

Latinos in New York: 2000-2007

From 2000 to 2007 the Latino population of New York State grew in numbers by 255,818 residents or 8.97% according to U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey estimates. In contrast, the white population of New York State decreased in numbers by 76,084 residents. African American numbers also went down by 9,755. Currently, Latinos are 16.2% of the state's population compared to 66.5% for whites and 15.6% for African Americans.

Traditionally, Latinos have concentrated in New York City. That continues to be the case. New York City counts 2,259,069 Latinos or 27.4% of the total population, compared to 3,635,149 whites (44.1%) and 2,078,751 African Americans (25.2%). While the number of Latinos in New York City increased from 2000 to 2007, population growth in the city accounts for only 4.3% of the total state increase. Latinos in New York City are 72.2% of Latinos in the state but New York City is not the area of most significant growth.

The counties where growth was most dramatic between 2000 and 2007, however, have small Latino concentrations. The exception is

Orange County with 57,147 Latinos, up 44% since 2000 when the Census counted only 39,738 Latino residents. Elsewhere the numbers are small despite dramatic percentage point increases: Putnam County grew by 62% but the total number of Latinos in 2007 is only 9,680; next is Seneca County with a 53% increase that amounts to 1,005 Latinos; Saratoga County grew in the number of Latinos by 48% but the total is only 4,182 residents.

The highest concentrations of Latinos outside of New York City continue to be in Westchester and Suffolk Counties with 175,405 and 188,756 Latinos respectively. In Westchester County the Latino population increased by 22% from 2000 to 2007 and in Suffolk County it did so by 26%.

The Census Bureau's American Community Survey for 2005-2007 provides estimates of the Latino population in New York State by country of origin for only 13 counties. These counties account for 95.2% of the Latino population in the state and they include the five New York City counties which comprise 75.8% of Latinos in the 13 counties surveyed. The results offer few surprises. In Bronx



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County, Puerto Ricans continue to be the demographically dominant group but they are only a plurality rather than a majority of Latinos at 46% of the total. Dominicans are 31% of Latinos and Mexicans are only 9%. At 1% of Latinos, Cubans are barely present in the Bronx and their total number is very small. In Brooklyn Puerto Ricans are 41% of Latinos; in Manhattan they are second to Dominicans at 29 and 41% of Latinos respectively; in Queens they are only

19% of Latinos. In Staten Island their numbers are comparatively low but they are 50% of Latinos. In 2007, Puerto Ricans were the majority Latino group only in Erie (70%) and Monroe (75%) counties. Overall, Puerto Ricans are estimated to be 34% of Latinos in the 13 counties surveyed compared to 21% for Dominicans, 16% for South Americans, 12% for Mexicans, 9% for Central Americans, and 2% for Cubans.

Table 1: Latinos in New York State by County, 2000-2007

NEW YORK STATE	2000 POP.	2005-2007 POP.	% CHANGE
Whites	12,893,689	12,817,605	-0.5%
African Americans	3,014,385	3,004,630	-0.3%
Latinos	2,867,583	3,126,718	9%
NEW YORK CITY	2000 POP.	2005-2007 POP.	% CHANGE
Whites	3,576,385	3,635,149	1.64%
African Americans	2,129,762	2,078,751	-2.3%
Latinos	2,160,554	2,259,069	4.5%
COUNTY	2000 POP.	2005-2007 POP.	% CHANGE
Albany County	9,079	11,251	23.92%
Allegany County	454	565	24.45%
Bronx County	644,705	695,149	7.82%
Broome County	3,986	4,793	20.25%
Cayuga County	1,611	1,720	6.77%
Chautauqua County	5,901	6,311	6.95%
Chemung County	1,609	1,796	11.62%
Clinton County	1,964	2,175	10.74%
Columbia County	1,598	1,913	19.71%
Delaware County	983	1,265	28.69%
Dutchess County	18,060	24,815	37.40%
Erie County	31,054	33,587	8.16%
Essex County	851	897	5.41%
Franklin County	2,053	2,070	0.83%
Fulton County	884	1,197	35.41%
Jefferson County	4,677	5,026	7.46%

