

Latino Community in Illinois

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LATINOS ARE ILLINOIS' FASTEST
GROWING POPULATION AND
CONTRIBUTE MORE THAN \$100
BILLION TO THE STATE'S GDP.

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.

Hamilton, Dan, Matthew Fienup, David Hayes-Bautista, and Paul Hsu. 2022. "2022 Metro Latino GDP Report Chicago - Naperville - Elgin." California Lutheran University, UCLA Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture.

The largest component of Illinois' Latino GDP is personal consumption.

Latino consumption totaled more than **\$75 billion** in Illinois.

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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.

Schnake-Mahl, Alina S., Mariana Lazo, Kristina Dureja, Nahian Ehtesham, and Usama Bilal. 2021. "Racial and Ethnic Inequities in Occupational Exposure across and between US Cities." SSM - Population Health 16 (November): 100959. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssmph.2021.100959>

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.

Dubay, Lisa, Joshua Aarons, K. Steven Brown, and Genevieve M. Kenney. 2020. "How Risk of Exposure to the Coronavirus at Work Varies by Race and Ethnicity and How to Protect the Health and Well-Being of Workers and Their Families." The Urban Institute.

We are a growing community and
have saved the Chicago economy.



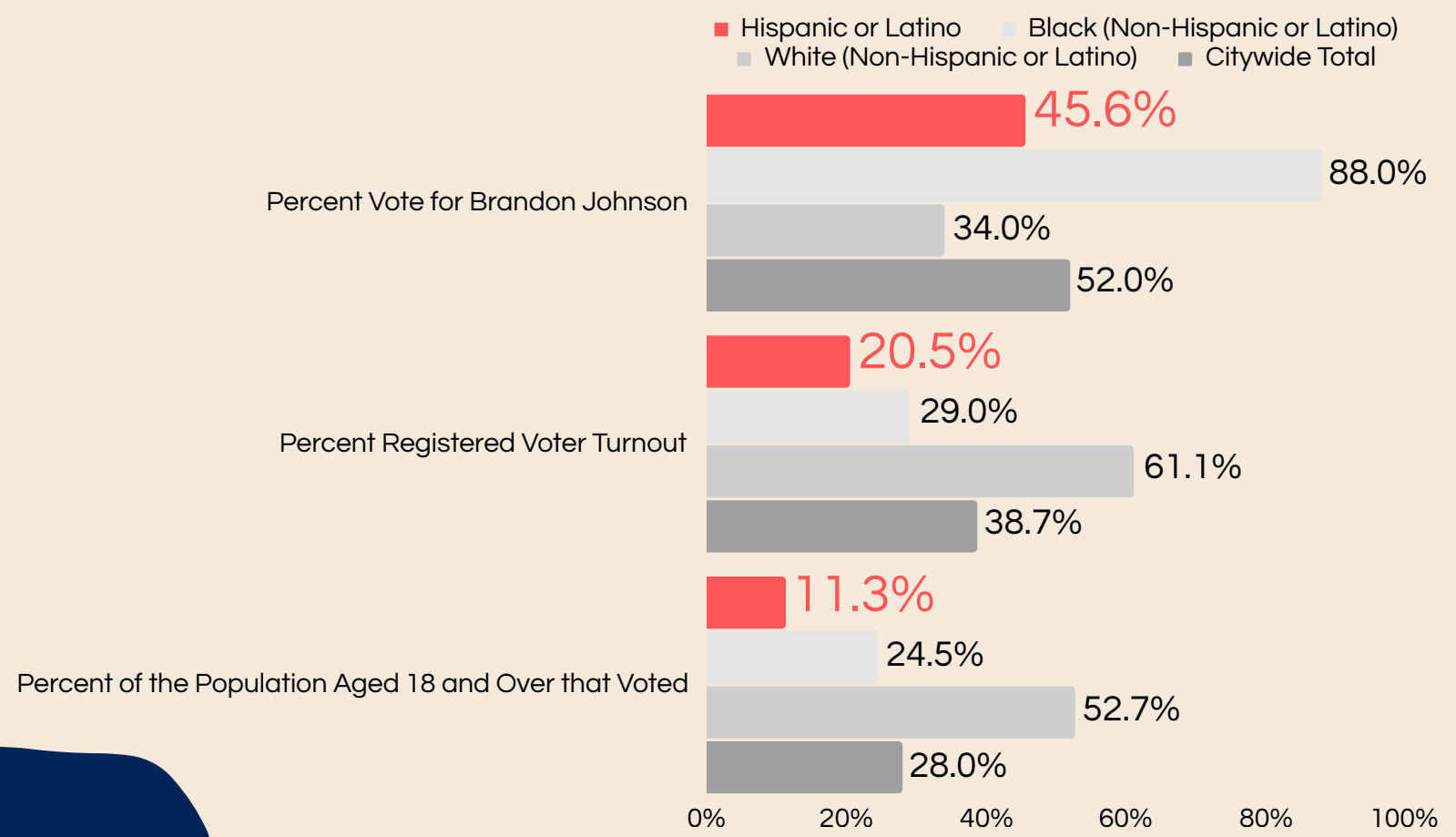
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RECENT MAYORAL ELECTION INVOLVEMENT BY THE LATINO COMMUNITY



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



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