



2008 General Election Profile

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This publication is the final in a series of *Election Profiles* that the NALEO Educational Fund has published throughout the 2008 election season. The *Profile* provides a state-by-state analysis of federal and state races involving Latino candidates, and focuses on the composition of the Latino Congressional and state legislative delegations after the November 2008 elections.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Latino candidates continue to reach new milestones in Congress and state houses across the nation. In State Senates, Latinos are also demonstrating significant political progress in communities with emerging Latino populations.

Latinos in Congress: In the U.S. House, all Latino incumbents won their re-election campaigns. They will be joined by New Mexico Public Regulation Commissioner Ben R. Lujan (D), who will become the first Latino to represent New Mexico in Congress since Governor Bill Richardson (D), whose tenure in Congress ended a decade ago. With Lujan's election, there will be 24 Latinos serving as voting members in the U.S. House of Representatives. None of the Latino U.S. Senators were up for re-election in 2008.

Latinos in State Senates: Latinos saw a net gain of 5 seats, increasing the total from 61 to 66 nationwide. Wyoming has gained its first Latino State Senator, with the victory of State Representative Floyd Esquibel (D) in District 8. In Tennessee, State Representative Dolores Gresham (R) won her election bid, and will become the first Latina in the Tennessee State Senate. In Massachusetts, community activist Sonia Chang-Diaz (D) will become the first Latina elected to the Massachusetts State Senate, and the second Latino to have ever served in that legislative body. In Utah, Luz Robles (D) will become the second Latino to serve in Utah's State Senate.

Latinos in state lower houses: In state lower houses, there was a modest decrease in the total number of Latinos from 190 to 177. This is due in part to the departure of Latino State Representatives who were seeking higher office, and four sitting State Representatives emerged victorious in their State Senate contests.

On pages 21-24, the *Profile* sets forth tables which include the number of Latino candidates for federal and state legislative offices, and the Latino electoral gains for each state.

ARIZONA

FEDERAL CONTESTS

U.S. House of Representatives

Incumbent Democrats Ed Pastor and Raul Grijalva won re-election and will return to the U.S. House of Representatives.

STATE CONTESTS

Arizona State Senate

Four of Arizona's incumbent State Senators were successful in their contests: Democrats Amanda Aguirre, Jorge Garcia, Richard Miranda, and Rebecca Rios. They will be joined by Democrats Linda Lopez, and Manny Alvarez, both of whom previously served as State Representatives.

Arizona House of Representatives

All seven Latino incumbents- Democrats Olivia Cajero Bedford, Steve M. Gallardo, Martha Garcia, David M. Lujan, Robert Meza, Ben R. Miranda and Kyrsten Sinema - were victorious in their re-election bids. They will be joined by Republican Steve Montenegro representing District 12.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVES

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	2	-	-	-	2
Female	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2	-	-	-	2

STATE SENATORS

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	2	1	-	-	3
Female	2	1	-	-	3
Total	4	2	-	-	6

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	4	-	-	1	5
Female	3	-	-	-	3
Total	7	-	-	-	8

CALIFORNIA

FEDERAL CONTESTS

U.S. House of Representatives

All seven of California's incumbent Latino U.S. Representatives won re-election: Democrats Joe Baca, Xavier Becerra, Grace Flores Napolitano, Lucille Roybal-Allard, Linda Sánchez, Loretta Sánchez, and Hilda Solis¹.

STATE CONTESTS

California State Senate

Of the 10 current Latino State Senators, only Republican Abel Maldonado was up for re-election and he will return to the Senate for another term.

California State Assembly

Fourteen of California's 18 Latino incumbent State Assemblymembers, have been re-elected: Juan Arambula, Anna Caballero, Charles Calderon, Joe Coto, Hector De La Torre, Kevin DeLeon, Felipe Fuentes, Edward Hernandez, Tony Mendoza, Pedro Nava, Mary Salas, Lori Saldaña, Jose Solorio and Alberto Torrico. All are Democrats.

