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Latinos in New York: 2006 – 2008

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Latinos make up 16.4% of New York State's total population of 19,428,881. The population of New York City is currently 8,308,163 of which Latinos make up 27.5%. Amongst all races, women make up the majority of the population both state and citywide. Mexicans and Ecuadorians are exceptions to this rule. Mexican and Ecuadorian males are 56.7% and 54.2%, respectively of the total Mexican and Ecuadorian population.

Latinos are also the youngest population group, with the largest numbers being under 18 and under 44 years old. Whites, by contrast, have the oldest population with 15.7% over 65 years of age. The concentration of the elderly in New York City is higher than statewide for all races. Colombians and Ecuadorians are exceptions to this.

On both the state and city level, Latinos maintain the largest average household size. Of all Latino subgroups, Mexicans have the largest households. As a consequence, the median household income of Mexicans is higher than that of other Latinos. Yet, Mexicans have the lowest per capita income of all Latinos with the exception of Dominicans. Whites have the highest median household and per capita income both city and statewide, and Colombians rank second.

Successful marriages are less common amongst all races in New York City than in New York State. Divorce and separation too are higher amongst all groups in New York City. Ecuadorians have the highest marriage and second lowest divorce rates across the city. Whites have the highest marriage rate statewide and Mexicans the lowest divorce rate state and citywide.

In New York City more than twice as many Latinos as whites did not graduate from high school. Statewide more than three times as many Latinos as whites do not have a high school diploma. Mexicans are the least likely to have a high school diploma; statewide nearly half and citywide over half the Mexican population did not graduate. Whites are most likely to have an advanced degree, followed by Colombians. The low high school graduation rate amongst Latinos can perhaps be explained by the high amount of Latino immigration to New York State. Over 40% of Latinos in New York State were born abroad. There is a strong correlation between being born abroad, and speaking English less than well.

Latinos, more specifically Mexicans, have the strongest percentage of the population in the New York State workforce. Regardless of this, whites maintain more than twice as many management positions both state and citywide. Whites also have the fewest jobs in the sales, and services category. Amongst Latinos, Puerto Ricans are the most likely to hold management jobs. Latinos also hold the most manufacturing positions of any other race. More than 10% of Ecuadorians work in manufacturing occupations and are the largest group found therein.

Latinos more often than any other race live in poverty. Mexicans have the highest poverty rate despite having the second lowest unemployment rate, and the highest population in the labor force. Further they are the highest renter, by percent of population amongst all groups. Whites own homes more than twice as often as any other group. Latinos rent at higher rates than any other group, and are the least likely to own homes in the city or state.

New York State

Total Population (Black, White, Latino)								19,428,881
	Black	White	Latino	Mexican	Puerto Rican	Dominican	Colombian	Ecuadorian
Population of Group + % of total	3,025,701 15.6%	12,951,112 66.7%	3,194,111 16.4%	399,237 2.1%	1,084,417 5.6%	656,093 3.4%	141,597 .7%	229,033 1.2%
% of Latino population	NA	NA	100%	12.5%	34%	20.5%	4.4%	7.2%
Male + % of total	1,403,925 46.4%	6,320,143 48.8%	1,581,085 49.5%	226,367 56.7%	515,098 47.5%	299,178 45.6%	65,418 46.2%	124,136 54.2%
Female + % of total	1,621,776 53.6%	6,630,969 51.2%	1,613,026 50.5%	172,870 43.3%	569,319 52.5%	356,915 54.4%	76,179 53.8%	104,897 45.8%
Population under 18	810,888 26.8%	2,680,880 20.7%	929,486 29.1%	134,942 33.8%	331,832 30.6%	199,452 30.4%	29,877 21.1%	57,258 25%
Population between 18 & 44	1,210,280 40%	4,636,498 35.8%	1,402,215 43.9%	221,976 55.6%	418,585 38.6%	274,903 41.9%	58,621 41.4%	115,433 50.4%
Population between 45 & 64	708,014 23.4%	3,613,360 27.9%	632,434 19.8%	35,532 8.9%	236,403 21.8%	136,467 20.8%	40,214 38.4%	42,829 18.7%
Population over 65	299,544 9.9%	2,033,325 15.7%	229,976 7.2%	6,787 1.7%	96,513 8.9%	44,614 6.8%	12,885 9.1%	13,284 5.8%
Average Household Size	2.82	2.50	3.19	4.22	2.73	3.43	2.92	3.84
Total Married	683,283 28.8%	5,72,829 49.9%	918,528 38%	125,853 44.9%	250,308 30.9%	171,426 34.7%	54,869 46.6%	88,963 49.7%
Total Separated	118,626 5.3%	226,111 2.1%	135,362 5.6%	10,091 3.6%	46,983 5.8%	39,028 7.9%	6,829 5.8%	9,129 5.1%
Total Divorced	211,153 8.9%	925,979 8.6%	215,129 8.9%	8,409 3%	85,866 10.6%	55,330 11.2%	12,481 10.6%	12,709 7.1%
Population 25 & Older without HS Diploma	388,203 20.8%	1,063,329 11.8%	683,236 36%	101,573 48.9%	216,305 33.8%	157,393 42%	21,325 21.7%	56,791 39.3%
Population 25 & older with BA degree	240,760 12.9%	1,730,163 19.2%	191,686 10.1%	12,878 6.2%	55,036 8.6%	36,725 9.8%	15,330 15.6%	12,861 8.9%
Foreign Born Population	820,696 27.1%	1,604,302 12.4%	1,294,361 40.5%	234,790 58.8%	11,787 1.1%	395,675 60.3%	96,607 68.2%	159,142 69.5%
Speak English less than very well	160,427 5.7%	1,004,271 8.2%	1,177,430 40.5%	214,815 61.5%	198,282 20%	305,447 50.7%	65,403 49.4%	125,402 60.8%
Population over 16 in Workforce	1,425,808 61.4%	6,751,901 63.7%	1,517,582 64.1%	198,428 72%	440,319 55.7%	306,622 63.7%	81,226 70.3%	128,007 72.4%

