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## Introduction

While the CLACLS Latino Data Project has mostly focused on the Latino population of New York City and some reports mention the Latino population in the surrounding counties across the Tri-State area, there has yet to be a published report based solely on the demographic, economic, and social transformations in the New York and New Jersey counties that border New York City. These counties should be of significant importance to the scientific, academic, and governmental communities that seek to better understand migration away from City itself and towards the suburban and rural communities of northern New Jersey. In addition, as sociologists Ruben Hernandez-Leon and Victor Zuniga (2006), and Douglas Massey (2008) have noted, many first generation immigrant Latino groups have begun to bypass the traditional gateway cities (e.g. New York City) in favor of “new immigrant destinations” due to comparatively better social opportunities such as employment, home ownership, and child education. New York City, as a metropolitan center, may be regarded by many Latinos as a barrier to their achievement of the “American Dream”- a barrier consisting of fierce competition for certain jobs, expensive housing, and overcrowded schools for their children.

The goal of this report is to analyze the 2000 and 2008 data regarding Latinos, both domestic and foreign-born, currently residing in the immediate New York and Northern New Jersey counties that border New York City, while cross-referencing with New York City (see Bergad, 2008). These particular counties include Nassau, Suffolk, and Westchester (in New York State), and Bergen, Essex, Hudson, and Passaic (in New Jersey). Utilizing the demographic and socioeconomic characteristics utilized in reports published by Bergad (2008) and Rodriguez (2008) (i.e. population distribution, age, home ownership, household income, educational attainment, employment, and citizenship), this report investigates these features within the Latino population of these non-metropolitan urban and suburban centers. Based on these variables, the 2000 5% sample and the 2008 ACS sample data sets were utilized for this report.

## Population and Geographic Distribution

Between 2000 and 2008, Latinos experienced a population increase of approximately 3% in the broader New York City metropolitan area (except for Hudson County). In 2008 Latinos accounted for over 26% of county populations in Westchester, Nassau, and Suffolk counties, and over 15% of the populations in Essex, Hudson, Bergen, and Passaic counties. (See table 1). Hudson County in New Jersey stands out as having the highest Latino population percentage at 34% in 2008. Particularly significant is the finding that in the New Jersey counties the total population decreased between 2000 and 2008 while the Latino population increased - highlighted by Bergen County’s 54% growth. (see Table 2).

Throughout the three New York State counties that immediately border New York City (Westchester, Nassau, and Suffolk counties) and the four New Jersey counties that also border the City (Essex, Hudson, Bergen, and Passaic counties), Puerto Ricans were the largest Latino national sub-group. Their largest portion in Hudson County (NJ), where their percentage of the total county population approximated 8%, in 2008. Westchester (NY) County experienced an increase in four Latino nationality groups (Dominican, Mexican, Ecuadorian, and Colombian) in 2008, while the Puerto Rican population decreased. Of all groups in New York State, Dominicans increased in Westchester County. In New Jersey in 2008, Dominicans and Ecuadorians increased by 2% in Passaic and Hudson counties.

Table 1

Total Population and Latino Population Trends for Nassau, Suffolk, and Westchester Counties, 2000 - 2008

	2000			2008			% Change 2000 - 2008	
	Total Population	Latino Population	% Latinos	Total Population	Latino Population	% Latinos	Total Population	Latino Population
Nassau	1,329,762	130,981	9.8%	1,351,406	165,950	12.3%	1.6%	26.7%
Suffolk	1,422,279	153,032	10.8%	1,512,217	201,858	13.3%	6.3%	31.9%
Westchester	732,228	120,162	16.4%	767,008	151,510	19.8%	4.7%	26.1%

Table 2

Total Population and Latino Population Trends for Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Passaic Counties 2000 - 2008

	2000			2008			% Change 2000 - 2008	
	Total Population	Latino Population	% Latinos	Total Population	Latino Population	% Latinos	Total Population	Latino Population
Bergen	881,557	89,480	10.2%	894,840	137,633	15.4%	1.5%	53.8%
Essex	1,085,836	144,549	13.3%	1,034,787	166,889	16.1%	-4.7%	15.5%
Hudson	760,306	251,193	33.0%	729,425	251,031	34.4%	-4.1%	-0.1%
Passaic	931,638	159,515	17.1%	929,768	187,459	20.2%	-0.2%	17.5%

Table 3

Foreign and Domestic-Born Components for Puerto Rican, Mexican, Dominican, Ecuadorian, and Colombian Populations in Nassau County New York, 2000 - 2008

	2000				2008				% Latino Pop. Change
	Domestic Born	Foreign Born	Total	% Total County Pop.	Domestic Born	Foreign Born	Total	% Total County Pop.	
Puerto Rican	20,531	6,653	27,184	2.0%	17,962	6,295	24,257	1.8%	-10.8%
Dominican	4,363	9,041	13,404	1.0%	8,607	13,798	22,405	1.7%	67.2%
Mexican	3,699	4,293	7,992	0.6%	4,333	3,232	7,565	0.6%	-5.3%
Ecuadorian	2,281	4,154	6,435	0.5%	4,216	6,255	10,471	0.8%	62.7%
Colombian	2,885	7,220	10,105	0.8%	4,299	10,722	15,021	1.1%	48.6%