Table 1: Latinos in New York State by County, 2000-2007 (continued)

COUNTY	2000 POP.	2005-2007 POP.	% CHANGE
Kings County	487,878	494,525	1.36%
Livingston County	1,459	1,537	5.35%
Madison County	734	945	28.75%
Monroe County	39,065	41,703	6.75%
Nassau County	133,282	158,690	19.06%
New York County	417,816	404,767	-3.12%
Niagara County	2,913	3,441	18.13%
Oneida County	7,545	8,684	15.10%
Onondaga County	11,175	12,936	15.76%
Ontario County	2,149	2,811	30.81%
Orange County	39,738	57,147	43.81%
Oswego County	1,592	1,879	18.03%
Putnam County	5,976	9,680	61.98%
Queens County	556,605	594,245	6.76%
Rensselaer County	3,225	4,183	29.71%
Richmond County	53,550	70,383	31.43%
Rockland County	29,182	37,507	28.53%
St. Lawrence County	2,008	2,066	2.89%
Saratoga County	2,834	4,182	47.57%
Schenectady County	4,639	6,279	35.35%
Seneca County	659	1,005	52.50%
Steuben County	796	1,026	28.89%
Suffolk County	149,411	188,756	26.33%
Sullivan County	6,839	8,528	24.70%
Tompkins County	2,968	3,887	30.96%
Ulster County	10,941	13,006	18.87%
Washington County	1,232	1,423	15.50%
Wayne County	2,263	2,729	20.59%
Westchester County	144,124	175,405	21.70%
TOTAL: NEW YORK STATE	2,852,067	3,107,885	8.97%

Table 2: Latinos in New York State by Country of Origin, 2005-2007

COUNTY	TOTAL			PR	%	CUBAN	%	DOM	%	CENT		SO	
	LATINO	MEXICAN	%							AMER	%	AMER	%
Bronx County	695,149	61,593	9%	319,455	46%	8,575	1%	213,859	31%	30,491	4%	35,502	5%
Dutchess County	24,815	6,881	28%	9,875	40%	659	3%	1,389	6%	950	4%	2,964	12%
Erie County	33,587	3,417	10%	23,529	70%	953	3%	996	3%	370	1%	1,545	5%
Kings County	494,525	82,404	17%	202,689	41%	6,545	1%	83,780	17%	41,760	8%	52,355	11%
Monroe County	41,703	2,670	6%	31,111	75%	1,477	4%	1,674	4%	1,178	3%	1,663	4%
Nassau County	158,690	9,133	6%	22,677	14%	6,463	4%	19,655	12%	52,749	33%	31,610	20%
New York County	404,767	35,775	9%	117,163	29%	12,523	3%	167,820	41%	12,822	3%	36,383	9%
Orange County	57,147	16,372	29%	23,846	42%	967	2%	3,048	5%	3,820	7%	6,490	11%
Queens County	594,245	72,108	12%	111,110	19%	13,456	2%	84,952	14%	51,039	9%	225,193	38%
Richmond County	70,383	14,331	20%	35,432	50%	1,995	3%	3,569	5%	3,133	4%	6,068	9%
Rockland County	37,507	4,824	13%	11,105	30%	1,140	3%	5,824	16%	7,179	19%	4,691	13%
Suffolk County	188,756	10,036	5%	53,098	28%	3,169	2%	16,714	9%	55,017	29%	35,667	19%
Westchester County	175,405	32,174	18%	41,597	24%	4,943	3%	19,523	11%	20,959	12%	46,894	27%
TOTAL	2,976,679	351,718	12%	1,002,687	34%	62,865	2%	622,803	21%	281,467	9%	487,025	16%