Unemployed	148,618	349,785	127,846	10,473	45,850	31,769	5,430	7,779
	6.4%	3.3%	5.4%	3.8%	5.8%	6.6%	4.7%	4.4%
Management Occupations	370,903	2,601,347	273,207	18,312	105,288	42,321	17,270	13,795
	29.1%	40.7%	19.7%	9.8%	26.8%	15.4%	22.8%	11.5%
Sales, Service & Office Occupations	701,020	2,658,871	754,439	103,517	219,612	168,461	40,069	55,419
	55%	41.6%	54.4%	55.4%	55.9%	61.3%	52.9%	46.2%
Manufacturing Occupations	45,885	524,104	104,012	15,696	22,000	19,237	6,060	12,115
	3.6%	8.2%	7.5%	8.4%	5.6%	7%	8%	10.1%
Median Household Income	\$40,522	\$61,832	\$38,688	\$39,890	\$33,303	\$30,733	\$49,513	\$46,516
Per Capita Income	\$19,969	\$36,051	\$17,298	\$13,876	\$17,551	\$13,590	\$21,969	\$17,082
Living Below Poverty Line	647,500	1,282,160	769,781	116,577	311,228	186,987	16,850	38,019
	21.4%	9.9%	24.1%	29.2%	28.7%	28.5%	11.9%	16.6%
Owner Occupied Housing	326,471	3,298,338	231,015	11,883	87,148	27,608	14,364	17,585
	32.2%	64.9%	24.5%	13.5%	24.3%	14.6%	30.9%	28.2%
Renter Occupied Housing	687,414	1,783,847	711,903	76,139	271,487	161,488	32,121	44,772
	67.8%	35.1%	75.5%	86.5%	75.7%	85.4%	69.1%	71.8%
Homes without an automobile	485,651	1,041,848	492,203	55,278	191,870	114,970	18,501	28,248
	47.9%	20.5%	52.2%	62.8%	53.5%	60.8%	39.8%	45.3%

Source U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2006-2008, Selected Population Profiles.