Puerto Ricans born on the U.S. mainland outnumbered their compatriots born on the island, across the two regions- reflecting a similar pattern in New York City in 2008 (Bergad, 2008). Among the five largest Latino nationalities, the foreign-born population surpassed the domestic-born population across the nine counties in the two states, perhaps contradicting the belief that mostly domestic-born Latinos would reside outside the New York City area. Yet, this observation is made cautiously since many of the counties (particularly in New Jersey) contain satellite cities (i.e. Newark, Paterson, Jersey City) where an urban environment is located within suburban counties. Therefore, it cannot be stated that all the counties represented in this report are the “suburbs”, as they would traditionally be considered. The presence of Latinos in these New Jersey counties may be the result of settlement in these large urban centers. This caveat is not reflected in New York State, as there is no comparable population center (populations over 250,000) located within the New York counties considered here.

Table 4  
Foreign and Domestic-Born Components for Puerto Rican, Mexican, Dominican, Ecuadorian, and Colombian Populations in Suffolk County, New York, 2000-2008

	2000				2008				% Latino Pop. Change
	Domestic Born	Foreign Born	Total	% Total County Pop.	Domestic Born	Foreign Born	Total	% Total County Pop.	
Puerto Rican	41,706	15,055	56,761	4.0%	40,666	12,529	53,195	3.5%	-6.3%
Dominican	4,718	7,728	12,446	0.9%	9,616	14,489	24,105	1.6%	93.7%
Mexican	5,127	4,330	9,457	0.7%	7,685	5,213	12,898	0.9%	36.4%
Ecuadorian	2,084	6,812	8,896	0.6%	7,832	10,278	18,110	1.2%	103.6%
Colombian	2,864	8,418	11,282	0.8%	3,638	5,441	9,079	0.6%	-19.5%

Table 5  
Foreign and Domestic-Born Components for Puerto Rican, Mexican, Dominican, Ecuadorian, and Colombian Populations in Westchester County, New York, 2000-2008

	2000				2008				% Latino Pop. Change
	Domestic Born	Foreign Born	Total	% Total County Pop.	Domestic Born	Foreign Born	Total	% Total County Pop.	
Puerto Rican	22,035	10,101	32,136	4.4%	25,742	6,965	32,707	4.3%	1.8%
Dominican	5,507	10,398	15,905	2.2%	16,013	14,978	30,991	4.0%	94.9%
Mexican	5,905	12,412	18,317	2.5%	9,137	14,810	23,947	3.1%	30.7%
Ecuadorian	2,264	8,951	11,215	1.5%	3,924	15,368	19,292	2.5%	72.0%
Colombian	2,355	6,340	8,695	1.2%	4,261	6,953	11,214	1.5%	29.0%

Table 6  
Foreign and Domestic-Born Components for Puerto Rican, Mexican, Dominican, Ecuadorian, and Colombian Populations in Bergen County, New Jersey, 2000-2008

	2000				2008				% Latino Pop. Change
	Domestic Born	Foreign Born	Total	% Total County Pop.	Domestic Born	Foreign Born	Total	% Total County Pop.	
Puerto Rican	14,740	5,571	20,311	2.3%	23,580	5,066	28,646	3.2%	41.0%
Dominican	4,736	6,546	11,282	1.3%	9,513	12,382	21,895	2.4%	94.1%
Mexican	2,649	2,767	5,416	0.6%	3,110	3,954	7,064	0.8%	30.4%
Ecuadorian	2,249	6,005	8,254	0.9%	3,672	10,175	13,847	1.5%	67.8%
Colombian	3,389	11,310	14,699	1.7%	8,395	18,696	27,091	3.0%	84.3%

Table 7  
Foreign and Domestic-Born Components for Puerto Rican, Mexican, Dominican, Ecuadorian, and Colombian Populations in Essex County, New Jersey, 2000-2008

	2000				2008				% Latino Pop. Change
	Domestic Born	Foreign Born	Total	% Total County Pop.	Domestic Born	Foreign Born	Total	% Total County Pop.	
Puerto Rican	40,307	31,876	72,183	6.6%	50,637	24,430	75,067	7.3%	4.0%
Dominican	4,205	8,647	12,852	1.2%	7,112	9,064	16,176	1.6%	25.9%
Mexican	3,749	3,374	7,123	0.7%	4,883	6,711	11,594	1.1%	62.8%
Ecuadorian	2,641	12,441	15,082	1.4%	6,902	17,346	24,248	2.3%	60.8%
Colombian	914	3,363	4,277	0.4%	1,577	1,804	3,381	0.3%	-20.9%

Table 8  
Foreign and Domestic-Born Components for Puerto Rican, Mexican, Dominican, Ecuadorian, and Colombian Populations in Hudson County, New Jersey, 2000-2008