Three other Latinos will join the California Assembly. Union organizer John Perez (D) won in District 46. Pomona mayor Norma Torres (D) is the new State Assemblymember for District 61. In District 80, Coachella school board trustee Manuel Perez (D) emerged victorious.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVES

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	2	-	-	-	2
Female	5	-	-	-	5
Total	7	-	-	-	7

STATE SENATORS

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	5	-	1	-	6
Female	4	-	-	-	4
Total	9	-	1	-	10

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	11	2	-	-	13
Female	3	1	-	-	4
Total	14	3	-	-	17

¹At publication time, President-elect Barack Obama had announced his intention to nominate U.S. Representative Hilda Solis to be Secretary of Labor.

COLORADO

FEDERAL CONTESTS

U.S. Congress

Colorado's Latino incumbent U.S. Representative John Salazar (D) has succeeded in his attaining his third term.

U.S. Senator Ken Salazar (D) was not up for re-election. However at publication President-elect Barack Obama announced his intention to nominate Senator Salazar to be Secretary of the Interior.

STATE CONTESTS

Colorado State Senate

Both of Colorado's Latino State Senators, Democrats Abel Tapia and Paula E. Sandoval, were not up for re-election this year.

Colorado House of Representatives

Incumbent Edward Casso (D) will return to represent District 32.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVES

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	1	-	-	-	1
Female	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	-	-	-	1

STATE SENATORS

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	1	-	-	-	1
Female	1	-	-	-	1
Total	2	-	-	-	2

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	1	-	-	-	1
Female	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	-	-	-	1

CONNECTICUT

STATE CONTESTS

Connecticut House of Representatives

All five Latino state incumbents seeking re-election won their bids for another term in the Connecticut State House of Representatives: Democrats David Aldarondo, Andres Ayala, Jr., Juan Candelaria, Kelvin Roldan, and Minnie Gonzalez. They will be joined in the State House by Police officer Hector Luis Robles (D) representing District 6; Bridgeport City Councilmember Ezequiel Santiago (D) who was victorious in District 130; and Trinity College's community relations director, Jason Rojas (D) representing District 9.

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	4	3	-	-	7
Female	1	-	-	-	1
Total	5	3	-	-	8

DELAWARE

STATE CONTESTS

Delaware House of Representatives

Delaware's only Latino serving in the state legislature, Joseph Miro (R) will return to the Delaware State House of Representatives.

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	-	-	1	-	1
Female	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	1	-	1

FLORIDA

FEDERAL CONTESTS

U.S. Congress

All three of Florida's incumbent Latino U.S. Representatives - Republicans Lincoln Diaz-Balart, Mario Diaz-Balart, and Ileana Ros-Lehtinen - were successful in their re-election bids. U.S. Senator Mel Martinez (R) was not up for re-election.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVES

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	-	-	2	-	2
Female	-	-	1	-	1
Total	-	-	3	-	3

STATE CONTESTS

Florida State Senate

None of Florida's three incumbent Latino State Senators were up for re-election.

STATE SENATORS

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	-	-	3	-	3
Female	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	3	-	3

Florida House of Representatives

In the Florida State House races, 10 Latino incumbents were successful in their re-election bids: Republicans Anitere Flores, Eduardo Gonzalez, Marcelo Llorente, Carlos Lopez-Cantera, J.C. Planas, David Rivera, Julio Robaina, and Juan Zapata and Democrats Luis Garcia, Jr and Darren Soto. Public policy advisor Erik Fresen (R) and Hialeah City Council President Esteban Bovo (R) are joining the incumbents.

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	2	-	7	2	11
Female	-	-	1	-	1
Total	2	-	8	2	12

GEORGIA

STATE CONTESTS

Georgia House of Representatives

All three of Georgia's current Latino State Representatives won their re-election bids and will return to the Georgia State House - Republicans David Casas and Tony Sellier, and Democrat Pedro Marin.

