

# WHO IS THE MAJORITY?

## A SIZABLE MAJORITY

### LATINO STUDENTS ARE THE MAJORITY OF CALIFORNIA'S K-12 STUDENTS

**1.3 MILLION** Latino children under the age of 5 live in California.

**3.3 MILLION** Latino students attend California's K-12 public schools—more than every other state's total student population except that of Texas.

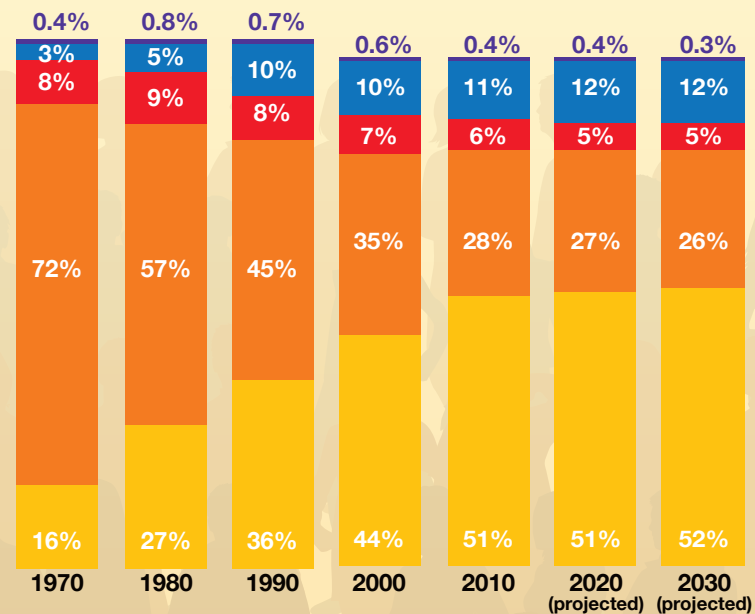
**1 MILLION** Latino students comprise 35 percent of California's higher education student population.

Sources: California Department of Education, 2017; National Center for Education Statistics, 2017.

## A RAPIDLY GROWING MAJORITY

The Latino population was California's fastest growing ethnic group over the last fifty years. In 2014, the Latino population under age 20 grew to over 50 percent of the population for the first time.

### LATINO YOUTH MAKE UP MORE THAN HALF OF CALIFORNIA'S POPULATION UNDER THE AGE OF 20



Legend: White, Latino, Black, Asian/Pacific Islander, Native American

California Population under the Age of 20, by Ethnicity (1970 to 2030)

Source for 1970 – 2000 data is U.S. Census.

Source for 2010 – 2030 data is California Department of Finance.

## A GEOGRAPHICALLY DIVERSE MAJORITY

### THE UNDER-25 POPULATION IN ALMOST ONE-THIRD OF CALIFORNIA'S COUNTIES IS MAJORITY-LATINO

Across Bay Area counties, about **ONE IN THREE** people under age 25 is Latino.

Across seven Central Valley and Coastal counties, **MORE THAN TWO IN THREE** people under age 25 are Latino.

Legend: Latino population 50% or more

Percent of Youth under the Age of 25 Who Are Latino, by County (2015)

Source: United States Census Bureau, 2017.

## A CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE MAJORITY

**80 PERCENT** of California's Latino children and youth are of Mexican heritage.

**1 IN 5** Latino Californians descends from places other than Mexico, such as Puerto Rico, Honduras, Peru, Cuba, Brazil, and Spain.

**1 IN 3** Latino Californians is Spanish-English bilingual—able to navigate and contribute to their communities in both Spanish and English.

**1 IN 4** Latino Californians speaks only English.

**1 IN 3** Latino K-12 students is classified as an English learner. Several thousand of these English learners speak a language other than Spanish, such as Mixteco or Portuguese. There are more Mixteco-speaking English learners than those speaking French, German, and 47 other languages.

Sources: United States Census Bureau, 2017; California Department of Education, 2017.

## A NATIVE-BORN MAJORITY

Almost all **[95 PERCENT]** of California's Latino youth under 18 were born in the United States. These young people may be second-, third-, or a later generation. Among the five percent of Latino youth who are foreign-born, even fewer are undocumented, meaning they lack the authorization to live or work in the United States.

Source: United States Census Bureau

**TWO-THIRDS** of the state's Latino youth are concentrated in southern California.

**OVER 2 MILLION** Latino youth under the age of 25 live in Los Angeles County alone.