	2000				2008				% Latino Pop. Change
	Domestic Born	Foreign Born	Total	% Total County Pop.	Domestic Born	Foreign Born	Total	% Total County Pop.	
Puerto Rican	41,728	24,805	66,533	8.8%	42,296	18,377	60,673	8.3%	-8.8%
Dominican	9,968	26,667	36,635	4.8%	18,061	21,087	39,148	5.4%	6.9%
Mexican	5,177	7,213	12,390	1.6%	6,326	11,796	18,122	2.5%	46.3%
Ecuadorian	6,005	18,674	24,679	3.2%	14,107	23,900	38,007	5.2%	54.0%
Colombian	3,539	13,587	17,126	2.3%	4,503	14,875	19,378	2.7%	13.1%

Table 9  
Foreign and Domestic-Born Components for Puerto Rican, Mexican, Dominican, Ecuadorian, and Colombian Populations in Passaic County, New Jersey, 2000-2008

	2000				2008				% Latino Pop. Change
	Domestic Born	Foreign Born	Total	% Total County Pop.	Domestic Born	Foreign Born	Total	% Total County Pop.	
Puerto Rican	31,481	21,351	52,832	5.7%	33,063	8,954	42,017	4.5%	-20.5%
Dominican	7,932	24,830	32,762	3.5%	16,947	33,079	50,026	5.4%	52.7%
Mexican	8,818	17,957	26,775	2.9%	15,635	22,767	38,402	4.1%	43.4%
Ecuadorian	793	1,826	2,619	0.3%	3,194	3,740	6,934	0.7%	164.8%
Colombian	3,465	9,767	13,232	1.4%	3,200	6,274	9,474	1.0%	-28.4%

### Median Household Income

If the median household incomes of the major Latino nationalities in the New York State counties are compared with those of New York City all nationalities in Nassau and Suffolk counties surpassed their national counterparts in New York City in 2008. Puerto Ricans and Colombians both had median household incomes above \$100,000 in 2008, compared to \$43,791 for Puerto Ricans and \$56,826 for Colombians in the City. While Dominicans and Mexicans had the lowest median household income in the City (\$37,680 and \$40,939, respectively) their counterparts on Long Island had the following median household incomes in 2008: Dominicans in Nassau (\$74,900) and Suffolk (\$79,600); Mexicans in Nassau (\$89,500) and Suffolk (\$60,750). Yet in Westchester, only Puerto Ricans and Dominicans had median household income figures which were higher than those in the City in 2008. Mexicans, Ecuadorians, and Colombians had similar income figures in Westchester, compared with how they fared in New York City. (See table 10 for precise data by county and New York City).

In New Jersey, Latinos in Bergen County had median household incomes above \$55,000 in 2008, with Puerto Ricans having the highest incomes at \$104,200. Yet in Essex, Hudson, and Passaic Counties, median household incomes were lower or comparable to those found in New York City for those same groups. Puerto Ricans had the lowest median household incomes in Essex and Hudson; while Mexicans had the lowest in Passaic - all lower than their New York City counterparts. (See precise data in table 10 for all nationalities in all counties and in the City).

### Household Income Distribution

With respect to the way in which household income was distributed, every single suburban county, whether in New York or New Jersey, had a smaller percentage of households earning less than \$20,000 yearly and a greater percentage of households earning more than \$75,000 yearly compared with the structure of income in New York City for the major Latino nationalities although in Hudson and Passaic counties in New Jersey there were narrower margins of difference. These data are complex and are provided researchers needing detail in tables 11 through 18.



Table 10  
 Median Household Incomes in New York and New Jersey State Counties by Largest Latino Nationalities, 2000 - 2008  
 (in inflation adjusted 2008 dollars)

2000								
	Nassau	Suffolk	Westchester	Bergen	Essex	Hudson	Passaic	New York City
Puerto Ricans	\$ 95,000	\$ 85,000	\$ 62,500	\$ 87,500	\$ 39,375	\$ 43,750	\$ 47,500	\$ 37,500
Dominicans	\$ 62,900	\$ 71,250	\$ 49,875	\$ 71,250	\$ 46,250	\$ 48,750	\$ 48,750	\$ 38,750
Mexicans	\$ 86,250	\$ 75,000	\$ 65,750	\$ 72,500	\$ 57,625	\$ 49,000	\$ 52,125	\$ 48,250
Ecuadorians	\$ 106,188	\$ 91,250	\$ 53,688	\$ 84,750	\$ 65,813	\$ 56,250	\$ 58,000	\$ 53,625
Colombians	\$ 93,750	\$ 77,875	\$ 63,750	\$ 81,380	\$ 62,500	\$ 50,625	\$ 62,500	\$ 52,500

2008								
	Nassau	Suffolk	Westchester	Bergen	Essex	Hudson	Passaic	New York City
Puerto Ricans	\$ 109,050	\$ 89,800	\$ 67,000	\$ 104,200	\$ 34,200	\$ 39,240	\$ 49,000	\$ 43,791
Dominicans	\$ 74,900	\$ 79,600	\$ 48,000	\$ 55,050	\$ 47,900	\$ 59,000	\$ 38,000	\$ 37,680
Mexicans	\$ 89,500	\$ 60,750	\$ 40,500	\$ 68,800	\$ 40,000	\$ 54,100	\$ 32,000	\$ 40,939
Ecuadorians	\$ 73,400	\$ 82,400	\$ 57,150	\$ 88,000	\$ 51,100	\$ 50,200	\$ 40,000	\$ 56,011
Colombians	\$ 125,000	\$ 77,000	\$ 55,300	\$ 89,675	\$ 109,000	\$ 43,500	\$ 63,100	\$ 56,826