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	1	-	2	-	3
Female	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	-	2	-	3

IDAHO

STATE CONTESTS

Idaho House of Representatives

Idaho's only Latino State Representative, Republican Raul Labrador, was re-elected for his second term this November.

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	-	-	1	-	1
Female	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	1	-	1

ILLINOIS

FEDERAL CONTESTS

U.S. House of Representatives

Illinois' incumbent Democrat U.S. Representative Luis Gutierrez won his bid for re-election and will return to Washington for another term.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVES

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	1	-	-	-	1
Female	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	-	-	-	1

STATE CONTESTS

Illinois State Senate

Three of Illinois' Latino State Senators were up for re-election and will return to Springfield for another term: Democrats William Delgado, Iris Martinez and Martin Sandoval. Incumbent Democrat State Senator Antonio Muñoz (D) was not up for re-election this year, and will continue to serve his current term.

STATE SENATORS

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	3	-	-	-	3
Female	1	-	-	-	1
Total	4	-	-	-	4

ILLINOIS CONTINUED

Illinois House of Representatives

All eight of Illinois' incumbent Latino State Representatives won their re-election bids: Democrats Edward Acevedo, Luis Arroyo, Maria Antonia Berrios, Linda Chapa LaVia, Fred Crespo, Elizabeth Hernandez, Susana Mendoza, and Cynthia Soto.

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	3	-	-	-	3
Female	5	-	-	-	5
Total	8	-	-	-	8

INDIANA

STATE CONTESTS

Indiana House of Representatives

Indiana's only Latino state legislator, Mara Candelaria-Reardon (D), won her bid for re-election in District 12.

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	-	-	-	-	-
Female	1	-	-	-	1
Total	1	-	-	-	1

KANSAS

STATE CONTESTS

Kansas House of Representatives

All of Kansas' four incumbent Latino State Representatives have won their re-election bids: Delia Garcia (D), Mario Goico (R), Louis Ruiz (D) and Tom Sawyer (D).

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	2	-	1	-	3
Female	1	-	-	-	1
Total	3	-	1	-	4

MARYLAND

STATE CONTESTS

Maryland State Senate

Latino incumbent State Senator Alex Mooney (R) was not up for re-election this year and will continue his term.

Maryland House of Representatives

None of Maryland's three incumbent Latino state representatives were up for re-election this year.

STATE SENATORS

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	-	-	1	-	1
Female	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	1	-	1

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	1	-	-	-	1
Female	2	-	-	-	2
Total	3	-	-	-	3

MASSACHUSETTS

STATE CONTESTS

Massachusetts State Senate

Massachusetts gained its first Latina State Senator in November, when Sonia Chang-Diaz (D) emerged victorious in an open seat contest in the Second Suffolk District.

Massachusetts House of Representatives

All four of Massachusetts' incumbent Latino state representatives will return to the State House for another term: Democrats Geraldo Alicea, Cheryl Coakley-Rivera, William Lantigua and Jeffrey Sanchez.

STATE SENATORS

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	-	-	-	-	-
Female	-	1	-	-	1
Total	-	1	-	-	1

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	3	-	-	-	3
Female	1	-	-	-	1
Total	4	-	-	-	4

MICHIGAN

STATE CONTESTS

Michigan State Senate

Michigan's only Latino State Senator Valdemar Garcia (R) was not up for re-election this year.

Michigan House of Representatives

Michigan's two incumbent Latino State Representatives - John Espinoza (D) and Lee Gonzales (D) - won their bids for re-election.

STATE SENATORS

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	-	-	1	-	1
Female	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	1	-	1

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	2	-	-	-	2
Female	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2	-	-	-	2

MINNESOTA

STATE CONTESTS

Minnesota State Senate

Minnesota's only Latino State Senator Patricia Torres-Ray (D) was not up for re-election this year and will continue her current term.

Minnesota House of Representatives

Incumbent Latino State Representative Carlos Mariani-Rosa (D) was not up for re-election and will be returning to finish his current term.

