

Citizenship and Civic Participation
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6.A: Number and percentages of Mexicans by status

Table 1: U.S. Citizenship for Mexicans and Other Racial/Ethnic Groups in Chicago, 2000 (Decennial Census), 2008-2012, and 2018-2022 (ACS 5-year Estimates)

Race/Ethnicity	Citizen Rate			
	2000	2008-2012	2018-2022	Change from 2000 to 2018-2022
Mexican	14.0%	12.9%	15.6%	1.6%
Other Latinos	12.6%	12.7%	14.7%	2.1%
White (non-Hispanic or Latino)	9.0%	9.2%	8.6%	-0.4%
Black (non-Hispanic or Latino)	1.1%	1.4%	2.4%	1.3%
Other (non-Hispanic or Latino)	29.9%	31.1%	29.8%	-0.1%

Data Source: IPUMS USA, University of Minnesota, www.ipums.org (2000 Decennial Census, 2008-2012, and 2018-2022 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates). Tabulations by Great Cities Institute.

6B: Illinois Voting

Table 2: Population, Percent Registered to Vote, and Percent Voted for Hispanics by State for the 2020 Presidential Election

State	Citizens Aged 18 and Older				
	Number	Registered to Vote	% Voted	Rank for % Registered	Rank for % Voted
New Jersey	996,000	82.0	72.1	1	1
Michigan	302,000	74.7	67.9	2	2
Connecticut	347,000	67.8	56.4	3	5
Arizona	1,340,000	66.8	60.8	4	3
Virginia	425,000	63.8	51.3	5	11
Texas	5,599,000	63.2	53.1	6	9
New York	1,608,000	61.6	54.9	7	6
Pennsylvania	497,000	61.4	54.3	8	7
Washington	485,000	61.0	53.7	9	8
Massachusetts	449,000	60.4	50.7	10	13
Colorado	618,000	60.5	51.1	11	12
California	8,305,000	60.4	60.8	12	3
New Mexico	539,000	59.9	45.6	13	16
Florida	3,394,000	58.7	52.7	14	10
North Carolina	492,000	54.3	48.8	15	14
Illinois	1,016,000	52.4	46.8	16	15
Georgia	403,000	47.6	44.2	17	17

Data source: U.S. Census Bureau, 'Voting and Registration in Election of November 2020,' Table 4a 'Voting and Registration By States,' GCI tabulation of states with more than 300,000 Latino citizens over age 18.

6C: Chicago Voting

Table 3: Estimates of Voter Turnout and Percent of Adult Population That Voted in 2023 Chicago Mayoral Race

	Hispanic or Latino	Black (non-Hispanic or Latino)	White (non-Hispanic or Latino)	Total
Percent registered voter turnout	20.5%	29.0%	61.1%	38.7%
Percent of population aged 18 and over that voted	11.3%	24.5%	52.7%	28.0%

Data Source: Chicago's 2023 Mayoral Race: A Progressive Victory Amidst Shocking Low Turnout by Black and Latino Voters (Calculations from Chicago Board of Election Commissioners 2023 Municipal Runoff Election Results and 2020 U.S. Census.)

6D: Mexican and Hispanic/Latino Representation in the Illinois Legislature, 2024

Table 4: Mexican and Hispanic/Latino Representation in the Illinois Legislature, 2024

Body	Members	Mexicans	Other Hispanic or Latino	Percent Hispanic or Latino
Senate	59	4	2	10.2%
House	118	8	4	10.2%

Data Source: Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus Foundation. Tabulation by Great Cities Institute