Table 11  
 Percentages of Households in Selected Income Categories by Latino Nationality, New York City, 2008

2008						
	Less than \$20,000	\$20,000-29,999	\$30,000-39,999	\$40,000-49,999	\$50,000-\$74,999	More than \$75,000
Puerto Ricans	38.3%	10.6%	8.0%	9.0%	14.6%	19.5%
Dominicans	35.0%	14.0%	12.4%	9.0%	16.6%	13.0%
Mexicans	24.6%	14.6%	13.8%	11.0%	16.2%	19.8%
Ecuadorians	22.2%	14.7%	11.5%	9.1%	17.9%	24.6%
Colombians	18.8%	9.4%	13.9%	11.3%	20.3%	26.3%

Table 12  
 Percentages of Households in Selected Income Categories by Latino  
 Nationality, Nassau County New York, 2000 - 2008  
 (in inflation adjusted 2008 dollars)

2000						
	Less than \$20,000	\$20,000- 29,999	\$30,000- 39,999	\$40,000- 49,999	\$50,000- \$74,999	More than \$75,000
Puerto Ricans	6.3%	3.1%	4.9%	6.5%	14.0%	65.2%
Dominicans	6.6%	8.4%	10.6%	7.3%	25.8%	41.3%
Mexicans	5.6%	6.2%	5.0%	7.4%	25.1%	50.7%
Ecuadorians	2.6%	3.1%	7.4%	1.4%	12.9%	72.6%
Colombians	6.7%	3.6%	4.4%	7.5%	16.2%	61.6%

2008						
	Less than \$20,000	\$20,000- 29,999	\$30,000- 39,999	\$40,000- 49,999	\$50,000- \$74,999	More than \$75,000
Puerto Ricans	7.3%	1.8%	0.6%	6.8%	11.5%	72.0%
Dominicans	8.5%	6.8%	10.2%	10.9%	12.0%	51.6%
Mexicans	3.1%	40.9%	0.0%	1.1%	5.6%	49.3%
Ecuadorians	0.0%	2.6%	0.0%	26.0%	20.6%	50.8%
Colombians	2.3%	1.7%	2.2%	9.1%	12.8%	71.9%

Table 13  
 Percentages of Households in Selected Income Categories by Latino  
 Nationality, Suffolk County New York, 2000 - 2008  
 (in inflation adjusted 2008 dollars)

2000						
	Less than \$20,000	\$20,000- 29,999	\$30,000- 39,999	\$40,000- 49,999	\$50,000- \$74,999	More than \$75,000
Puerto Ricans	7.9%	4.8%	5.8%	6.4%	18.6%	56.5%
Dominicans	8.1%	4.6%	8.2%	7.6%	23.4%	48.1%
Mexicans	3.6%	5.8%	7.9%	10.3%	22.2%	50.2%
Ecuadorians	1.7%	6.7%	6.0%	10.4%	14.3%	60.9%
Colombians	4.1%	4.3%	6.6%	7.7%	19.7%	57.6%

2008						
	Less than \$20,000	\$20,000- 29,999	\$30,000- 39,999	\$40,000- 49,999	\$50,000- \$74,999	More than \$75,000
Puerto Ricans	5.3%	2.5%	6.7%	2.6%	25.4%	57.5%
Dominicans	5.1%	5.7%	8.6%	1.8%	26.3%	52.5%
Mexicans	11.8%	9.6%	3.1%	4.5%	37.6%	33.4%
Ecuadorians	3.6%	0.8%	12.0%	15.5%	21.0%	47.1%
Colombians	1.7%	6.3%	24.8%	2.3%	24.0%	40.9%

Table 14  
 Percentages of Households in Selected Income Categories by Latino  
 Nationality, Westchester County New York, 2000 - 2008  
 (in inflation adjusted 2008 dollars)

2000						
	Less than \$20,000	\$20,000- 29,999	\$30,000- 39,999	\$40,000- 49,999	\$50,000- 74,999	More than \$75,000
Puerto Ricans	17.2%	8.2%	8.5%	8.8%	18.3%	39.0%
Dominicans	12.4%	12.7%	11.7%	11.9%	12.7%	38.6%
Mexicans	7.7%	8.1%	12.6%	7.9%	15.8%	47.9%
Ecuadorians	8.2%	6.9%	15.5%	16.9%	19.9%	32.6%
Colombians	9.5%	9.9%	12.5%	6.3%	24.1%	37.7%

2008						
	Less than \$20,000	\$20,000- 29,999	\$30,000- 39,999	\$40,000- 49,999	\$50,000- 74,999	More than \$75,000
Puerto Ricans	19.1%	5.5%	7.5%	7.4%	17.7%	42.8%
Dominicans	15.0%	9.0%	19.4%	11.0%	15.1%	30.5%
Mexicans	5.7%	33.7%	8.1%	12.6%	15.3%	24.6%
Ecuadorians	8.8%	4.1%	12.7%	8.5%	31.4%	34.5%
Colombians	9.2%	15.1%	10.8%	11.5%	20.8%	32.6%

