The Latino population in Illinois is the state’s fastest growing population, increasing by nearly 700,000 or 45% from 2000 to 2020 while the state’s total population grew just 1%. 2000 and 2020 Decennial Census, U.S. Census Bureau.

Illinois’ Latino GDP is over $100 billion, larger than the entire economic output of the state of Hawaii, New Hampshire, or Idaho.


The largest component of Illinois’ Latino GDP is personal consumption. Latino consumption totaled more than $75 billion in Illinois.


The homeownership rate for Latinos in 2022 in Illinois was 59%, 8 percentage points higher than for Latinos in the U.S. 2022 American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau.

Latinos participated in the workforce at 79% in 2022, the highest rate among all racial and ethnic groups in Illinois. 2022 American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau.

Workers categorized as “essential” and “high-risk” are disproportionately Hispanic/Latino. In the Chicago metropolitan area, 74% of foreign-born Latinos worked in occupations that were deemed “essential” compared to 62% of White (non-Hispanic or Latino) workers.


In the Chicago metropolitan area, about 50% of Latinos, both US and foreign-born, worked in high-risk occupations compared to 43% of white (non-Hispanic or Latino) workers.

- Latino households with in-person workers were also more likely than White households to have multiple adult generations living within the household. 38 percent of Latino households with an in-person, close-proximity worker had multiple generations, compared to 24 percent of white households and 28 percent of households overall.

Table 1: Estimates of percent vote for Brandon Johnson, voter turnout, and the percent of adult population that voted

Percent Vote for Brandon Johnson
- Hispanic or Latino: 45.6%
- Black (Non-Hispanic or Latino): 34.0%
- White (Non-Hispanic or Latino): 52.0%
- Citywide Total: 88.0%

Percent Registered Voter Turnout
- Hispanic or Latino: 20.5%
- Black (Non-Hispanic or Latino): 29.0%
- White (Non-Hispanic or Latino): 38.7%
- Citywide Total: 61.1%

Percent of the Population Aged 18 and Over that Voted
- Hispanic or Latino: 11.3%
- Black (Non-Hispanic or Latino): 24.5%
- White (Non-Hispanic or Latino): 28.0%
- Citywide Total: 52.7%

Data Sources: Authors’ analysis of Chicago Board of Election Commissioners 2023 Municipal Runoff Election Results and 2020 U.S. Census data