01. Latinos are the second-largest racial and ethnic group in New York at 19% of the population, compared to 18% of the national share of Latinos. Since 2000, Latinos have grown the fastest compared to other major racial groups.

02. Latinos in New York are young. With a median age of 32, New York Latinos are the youngest among major racial groups and significantly younger than the average New Yorker (38). Roughly 17% of Latinos in New York are children ages 10 and under, compared to 14% of the state overall.

03. New York Latinos are diverse. While Latinos of Puerto Rican descent are the single largest group of Latinos (29%), no one descent group forms a majority (Figure 1). Dominicans (23%) and South Americans (16%) are the second- and third-largest groups respectively, while Guatemalans have grown the fastest since 2000. In contrast, U.S. Latinos are majority Mexican (62%).

Figure 1: New York Latino Population by Descent Group, 2019

Per cent of Total New York Latino Population

- Puerto Rican: 1.1M (29%)
- Dominican: 851K (23%)
- South American: 600K (16%)
- Mexican: 474K (13%)
- Other: 200K (5%)
- Salvadoran: 184K (5%)
- Guatemalan: 95K (3%)
- Honduran: 92K (2%)
- Cuban: 76K (2%)
- Other Central Americans: 65K (2%)

04. Almost a fifth of New York Latinos have completed a college degree or more (19%), 3 percentage points higher than the Latino national rate (16%). However, fewer Latinos have completed a bachelor’s degree compared to New Yorkers overall (37%).

05. Latinas have higher levels of education than Latino men. 21.2% of New Yorker Latinas completed a bachelor’s degree or higher, compared to just 17.3% of Latino men (Figure 2). Latino men have the lowest college completion rates among major racial groups in New York.

Figure 2: New York Population with a Bachelor’s Degree or Higher by Race, Ethnicity, and Gender, 2019

06. **Latino men have the highest labor force participation rate among men (Figure 3).** 73% of Latino men participate in the workforce, compared to 70% of white men. Latinas have the third-highest labor force participation rate among women (60%), following Black women (61.4%) and white women (59.7%).

![Figure 3: New York Labor Force Participation Rates by Race, Ethnicity, and Gender, 2019](image)


07. **Despite their high propensity to work, median household incomes for Latinos in New York are only $48,600, almost $19,000 less than the state median ($68,000).** Further, 29% of Latino households use the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) — the most of any group.
Almost half of Latinos in New York live in poverty or low-income conditions (Figure 4), a significantly higher rate than the state poverty and low-income rates (29.6%). Non-citizen Latinos are especially vulnerable—over half live below the poverty line or in low-income conditions (57%).

**Figure 4: Household Poverty in New York by Race and Ethnicity, 2019**


Note: Race and ethnicity reflect the background of the head of household.

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Latino children are more likely to live in poverty than other children in New York. 30% of Latino children live under the poverty line, and another 26% live in low-income conditions — a significantly higher rate than the state poverty and low-income rates for all children (20% and 19% respectively).
10. **Only a quarter of Latinos in New York own their home, the lowest of all major racial and ethnic groups (Figure 5), less than the state (54%) and U.S. Latino homeownership rates (47%). Among the various Latino descent groups, Cuban New Yorkers are the most likely to own their homes (43%).**

**Figure 5: Homeownership Rates in New York by Race and Ethnicity, 2019**

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11. **Despite low homeownership rates, Latino median home values in New York are well above the state average.** In 2019, Latinos’ median home values were $385,000 — $85,000 more than the state median ($300,000).

12. **Over half of New York Latinos (58%) are housing cost-burdened** — meaning they spend more than 30% of their incomes on housing—a higher rate than the New York average (52%) and Latinos nationally (55%).

13. **Latinos, especially Latino children, are very likely to live in overcrowded households.** Twelve percent of Latino households and 32% of Latino children in New York are in overcrowded conditions, the second-highest rates (respectively) among major racial and ethnic groups.
14. **More than one in ten Latinos in New York is uninsured (11%)**, almost double the state uninsured rate (6%), but lower than Latinos nationally (19%). Among Latino groups, more than a third of noncitizen Latinos are uninsured (34%). However, few Latino children are uninsured (2%), which is in line with the state uninsured rate for children (2%).

15. **In 2019, 42% of Latinos and 61% of Latino children in New York were covered by Medicaid.** Both Latinos overall and Latino children are more likely to be covered by Medicaid compared to the state average (26% for all New Yorkers and 42% for children).