Table 15  
 Percentages of Households in Selected Income Categories by Latino  
 Nationality, Bergen County New Jersey, 2000 - 2008  
 (in inflation adjusted 2008 dollars)

2000						
	Less than \$20,000	\$20,000- 29,999	\$30,000- 39,999	\$40,000- 49,999	\$50,000- 74,999	More than \$75,000
Puerto Ricans	6.0%	4.1%	6.5%	5.3%	23.8%	54.3%
Dominicans	7.6%	6.3%	10.1%	12.3%	19.2%	44.5%
Mexicans	2.6%	4.6%	6.8%	8.1%	26.7%	51.2%
Ecuadorians	3.0%	4.5%	7.6%	8.3%	21.0%	55.6%
Colombians	4.5%	6.5%	9.1%	4.7%	20.2%	55.0%

2008						
	Less than \$20,000	\$20,000- 29,999	\$30,000- 39,999	\$40,000- 49,999	\$50,000- 74,999	More than \$75,000
Puerto Ricans	3.1%	1.9%	5.2%	7.4%	13.3%	69.1%
Dominicans	5.5%	14.8%	3.8%	10.2%	34.6%	31.1%
Mexicans	13.5%	6.7%	6.5%	6.8%	29.0%	37.5%
Ecuadorians	6.0%	7.4%	4.1%	13.3%	7.3%	61.9%
Colombians	2.9%	7.2%	13.0%	9.4%	12.2%	55.3%

Table 16  
 Percentages of Households in Selected Income Categories by Latino  
 Nationality, Essex County New Jersey, 2000 - 2008  
 (in inflation adjusted 2008 dollars)

2000						
	Less than \$20,000	\$20,000- 29,999	\$30,000- 39,999	\$40,000- 49,999	\$50,000- \$74,999	More than \$75,000
Puerto Ricans	28.2%	12.4%	10.3%	8.8%	17.6%	22.7%
Dominicans	26.8%	11.3%	11.5%	7.2%	15.8%	27.4%
Mexicans	19.4%	13.8%	7.1%	8.0%	18.1%	33.6%
Ecuadorians	11.7%	7.1%	9.3%	6.1%	23.7%	42.1%
Colombians	21.7%	5.0%	9.1%	10.8%	16.2%	37.2%

2008						
	Less than \$20,000	\$20,000- 29,999	\$30,000- 39,999	\$40,000- 49,999	\$50,000- \$74,999	More than \$75,000
Puerto Ricans	32.2%	12.9%	12.4%	7.1%	12.6%	22.8%
Dominicans	11.5%	16.8%	11.9%	14.7%	8.8%	36.3%
Mexicans	14.3%	13.7%	18.1%	21.6%	13.6%	18.7%
Ecuadorians	8.4%	10.0%	15.7%	15.5%	29.2%	21.2%
Colombians	0.0%	4.2%	7.8%	0.0%	8.8%	79.2%

Table 17  
 Percentages of Households in Selected Income Categories by Latino  
 Nationality, Hudson County New Jersey, 2000 - 2008  
 (in inflation adjusted 2008 dollars)

2000						
	Less than \$20,000	\$20,000- 29,999	\$30,000- 39,999	\$40,000- 49,999	\$50,000- \$74,999	More than \$75,000
Puerto Ricans	21.4%	11.2%	12.5%	9.2%	22.0%	23.7%
Dominicans	14.3%	11.2%	14.0%	11.2%	22.9%	26.4%
Mexicans	16.1%	9.7%	18.7%	8.2%	18.5%	28.8%
Ecuadorians	11.5%	7.7%	12.6%	10.9%	24.8%	32.5%
Colombians	14.3%	6.5%	16.4%	11.3%	25.3%	26.2%

2008						
	Less than \$20,000	\$20,000- 29,999	\$30,000- 39,999	\$40,000- 49,999	\$50,000- \$74,999	More than \$75,000
Puerto Ricans	28.5%	10.6%	12.2%	6.4%	12.4%	29.9%
Dominicans	20.8%	8.3%	9.2%	7.5%	18.1%	36.1%
Mexicans	9.2%	9.1%	11.8%	20.8%	19.5%	29.6%
Ecuadorians	20.1%	11.1%	16.5%	6.0%	26.5%	19.8%
Colombians	23.9%	12.8%	13.8%	6.1%	18.7%	24.7%

Table 18  
 Percentages of Households in Selected Income Categories by Latino  
 Nationality, Passaic County New Jersey, 2000 - 2008  
 (in inflation adjusted 2008 dollars)

2000						
	Less than \$20,000	\$20,000- 29,999	\$30,000- 39,999	\$40,000- 49,999	\$50,000- \$74,999	More than \$75,000
Puerto Ricans	21.6%	8.5%	11.5%	8.8%	18.5%	31.1%
Dominicans	12.5%	11.7%	14.9%	10.2%	26.5%	24.2%
Mexicans	10.1%	6.7%	13.2%	15.2%	26.0%	28.8%
Ecuadorians	11.5%	13.4%	12.1%	7.1%	32.2%	23.6%
Colombians	10.7%	4.3%	7.6%	13.9%	22.5%	41.0%

