1 million — accounting for over one-third (35.2 percent) of the state's total population growth since 2010. The [report](#) also provides a comprehensive look at population growth by age and ethnicity and features charts and graphics illustrating Latino population growth compared to that of the overall state population.

"As our [2020 Census Profile of North Carolina](#) clearly shows, North Carolina's population growth — which was significant enough to earn the state an additional congressional seat — was driven by Latinos more than any other group," said NALEO Educational Fund CEO Arturo Vargas. "Voting rights groups have brought litigation against the state legislative and congressional maps approved by the North Carolina General Assembly, which will likely be appealed to the North Carolina Supreme Court. We urge the Court to ensure that the proposed maps comply with the U.S. Constitution, the federal Voting Rights Act, and the North Carolina Constitution. We hope the Court requires the General Assembly to re-draw the maps and provide the state's growing Latino community and other under-represented groups with fair opportunities to elect candidates who are responsive and accountable to their needs."

Key findings include:

- Between 2010 and 2020, North Carolina's Latino population grew from 800,120 to 1.1 million, an increase of 39.8 percent. By comparison, North Carolina's non-Latino population increased by only 6.7 percent. Between 2010 and 2020, the Latino share of North Carolina's population increased from 8.4 percent to 10.4 percent.
 - The increase in North Carolina's Latino population accounted for over one-third (35.2 percent) of the state's total population growth over the past decade.

- The Latino population is significantly younger than other North Carolinians. In 2020, over one-third (35.2 percent) of North Carolina Latinos were under 18, compared to 20.3 percent of non-Latinos.
- In 2020, more than half (53.1 percent) of all North Carolina Latinos lived in one of the state's 10 largest counties. For example, in Mecklenburg County, Latinos account for 15.2 percent of the population.
- Nine of North Carolina's major cities are home to the state's largest Latino communities, including Charlotte, Raleigh, Greensboro, Durham, Winston-Salem, Fayetteville, Cary Town, High Point, and Concord.
 - The state's 10 largest cities are home to 35.5 percent of North Carolina's Latino population.

County	Total Population	Latino Population	Latino Share of Population
Wake County	1,129,410	128,241	11.4%
Mecklenburg County	1,115,482	169,922	15.2%
Guilford County	541,299	52,152	9.6%
Forsyth County	382,590	54,688	14.3%
Cumberland County	334,728	39,498	11.8%
Durham County	324,833	50,104	15.4%
Buncombe County	269,452	21,922	8.1%
Union County	238,267	30,110	12.6%
Gaston County	227,943	20,068	8.8%
Cabarrus County	225,804	27,263	12.1%

City	Total Population	Latino Population	Latino Share of Population
Charlotte City	874,579	142,704	16.3%
Raleigh City	467,665	60,514	12.9%
Greensboro City	299,035	30,419	10.2%
Durham City	283,506	43,470	15.3%
Winston-Salem City	249,545	42,841	17.2%
Fayetteville City	208,501	26,269	12.6%
Cary Town	174,721	14,376	8.2%
Wilmington City	115,451	9,544	8.3%
High Point City	114,059	12,784	11.2%
Concord City	105,240	14,637	13.9%

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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.