



# 2006 PRIMARY ELECTION PROFILES

## ARIZONA

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

TOTAL POPULATION (2005): 5,829,839

LATINO POPULATION (2005): 1,668,524

U.S House of Representatives: Both of Arizona’s Latino Members of Congress – Representatives Ed Pastor and Raul Grijalva will seek reelection in 2006, although neither will face a challenger in the primary election.

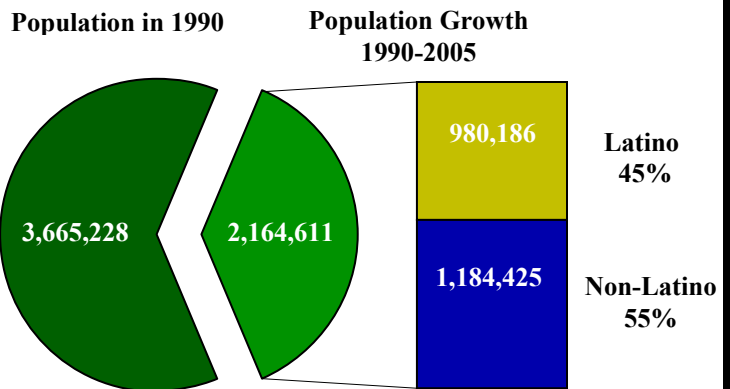
Arizona State Senate: Four of Arizona’s five Latino State Senators face election in 2006 and all will run for reelection, although none will face any primary challengers. Current State Representative Amanda Aguirre will seek Senate District 24, but will not face a challenger in the upcoming primary. Should Representative Aguirre win her race in November, Arizona will gain an additional Latino in the State Senate.

Arizona House of Representatives: With the exception of State Representative Amanda Aguirre who is pursuing a seat in the State Senate, Arizona’s remaining 11 Latino State Representatives will seek reelection in 2006, none of whom will face a challenger in the upcoming primary.

#### THE LATINO POPULATION IN ARIZONA

Between 1990 and 2005, the population of Arizona increased by almost 60%, adding 2.1 million new residents. Of these new residents, 45% (980,186) were Latino, increasing the Latino population by 142%.

#### Arizona Population Growth: 1990-2005



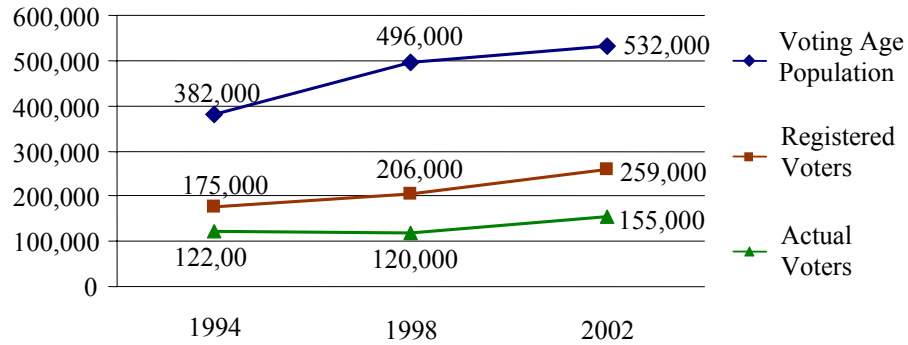
#### Arizona Latino Population: 2005

	Population	% of Total Population
All Latinos	1,668,524	29%
Latino Adults	1,039,823	24%
Latino Adult U.S. Citizens	647,612	17%

#### THE ARIZONA LATINO ELECTORATE

Latinos in Arizona continue to comprise a larger share of the state electorate. In 1994, Latinos comprised 10% of all registered voters and 10% of those who actually voted. In 2002, 13% of all people registered in Arizona were Latino, and they comprised 11% of all those who voted. As of February 2006, 13% of all registered voters in Arizona are Latino (355,140).

**Arizona's Latino Eligible Population, Registration, and Voting in Past Congressional Elections**



**LATINO ELECTED OFFICIALS IN ARIZONA**

- As of January 2006, 369 Latino elected officials served in Arizona, two of whom currently serve in the United States Congress – 25% of the state’s delegation to the U.S. House of Representatives.
- Latinos account for 16% of all Senators in the Arizona State Senate, and 20% of the State Representatives.
- The majority of Democrats in the Arizona State House of Representatives are Latino, and 42% of all Democrats in the State Senate are Latino.

**Arizona Latino Legislators: 2006**

	Total Districts	Number Held by Latinos	Share of Total Delegation	Share of Party Legislators	
				GOP	DEM
U.S. House of Representatives	8	2	25%	n/a	1%
Arizona State Senate	30	5	16%	12%	42%
Arizona State House of Representatives	60	12	20%	n/a	57%

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