STATE SENATORS

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	-	-	-	-	-
Female	1	-	-	-	1
Total	1	-	-	-	1

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	1	-	-	-	1
Female	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	-	-	-	1

MISSOURI

STATE CONTESTS

Missouri House of Representatives

House Majority Whip Brian Nieves (R) won his re-election bid in District 98.

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	-	-	1	-	1
Female	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	1	-	1

MONTANA

STATE CONTESTS

Montana House of Representatives

In District 86, Latino incumbent Dan Villa (D) was successful in his re-election contest.

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	1	-	-	-	1
Female	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	-	-	-	1

NEVADA

STATE CONTESTS

Nevada State Senate

Nevada's only Latino State Senator Bob Coffin (D) was not up for re-election this year and will continue his term.

STATE SENATORS

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	1	-	-	-	1
Female	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	-	-	-	1

Nevada State Assembly

All four of Nevada's Latino Assemblymembers won their re-election bid in November: Moises Denis, Ruben Kihuen, John Ocegüera, and James Ohrenschall. All are Democrats.

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	4	-	-	-	4
Female	-	-	-	-	-
Total	4	-	-	-	4

NEW HAMPSHIRE

STATE CONTESTS

New Hampshire House of Representatives

Businessman Peter Silva (R) won his bid to represent Hillsborough District 26.

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	-	-	-	1	1
Female	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	1	1

NEW JERSEY

FEDERAL CONTESTS

U.S. Congress

New Jersey's only Latino U.S. Representative, Albio Sires (D), won his bid for re-election and will return for his second term. U.S. Senator Robert Menendez (D) was not up for re-election this year.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVES

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	1	-	-	-	1
Female	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	-	-	-	1

STATE CONTESTS

New Jersey State Senate

State Senator M. Teresa Ruiz (D) was not up for re-election this year.

STATE SENATORS

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	-	-	-	-	-
Female	1	-	-	-	1
Total	1	-	-	-	1

New Jersey General Assembly

None of New Jersey's seven Latino incumbents were up for re-election this year.

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	3	-	1	-	4
Female	3	-	-	-	3
Total	6	-	1	-	7

NEW MEXICO

FEDERAL CONTESTS

U.S. House of Representatives

New Mexico Public Regulation Commissioner Ben Ray Lujan (D) won his contest to represent District 3 in the U.S. House. Lujan is New Mexico's first Latino U.S. Representative since Governor Bill Richardson (D), who served in Congress from 1983 to 1997.

STATE CONTESTS

New Mexico State Senate

Fourteen of New Mexico's Latino incumbent senators won their re-election bids: Democrats Pete Campos, Carlos Cisneros, Mary Jane Garcia, Phil Griego, Linda Lopez, Richard Martinez, Howie Morales, Cynthia Nava, Gerald Ortiz y Pino, Nancy Rodriguez, Bernadette Sanchez, Michael Sanchez, David Ulibarri, and Republican Dianna Duran. They will be joined by three new Latino senators: Eric Griego (D) who won in District 14; George Muñoz representing District 4; and State Farm insurance agent John Sapien (D) who emerged victorious in District 9.

New Mexico House of Representatives

Thirty of New Mexico's Latino incumbent representatives won their re-election bids: Democrats Elias Barela, Andrew Barreras, Jose Campos II, Joseph Cervantes, Ernest Chavez, Mary Helen Garcia, Miguel Garcia, Thomas Garcia, Robert Gonzales, Joni-Marie Gutierrez, Antonio Lujan, Ben Lujan, Patricia Lundstrom, Antonio Maestas, Rodolpho Martinez, W. Ken Martinez, Rick Miera, Andrew Nuñez, Alfred Park, Debbie Rodella, Henry Saavedra, Nick Salazar, Edward Sandoval, Jim Trujillo, Luciano Varela, Richard Vigil and Sheryl Williams-Stapleton; and Republicans Nora Espinoza, Lorenzo Larranga and Gloria Vaughn. They will be joined by Democrat Eleanor Chavez who won the District 13 seat and Eliseo Lee Alcon (D) who won the District 6 seat.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVES

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	-	1	-	-	1
Female	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	1	-	-	1

STATE SENATORS

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	8	3	-	-	11
Female	5	-	1	-	6
Total	13	3	1	-	17

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	22	1	1	-	24
Female	5	1	2	-	8
Total	27	2	3	-	32

NEW YORK

FEDERAL CONTESTS

U.S. House of Representatives

Both incumbent Latino Members of Congress - U.S. Representatives Jose E. Serrano (D) and Nydia Velasquez (D) - were victorious in their re-election bids.

STATE CONTESTS

New York State Senate

Three of New York's Latino incumbents won their State Senate races: Democrats Ruben Diaz, Sr., Martin M. Dilan, and Jose M. Serrano. Two new faces will join them: New York City Councilmember Hiram Monserrate (D) ran unopposed in District 13 and former State Senator Pedro Espada, Jr. (D) emerged victorious in District 33.

New York State Assembly

All twelve Latino incumbents won their State House races: Democrats Carmen Arroyo, Adam Clayton Powell IV, Ruben Diaz, Jr., Adriano Espaillat, Vito Lopez, Felix Ortiz, Jose R. Peralta, Phillip R. Ramos, Jose Rivera, Naomi Rivera, and Peter M. Rivera, and Republican Peter Lopez. They will be joined by Democrat Nelson Castro who was successful in his race in District 86.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVES

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	1	-	-	-	1
Female	1	-	-	-	1
Total	2	-	-	-	2

STATE SENATORS

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	3	2	-	-	5
Female	-	-	-	-	-
Total	3	2	-	-	5

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	9	1	1	-	11
Female	2	-	-	-	2
Total	11	1	1	-	13

NORTH CAROLINA

STATE CONTESTS

North Carolina State Senate

Incumbent Tom Apodaca (R) ran unopposed and will return to represent District 48.

North Carolina House of Representatives

Republican incumbent Danny McComas ran unopposed in District 19 and will serve another term in the State House.

STATE SENATORS

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	-	-	1	-	1
Female	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	1	-	1

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	-	-	1	-	1
Female	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	1	-	1

OKLAHOMA

STATE CONTESTS

Oklahoma House of Representatives

Republican Charles Ortega will become Oklahoma's first Latino State Representative when he joins the legislature to represent District 52.

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non- Inc.	Inc.	Non- Inc.	
Male	-	-	-	1	1
Female	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	1	1

OREGON

STATE CONTESTS

Oregon State House of Representatives

Oregon's only Latino State Representative Sal Esquivel (R) won his bid for re-election in District 6.

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non- Inc.	Inc.	Non- Inc.	
Male	-	-	1	-	1
Female	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	1	-	1

PENNSYLVANIA

STATE CONTESTS

Pennsylvania House of Representatives

Incumbent State Representative Angel Cruz (D) ran unopposed in his re-election bid.

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non- Inc.	Inc.	Non- Inc.	
Male	1	-	-	-	1
Female	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	-	-	-	1

RHODE ISLAND

STATE CONTESTS

Rhode Island State Senate

Incumbent State Senator Juan Pichardo (D) ran unopposed in his re-election bid to represent District 2.

Rhode Island House of Representatives

Both Latino incumbent State Representatives - Democrats Grace Diaz and Anastasia Williams - ran unopposed in their re-election bids and will return for another term.

STATE SENATORS

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	1	-	-	-	1
Female	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	-	-	-	1

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	-	-	-	-	-
Female	2	-	-	-	2
Total	2	-	-	-	2

TENNESSEE

STATE CONTESTS

Tennessee State Senate

Former State Representative Dolores Gresham (R) emerged victorious in her race to represent District 26. She is Tennessee's first Latina State Senator.