2008						
	Less than \$20,000	\$20,000- 29,999	\$30,000- 39,999	\$40,000- 49,999	\$50,000- \$74,999	More than \$75,000
Puerto Ricans	24.0%	5.3%	11.5%	8.2%	15.1%	35.9%
Dominicans	23.5%	17.1%	10.4%	13.3%	14.8%	20.9%
Mexicans	23.5%	25.5%	15.5%	7.9%	15.8%	11.8%
Ecuadorians	12.3%	0.0%	21.4%	15.1%	0.0%	51.2%
Colombians	5.6%	4.2%	11.1%	3.8%	45.1%	30.2%

## Educational Attainment

In the Westchester, Nassau, and Suffolk counties in New York state, most of the largest Latino groups saw a decline in their high school non-graduation rates between 2000 and 2008. However, there were a some exceptions: Puerto Ricans in Westchester, Ecuadorians in Nassau and Suffolk counties had higher non-high school graduation rates in 2008 than in 2000. Colombians had the lowest high school non-graduation rates across the three counties, while Dominicans held the highest rates in Westchester (43.9%) and Nassau (42.3%),

If we compare college completion rates between NYC and the surrounding New York state counties in 2008, we find that the rates were higher for almost all the Latino subgroups in the suburban counties, with the exceptions being Mexicans in Westchester and Ecuadorians in Suffolk.

In the Essex, Hudson, Bergen, and Passaic counties in New Jersey all of the largest Latino groups saw a decline in their high school non-graduation rates between 2000 and 2008 - except Mexicans in Essex county,. Puerto Ricans had the lowest high school non-graduation among the largest Latino groups in Bergen County (7.1%) in 2008. Passaic County represented mixed performance for Latinos, as both Ecuadorians (13.7%) and Colombians (14.7%) had the lowest high school non-graduation rates, but held the highest rates for Puerto Ricans (35.7%) and Mexicans (54.3%) in 2008.

If we compare college completion rates between NYC and the surrounding NJ counties in 2008, we discover that in most cases, the rates were higher in New Jersey than in NYC, except in Passaic, where Puerto Ricans, Mexicans, and Colombians posted lower numbers than their NYC counterparts. (See table 19 for complete data and figures 1 through 5 for college graduation rates in 2008).

Table 19

Educational Attainment Rates by Largest Latino Nationalities In New York and New Jersey by County and Nationality, 2000 - 2008 (population 25 years of age and older)

Did not Graduate High School 2000								
	Nassau	Suffolk	Westchester	Bergen	Essex	Hudson	Passaic	NYC
Puerto Ricans	21.3%	26.9%	30.7%	18.0%	49.1%	40.7%	49.2%	45.0%
Dominicans	49.2%	49.3%	44.1%	23.4%	53.2%	49.3%	55.0%	53.8%
Mexicans	49.6%	41.5%	56.1%	35.2%	33.1%	53.7%	61.8%	59.3%
Ecuadorians	22.0%	32.6%	50.9%	29.5%	40.4%	37.5%	37.0%	45.3%
Colombians	20.9%	28.9%	41.3%	25.3%	37.9%	36.7%	34.8%	33.9%

Did not Graduate High School 2008								
	Nassau	Suffolk	Westchester	Bergen	Essex	Hudson	Passaic	NYC
Puerto Ricans	15.9%	19.7%	33.0%	7.1%	34.5%	26.6%	35.7%	35.4%
Dominicans	42.3%	25.0%	43.9%	22.1%	41.7%	29.4%	35.7%	44.0%
Mexicans	37.8%	35.5%	38.0%	25.8%	52.2%	43.7%	54.3%	53.2%
Ecuadorians	29.4%	36.5%	42.6%	20.9%	21.8%	20.7%	13.7%	40.1%
Colombians	14.8%	14.1%	32.2%	16.1%	20.8%	22.5%	14.7%	27.8%

B.A. Degree or Higher 2000								
	Nassau	Suffolk	Westchester	Bergen	Essex	Hudson	Passaic	NYC
Puerto Ricans	18.2%	13.3%	18.3%	20.8%	7.5%	7.9%	6.8%	9.0%
Dominicans	12.0%	9.0%	13.9%	21.5%	10.6%	8.5%	6.3%	8.7%
Mexicans	15.7%	16.0%	9.2%	18.3%	15.9%	8.8%	5.7%	9.0%
Ecuadorians	19.8%	13.7%	13.4%	13.9%	9.8%	12.9%	11.3%	9.7%
Colombians	24.0%	17.2%	17.1%	15.9%	17.7%	14.7%	10.2%	16.8%

B.A. Degree or Higher 2008								
	Nassau	Suffolk	Westchester	Bergen	Essex	Hudson	Passaic	NYC
Puerto Ricans	24.3%	18.5%	20.1%	26.9%	10.0%	14.0%	11.3%	12.1%
Dominicans	21.1%	25.9%	22.9%	27.9%	14.0%	14.8%	12.8%	12.6%
Mexicans	17.1%	13.2%	6.2%	12.6%	12.4%	19.4%	6.1%	9.6%
Ecuadorians	20.1%	11.0%	17.8%	18.0%	14.0%	17.7%	20.9%	12.1%
Colombians	23.3%	23.5%	22.5%	34.7%	34.4%	14.4%	20.7%	21.2%

