

Latinos Left Behind



Latinos account for 15% of the United States population with an estimated 45.5 million people identifying themselves as being of Latino origin.

Latinos nationwide are more likely than any of their neighbors to go without health insurance. Only 43% of Latinos nationwide have employer-based health insurance, compared with 68% of whites.

Of the uninsured in the United States:

35% are Latino

15 % are black

Less than 10% are white

Latinos account for 40% of Connecticut's uninsured.

Connecticut is one of 20 states in which Latinos make up the largest ethnic minority group.

11.2% of Connecticut's population is Latino

10.2% is black

84.6% is white

Latinos are twice as likely as their white neighbors to be unemployed. As of Dec. 2008 the unemployment rate in Connecticut was:

8.8 % for blacks

8.5 % for Latinos

3.5 % for whites

Latinos have the lowest per capita income of any group in Connecticut.

Latinos \$18,126

blacks \$19,528

Asians \$35,173

whites \$38,277

In Connecticut, **almost one in four Latino adults lives in poverty** -- a rate higher than the national average.

21.5 % of Latinos nationwide live in poverty

In Connecticut:

23% of Latinos live in poverty

19 % of blacks live in poverty

8 % of Asians live in poverty

5 % of whites live in poverty

Connecticut Latinos are likely to be less educated than their neighbors.

32 % of Connecticut Latinos have less than a high school diploma compared with:

19 % of blacks

11 % of Asians

9 % of whites

Sources: U.S. Census 2005, 2006, 2007; CT Voices for Children

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