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## **New Analysis of Census Data by Latino Policy Forum Reveals Significant Shift in Illinois' Latino Demographics**

***For the first time in Illinois, growth in the Illinois Latino population was driven by those over 18 of age.***

**CHICAGO, November 3, 2023** — Today, at the Latino Policy Forum's annual policy luncheon, *Latinos on the Move*, the Forum unveiled new analysis of census data that reveals several significant shifts in the population. The Forum's report, [Latinos in Illinois: A Brief Overview 2010 to 2021](#), the latest in the Statistics on Latinos (SOL) series, shows that growth in the Latino population in Illinois was driven by those over the age of 18, marking a significant shift away from growth in the community historically being driven by new births and immigration.

"Among the many findings in this analysis I want to note that all of the demographic growth is happening in those over 18 years of age. Thus, it is increasingly important and urgent that we strengthen civic participation and engagement in the electoral process," **said President and CEO of the Latino Policy Forum, Sylvia Puente**. "We can accelerate policy change if we strengthen voter turnout and elect officials that are responsive to us."

Some of the findings in the new brief, "Latinos in Illinois: A Brief Overview 2010 to 2021," researchers at the Latino Policy Forum, found that:

- Growth in the Latino population between 2010 and 2020 ensured that the state's overall population did not decline more dramatically than 1%.
- Two-thirds of Latinos in Illinois were born in the United States.
- 72% of adults and 96% of those under 18 years of age are US citizens.
- The percentage of foreign-born adults declined from 41% to 28%.
- Most Latinos in Illinois live in the Chicago suburbs.
- The number of Latinos residing outside of the Chicagoland area continued to increase.

Read *Latinos in Illinois: A Brief Overview 2010 to 2021*, [HERE](#).

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### **About the Latino Policy Forum**

The Latino Policy Forum is the only organization in the Chicago area that facilitates the involvement

of Latinos at all levels of public decision-making. The Forum conducts analysis to inform, influence and lead. Its goals are to improve education outcomes, advocate for affordable housing, promote just immigration policies, and engage diverse sectors of the community, with an understanding that advancing Latinos advances a shared future. For more information, visit [www.latinopolicyforum.org](http://www.latinopolicyforum.org).