STATE SENATORS

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	-	-	-	-	-
Female	-	-	-	1	1
Total	-	-	-	1	1

TEXAS

FEDERAL CONTESTS

U.S. House of Representatives

All six of Texas' Latino incumbents won re-election to another term: Democrats Henry Cuellar, Charles Gonzalez, Ruben Hinojosa, Solomon Ortiz, Silvestre Reyes and Ciro Rodriguez.

STATE CONTESTS

Texas State Senate

Five of Texas' six Latino incumbent State Senators won re-election: Democrats Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, Mario Gallegos, Jr., Eddie Lucio, Jr., Leticia Van de Putte, and Judith Zaffirini. Senator Carlos Uresti (D) was not up for re-election this year and will continue his term.

Texas House of Representatives

Twenty-six Latino incumbent State Representatives won their re-election bids: Democrats Roberto Alonzo, Rafael Anchia, Joaquin Castro, Norma P. Chavez, Joe Farias, Jessica C. Farrar, Kino Flores, Pete P. Gallego, Veronica Gonzales, Yvonne Gonzalez Toureilles, Ryan Guillen, Roland Gutierrez, Abel Herrero, Ana Hernandez, Eddie Lucio, III, Armando Martinez, Trey Martinez Fischer, Jose Menendez, Rene O. Oliveira, Dora F. Olivo, Solomon Ortiz, Jr., Aaron Peña, Richard Peña Raymond, Chente Quintanilla, Eddie Rodriguez and Mike Villareal.

Five new Latinos are joining the incumbents in the Texas State House: former Houston City Councilmember Carol Alvarado (D); former Round Rock school board president Diana Maldonado (D); community relations manager Marisa Marquez (D); former South Padre Island City Councilmember Tara Rios Ybarra (D) and Armando Walle (D).

U.S. REPRESENTATIVES

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	6	-	-	-	6
Female	-	-	-	-	-
Total	6	-	-	-	6

STATE SENATORS

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	4	-	-	-	4
Female	2	-	-	-	2
Total	6	-	-	-	6

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	20	1	-	-	21
Female	6	4	-	-	10
Total	26	5	-	-	31

UTAH

STATE CONTESTS

Utah State Senate

Democrat Luz Robles emerged victorious in her State Senate contest in District 1. She is Utah's first Latina State Senator. Senator Ross Romero (D) was not up for re-election and will continue to serve his term.

Utah House of Representatives

Utah's two incumbent Latino State Representatives - Mark Wheatley (D) and Rebecca Chavez-Houck (D) - both won their bids for re-election.

STATE SENATORS

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	1	-	-	-	1
Female	-	1	-	-	1
Total	1	1	-	-	2

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	1	-	-	-	1
Female	1	-	-	-	1
Total	2	-	-	-	2

VIRGINIA

STATE CONTESTS

Virginia House of Representatives

Virginia's only Latino State Representative Jeff Frederick (R) was not up for re-election this year.

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	-	-	1	-	1
Female	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	1	-	1

WASHINGTON

STATE CONTESTS

Washington State Senate

Washington's only Latina State Senator Margarita Prentice (D) ran unopposed in her bid for re-election in District 11.

Washington House of Representatives

Both incumbent Latino State Representatives Phyllis Gutierrez-Kenney (D) and Jaime Herrera (D) won their re-election bids.

STATE SENATORS

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	1	-	-	-	1
Female	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	-	-	-	1

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	-	-	-	-	-
Female	2	-	-	-	2
Total	2	-	-	-	2

WISCONSIN

STATE CONTESTS

Wisconsin House of Representatives

Incumbent State Rep. Pedro Colón (D) faced no opposition in his bid for re-election and will return for another term.

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	1	-	-	-	1
Female	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	-	-	-	1

WYOMING

STATE CONTESTS

Wyoming State Senate

State Representative Floyd Esquibel (D) ran unopposed for a State Senate seat in District 8. Esquibel will become Wyoming's first Latino State Senator.

Wyoming House of Representatives

Incumbent Ken Esquibel (D) emerged victorious in his bid for re-election in District 41.

