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ELECTION 2022 PRIMARY PROFILE

More Than 353,000 Latinos in Illinois Will Cast Ballots This November

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2018's historic numbers, marking a 62.2 percent increase from 2014*

NALEO Educational Fund releases key findings on the Latino voting population in Illinois and Chicago ahead of the NALEO 39th Annual Conference in Chicago on June 23–25, 2022

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund today released its 2022 Illinois and Chicago Latino Voter Profile, offering a comprehensive analysis of the Latino electorate in Illinois and Chicago — including demographic trends and population growth. With the Illinois Primary taking place next week on June 28, the profile examines the political factors shaping the state's Latino electorate, such as the outcome of the 2020 Census and the recent redistricting. The profile also includes projections of how the Illinois Latino population is expected to show up to the polls for the state's November elections.

According to the projections, more than 353,000 Latinos in Illinois will be casting ballots this November, mirroring 2018's historic turnout numbers and marking a 62.2 percent increase from 2014. In addition, Illinois' Latino voters are expected to be younger than non-Latino voters, with 18–24-year-olds comprising 15 percent of registered Latinos, compared to 7 percent of non-Latinos. Similarly, 25 percent of Latino registered voters are 25–34-year-olds, compared to 16 percent of non-Latinos.

"Latino candidates are poised to make history in November, with the prospect of two Latinos being elected to Illinois' congressional delegation for the first time," **said NALEO Educational Fund CEO Arturo Vargas**. "Latino turnout may build on the momentum of past political seasons like that of 2018, but this momentum will not be sustained without early and robust engagement of Latino voters by candidates and campaigns. Latinos value electoral participation and care about the people who represent them, and it is critical that those seeking their votes address the community's needs and priorities.

Key Findings Include:

- More than 353,000 Latinos in Illinois will cast their ballots in November 2022, marking a 62.2 percent increase from 2014.
- The Latino share of all Illinois voters in 2022 is expected to be 7.9 percent, which mirrors the Latino share in both 2018 and 2014.
- Twelve percent of voting-age citizens in Illinois are Latino.
- Latino registered voters in Illinois tend to be younger than non-Latinos, with 18–24-year-olds comprising 15 percent of registered Latinos, compared to 7 percent of non-Latinos. Similarly, 25 percent of Latino registered voters are 25–34-year-olds, compared to 16 percent of non-Latinos.
- Between 2010 and 2020, Illinois' population decreased from 12.83 million to 12.81 million, decreasing 0.1 percent. During the same period, the state's Latino population grew from 2 million to 2.3 million, increasing 15.3 percent. By comparison, the state's non-Latino population decreased by 3.0 percent.
- In 2021, 134 Latinos served in elected office in Illinois — with 87 percent serving at the local level, including county, municipal, school board, and judicial officials.

Several factors will further shape the political landscape for Illinois' midterm elections, including the redistricting that followed Census 2020, the competitiveness of congressional and statewide contests, and the effectiveness of voter engagement efforts targeting the Latino community.

The Numbers:

	Projected Latino Vote 2022		Latino Vote 2018	% Change between 2018 and 2022		Latino Vote 2014	% Change Between 2014 and 2022
Illinois	353,500		354,000	-0.1%*		218,000	62.2%

Not Statistically Significant

For information on the comparability of data sources and additional data on population changes, including the potential impact of the Census 2020 net undercount of Latinos, please refer to the full report available here.

NALEO Educational Fund released these key findings on the Latino voting population in Illinois ahead of the NALEO 39th Annual Conference taking place in Chicago on June 23–25, 2022. This will be the first in-person Conference NALEO has hosted since 2019, prior to the start of the pandemic, and is the nation's largest gathering of Latino policymakers. Several speakers slated to provide remarks during this week's Conference include:

- The Honorable Kamala Harris, Vice President, United States of America
- The Honorable Dr. Miguel Cardona, Secretary of Education

- The Honorable Jesús "Chuy" García, United States Representative
- The Honorable Jay Robert Pritzker, Governor of Illinois
- The Honorable Lori E. Lightfoot, Mayor of Chicago

Every year, the NALEO Annual Conference brings together hundreds of Latino leaders and their supporters from across the country and across the aisle to facilitate the meaningful exchange of ideas and foster solutions around the day's most pressing policy issues. As the nation's largest annual gathering of Latino public officials and with the announced speakers joining for these discussions, NALEO is thrilled to host this event in person once again in the Windy City.

The full Conference agenda, as well as additional session information, is available here.

All Conference participants and media are required to provide proof of vaccination OR confirmation of a negative COVID test. These will need to be presented upon checking in at the Conference.

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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.