New York City

Total County Population (Black, White, and Latino)								8,308,163
	Black	White	Latino	Mexican	Puerto Rican	Dominican	Colombian	Ecuadorian
Population of Group + % of total population	2,086,566	3,704,243	2,287,905	282,965	784,065	571,040	99,252	176,698
	25.1%	44.6%	27.5%	3.4%	9.4%	6.9%	1.2%	2.1%
% of Latino population	NA	NA	100%	12.4%	34.3%	25%	4.3%	7.7%
Male + % of total	941,041	1,800,262	1,107,346	161,856	364,270	257,539	45,060	95,064
	45.1%	48.6%	48.4%	57.2%	46.4%	45.1%	45.4%	53.8%
Female + % of total	1,145,525	1,903,981	1,180,559	121,109	419,795	313,501	54,192	81,634
	54.9%	51.4%	51.6%	42.8%	53.6%	54.9%	54.6%	46.2%
Population under 18	544,594	696,397	645,189	95,359	228,947	171,312	19,652	42,584
	26.1%	18.8%	28.2%	33.7%	29.2%	30%	19.8%	24.1%
Population between 18 & 44	817,934	1,455,767	983,799	161,007	294,808	236,411	40,296	88,172
	39.2%	39.3%	38%	56.9%	37.6%	41.4%	40.6%	49.9%
Population between 45 & 64	500,776	948,286	473,596	22,920	179,551	121,632	29,577	34,279
	24%	35.6%	20.7%	8.1%	22.9%	21.3%	29.8%	19.4%
Population over 65	223,263	603,792	187,608	3,962	81,543	41,686	9,726	11,662
	10.7%	16.3%	8.2%	1.4%	10.4%	7.3%	9.8%	6.6%
Average Household Size	2.80	2.37	3.10	4.43	2.67	3.41	2.78	3.73
Total Married	460,575	1,377,043	623,923	87,181	166,331	146,409	37,638	67,172
Total Separated	28%	44.2%	35.6%	43.9%	27.9%	33.9%	45.2%	48.1%
	93,760	77,887	110,413	7,546	37,559	36,278	5,579	7,820
Total Divorced	5.7%	2.5%	6.3%	3.8%	6.3%	8.4%	6.7%	5.6%
	146,397	258,585	166,496	4,965	66,175	48,803	9,243	10,893
Population 25 & older without HS Diploma	8.9%	8.3%	9.5%	2.5%	11.1%	11.3%	11.1%	7.8%
	278,469	406,460	525,261	77,015	174,056	141,607	16,948	46,442
Population 25 & Older with BA degree	21.2%	15.1%	37.8%	51.8%	36.4%	43.1%	23.8%	40.8%
	176,013	632,570	136,179	8,921	39,210	30,884	10,326	9,220
Foreign Born Population	13.4%	23.5%	9.8%	6%	8.2%	9.4%	14.5%	8.1%
	672,741	1,024,278	948,532	175,516	8,918	349,927	69,484	124,326
Speak English less than very well	32.2%	27.7%	41.5%	62%	1.1%	61.3%	70%	70.4%
	127,979	686,419	898,312	165,853	157,870	277,772	50,131	100,972
Population over 16 in Workforce	6.6%	19.7%	42.9%	66.9%	21.9%	52.9%	53.9%	63.1%
	999,952	1,918,202	1,067,666	140,644	309,620	265,996	57,743	97,842
	62%	62.3%	62.2%	71.9%	53.2%	63.2%	70.4%	71%

Unemployed	104,834	101,606	96,124	7,042	34,338	28,620	3,937	6,339
	6.5%	3.3%	5.6%	3.6%	5.9%	6.8%	4.8%	4.6%
Management Occupations	254,580	856,433	189,245	12,135	73,420	34,874	11,872	9,869
	28.5%	47.2%	19.5%	9.1%	26.7%	14.7%	22.1%	10.8%
Sales, Service & Office Occupations	501,121	714,904	542,503	74,809	158,390	139,969	29,008	42,308
	56.1%	39.4%	55.9%	56.1%	57.6%	52%	54%	46.3%
Manufacturing Occupations	22,332	78,023	60,170	10,401	11,274	15,658	3,438	9,229
	2.5%	4.3%	6.2%	7.8%	4.1%	6.6%	6.4%	10.1%
Median Household Income	\$40,244	\$63,255	\$34,954	\$38,360	\$30,748	\$28,987	\$46,503	\$43,690
Per Capita Income	\$20,004	\$43,757	\$16,609	\$13,430	\$17,017	\$13,031	\$21,506	\$16,738
Living Below Poverty Line	448,612	496,369	617,734	88,568	243,060	173,025	13,300	31,982
	21.5%	13.4%	27%	31.3	31%	30.3%	13.4%	18.1%
Owner Occupied Housing	200,064	630,786	120,533	4,097	48,184	18,318	7,890	11,486
	27.8%	40.8%	16.9%	6.7%	17.5%	10.9%	22.7%	23.2%
Renter Occupied Housing	519,592	915,259	592,679	57,046	227,154	149,735	26,689	38,023
	72.2%	59.2%	83.1%	93.3%	82.5%	89.1%	77.3%	76.8%
Homes without an automobile	409,484	791,575	451,463	48,242	175,666	110,747	17,449	26,091
	56.9%	51.2%	63.3%	78.9%	63.8%	65.9%	50.2%	52.7%

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