STATE SENATORS

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	-	1	-	-	1
Female	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	1	-	-	1

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

	DEM		GOP		Total
	Inc.	Non-Inc.	Inc.	Non-Inc.	
Male	1	-	-	-	1
Female	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	-	-	-	1

TABLE 1
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

State	Number of Latinos in U.S. House of Representatives Prior to Election		Net Gain/Loss		Number of Latinos in U.S. House of Representatives After Election	
	DEM	GOP	DEM	GOP	DEM	GOP
AZ	2	0	0	0	2	0
CA	7	0	0	0	7	0
CO	1	0	0	0	1	0
FL	0	3	0	0	0	3
IL	1	0	0	0	1	0
NJ	1	0	0	0	1	0
NM	0	0	1	0	1	0
NY	2	0	0	0	2	0
TX	6	0	0	0	6	0
Total	20	3	1	0	21	3

TABLE 2
STATE SENATORS

State	Number of Latinos in State Senate Prior to Election		Net Gain/Loss		Number of Latinos in State Senate After Election	
	DEM	GOP	DEM	GOP	DEM	GOP
AZ	6	0	0	0	6	0
CA	9	1	0	0	9	1
CO	2	0	0	0	2	0
FL	0	3	0	0	0	3
HI	1	0	-1	0	0	0
IL	4	0	0	0	4	0
MD	0	1	0	0	0	1
MA	0	0	1	0	1	0
MI	0	1	0	0	0	1
MN	1	0	0	0	1	0
NE	0	1	0	-1	0	0
NV	1	0	0	0	1	0
NJ	1	0	0	0	1	0
NM	14	1	2	0	16	1
NY	4	0	1	0	5	0
NC	0	1	0	0	0	1
RI	1	0	0	0	1	0
TN	0	0	0	1	0	1
TX	6	0	0	0	6	0
UT	1	0	1	0	2	0
WA	1	0	0	0	1	0
WY	0	0	1	0	1	0
Total	52	9	5	0	57	9

TABLE 3
STATE ASSEMBLIES OR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

State	Number of Latinos in Lower State House Prior to Election		Net Gain/Loss		Number of Latinos in Lower State House After Election	
	DEM	GOP	DEM	GOP	DEM	GOP
AZ	11	0	-4	1	7	1
CA	17	1	0	-1	17	0
CO	4	1	-3	-1	1	0
CT	6	0	2	0	8	0
DE	0	1	0	0	0	1
FL	3	11	-1	-1	2	10
GA	1	2	0	0	1	2
ID	0	1	0	0	0	1
IL	8	0	0	0	8	0
IN	1	0	0	0	1	0
KS	3	1	0	0	3	1
MD	3	0	0	0	3	0
MA	4	0	0	0	4	0
MI	2	0	0	0	2	0
MN	2	0	-1	0	1	0
MO	0	1	0	0	0	1
MT	1	0	0	0	1	0
NV	4	0	0	0	4	0
NH	2	1	-2	0	0	1
NJ	6	1	0	0	6	1
NM	28	3	1	0	29	3
NY	12	1	0	0	12	1
NC	0	1	0	0	0	1
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TABLE 3
STATE ASSEMBLIES OR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
(CONTINUED)

State	Number of Latinos in Lower State House Prior to Election		Potential Net Gain/Loss		Number of Latinos in Lower State House After Election	
	DEM	GOP	DEM	GOP	DEM	GOP
OK	0	0	0	1	0	1
OR	0	1	0	0	0	1
PA	1	0	0	0	1	0
RI	2	0	0	0	2	0
SC	0	1	0	-1	0	0
TN	0	1	0	-1	0	0
TX	30	1	1	-1	31	0
UT	2	0	0	0	2	0
VA	0	1	0	0	0	1
WA	2	1	0	-1	2	0
WI	1	0	0	0	1	0
WY	2	0	-1	0	1	0
Total	158	32	-8	-5	150	27

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