



2006 PRIMARY ELECTION PROFILES

FLORIDA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

TOTAL POPULATION (2005): 17,382,511

LATINO POPULATION (2005): 3,414,414

U.S House of Representatives: All three of Florida’s Latino Members of Congress – Republicans Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Mario Diaz-Balart and Lincoln Diaz-Balart – will seek reelection in 2006, although none will face a challenger in the upcoming primary.

Florida State Senate: Florida’s three incumbent Latino Senators will seek reelection, although two – Senators Alex Diaz de la Portilla and Rodolfo Garcia, Jr. – face no challengers in their primary elections. Senator Alex Villalobos will face Miami-Dade County School Board Chairman Frank Bolaños in the Republican primary.

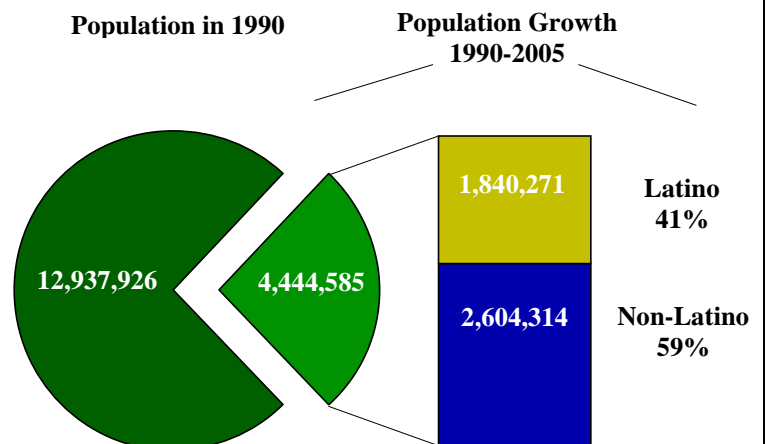
Florida State House of Representatives: Of Florida’s current 16 Latino State Representatives, three will not seek reelection – Representatives Gustavo Barreiro, Bob Henriquez (both of whom are term limited), and Joe Negron. The remaining 13 Latino State Representatives will seek reelection.

Six Latinos are running for Representative Barreiro’s vacant seat in District 107 – five Republicans and one Democrat. One Latino is running for Representative Henriquez’ seat in District 58 (Alfred Ruiz, Republican), although he is unopposed in the upcoming primary. No Latinos are running for Representative Negron’s seat in District 82, although Latino candidates will run for Districts 40, 47, 60, and 81 in the Democratic primary.

THE LATINO POPULATION IN FLORIDA

A significant portion of all new Florida residents between 1990 and 2005 were Latino (41%, or 1.84 million of 4.44 million), and growth of the Latino community far exceeded that of non-Latinos; the Latino population increased by 117%, while the non-Latino population increased by 23%.

Florida Population Growth: 1990-2005



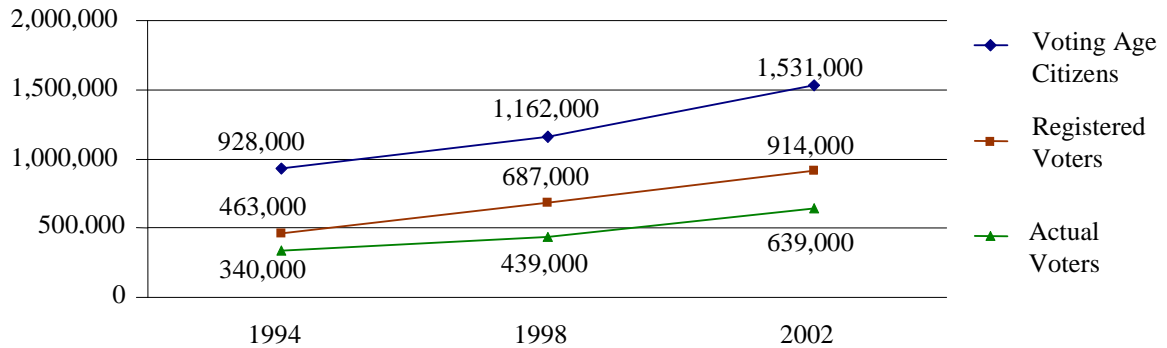
Florida Latino Population: 2005

	Population	% of Total Population
All Latinos	3,414,414	20%
Latino Adults	2,491,490	19%
Latino Adult U.S. Citizens	1,571,143	13%

THE FLORIDA LATINO ELECTORATE

Latinos in Florida are gradually comprising a larger share of the state electorate. In 1994, Latinos comprised 8% of all registered voters and 7% of those who actually voted. In 2002, 13% of all people registered in Florida were Latino, and they comprised 12% of all those who voted.

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



LATINO ELECTED OFFICIALS IN FLORIDA

- As of January 2006, 125 Latino elected officials served in Florida, four of whom currently serve in the United States Congress.
- Latinos account for 16% of all Republicans in the Florida State House of Representatives.
- Florida is one of only four states ever to have a Latino serve in the U.S. Senate.

Florida Latino Legislators: 2006

	Total Districts/ Seats	Number Held by Latinos	Share of Total Delegation	Share of Party Legislators	
				GOP	DEM
U.S. Senate	2	1	50%	2%	n/a
U.S. House of Representatives	25	3	12%	1%	n/a
Florida State Senate	40	3	8%	12%	n/a
Florida State House of Representatives	120	16	13%	16%	6%

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