Figure 1  
Percentage of Puerto Rican Population with B.A. or Higher by New Jersey and New York Counties and New York City, 2008

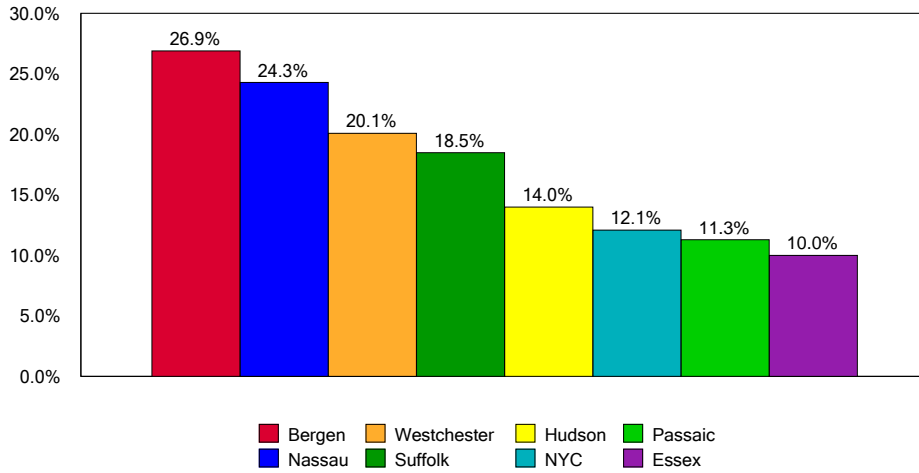


Figure 2  
Percentage of Dominican Population with B.A. or Higher by New Jersey and New York Counties and New York City, 2008

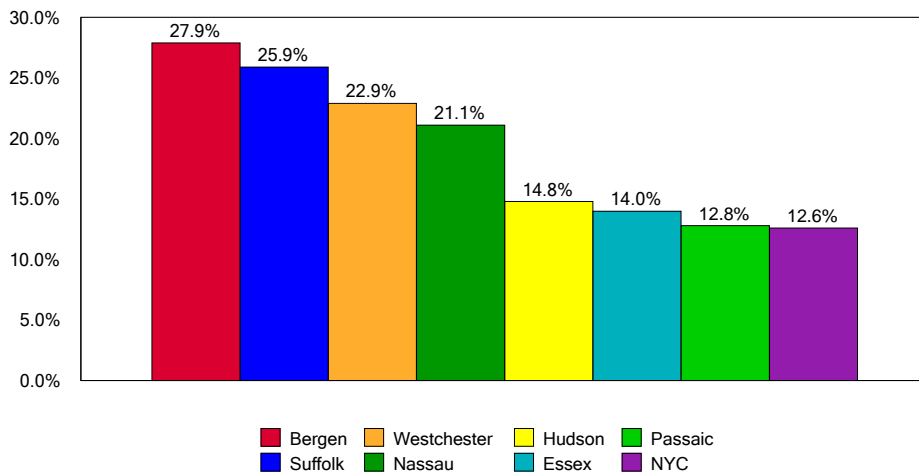


Figure 3  
Percentage of Mexican Population with B.A. or Higher by New Jersey and New York Counties and New York City, 2008

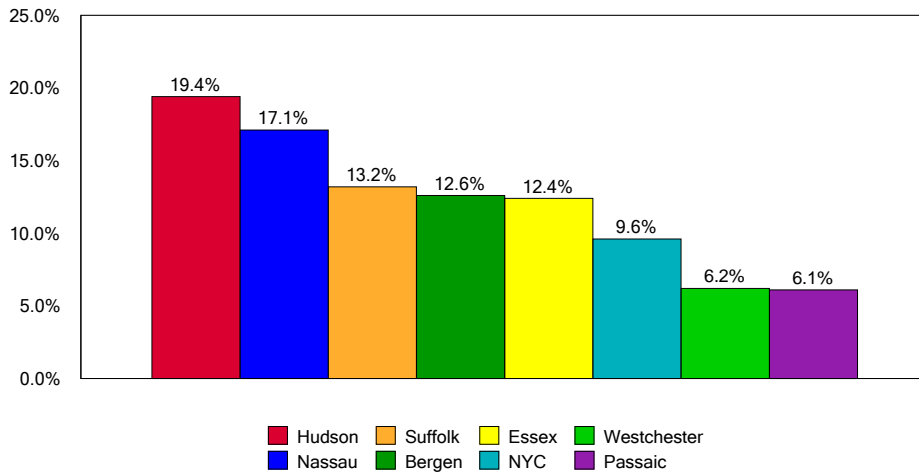


Figure 4  
Percentage of Ecuadorian Population with B.A. or Higher by New Jersey and New York Counties and New York City, 2008

