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# **NORTH CAROLINA LATINO POPULATION SWELLS**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** - The Latino population in the state of North Carolina experienced exceptional growth since 2000, increasing a staggering 111% in the last decade, according to a National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund analysis of newly released Census 2010 data.

Between 2000 and 2010, while the state's overall population grew 19% from eight million to 9.5 million, the Latino population increased from 378,963 to 800,120.

Latinos account for 28% of overall population growth in the state over the last ten years, and represent 8.4% of the state's population. North Carolina now ranks 11<sup>th</sup> in the nation in Latino residents.

"This extraordinary growth in the Latino community means that we must ensure there is an opportunity for full and fair representation for the Latino community as the redistricting process gets underway," said NALEO Educational Fund Executive Director Arturo Vargas. "North Carolina's leadership must be accountable to its growing Latino population."

Many of North Carolina's ten largest cities also have significant Latino populations, including Winston-Salem (15%), Durham (14.2%) and Charlotte (13.1%). More than a third (35%) of North Carolina's Latinos lives in the state's ten largest cities.

The data also found the Latino population is significantly younger (39%) than the non-Latino population.

"Latinos are an integral part of the state's future economic well-being," added Vargas. "In order to ensure the prosperity and well-being of all North Carolinians, the state's policies must promote the economic and civic progress of Latinos."

*[\(Click here to view the NALEO Educational Fund 2010 North Carolina Census Profile\)](#)*

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*The NALEO Educational Fund is the nation's leading non-partisan, non-profit organization that facilitates the full participation of Latinos in the American political process, from citizenship to public service.*