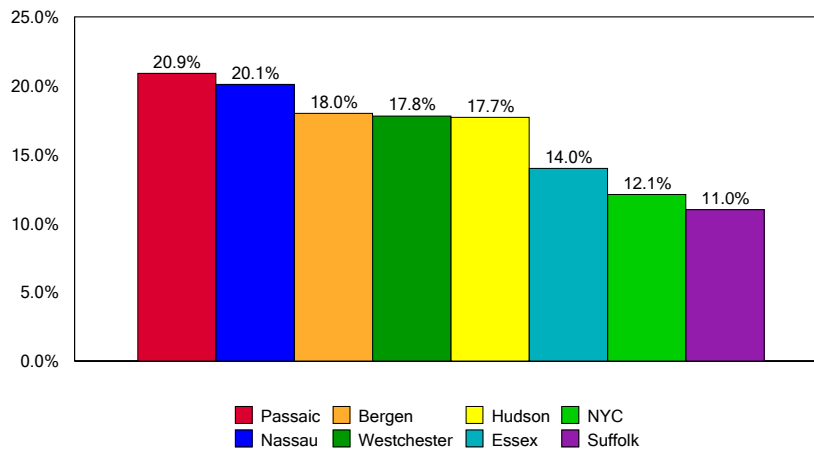
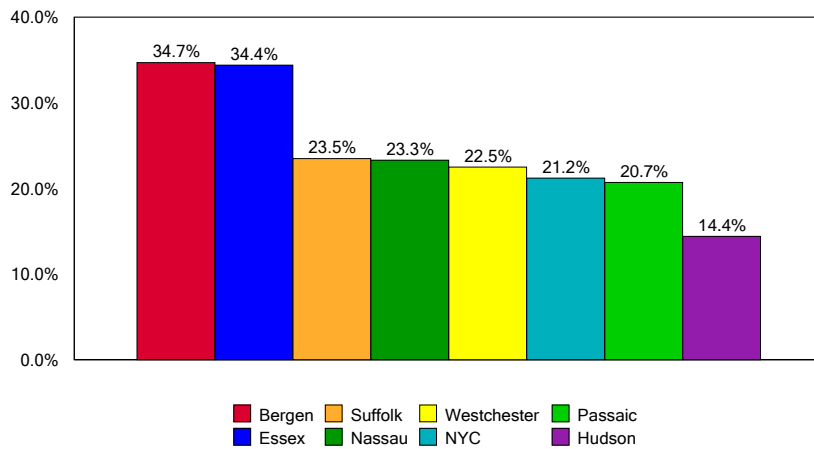


Figure 5  
Percentage of Colombian Population with B.A. or Higher by New Jersey and New York Counties and New York City, 2008



### Employment and Unemployment

In the New York State counties contiguous to the City, Mexicans between the ages of 16 and 60 had the lowest unemployment rates between 2000 and 2008. In fact, Mexicans and Ecuadorians both had a consistent decrease in their unemployment rates throughout the five counties between 2000 and 2008. Additionally their unemployment rates were generally lower than City Mexicans. In New Jersey, all five Latino nationality groups demonstrated inconsistent patterns in unemployment rates between 2000 and 2008 with no clear pattern of increase or decrease. However, in Passaic County, all five Latino nationalities experienced declining unemployment rates between 2000 and 2008.

Since unemployment only measures people who were actively seeking work, it is important to consider the ‘not in labor force’ rate to better understand the condition of labor markets. Those who were not in the labor force, all adults between 16 and 60, were people who for whatever reason, were not seeking work. In the New York State counties, working-age Dominicans and Ecuadorians experienced a decline in their ‘not in the labor force’ percentages between 2000 and 2008 which suggests improved job possibilities in these suburban counties.



Interestingly, in the New Jersey counties, all of the five largest Latino nationalities saw their ‘out in the labor force’ percentages decrease throughout the four counties between 2000 and 2008, with Dominicans and Mexicans posting single-digit percentages in Passaic County. Furthermore, while Essex County held the highest ‘not in the labor force’ rates for Puerto Ricans, Dominicans, and Mexicans, Passaic County held the highest rates for Ecuadorians and Colombians.

If we combine the unemployment rate and the out of labor force rate for 2008, Puerto Ricans stood out as having the highest percentage of adults either unemployed or not seeking work, among the five largest Latino nationalities in Westchester, Nassau, Essex, and Hudson counties. For 2008 in New Jersey, while all five Latino groups saw an improvement in the ‘combined’ percentage across the four counties, Puerto Ricans held the highest percentage (44% in Essex), and Dominicans held the lowest (11% in Passaic). (See table 20 and figures 6 through 10 for complete data).

Table 20  
Unemployment and Not in the Labor Force Rates by Largest Latino Nationalities In New York and New Jersey Counties, 2000 - 2008  
(population 16 to 60 years of age)

		Unemployed 2000							
		Nassau	Suffolk	Westchester	Bergen	Essex	Hudson	Passaic	NYC
Puerto Ricans		2.5%	4.4%	8.2%	4.0%	8.5%	8.8%	6.3%	8.7%
Dominicans		4.5%	5.5%	7.3%	3.5%	11.3%	8.5%	6.6%	9.4%
Mexicans		2.8%	5.6%	4.4%	6.6%	5.7%	5.9%	5.7%	6.7%
Ecuadorians		3.6%	4.7%	4.7%	4.2%	1.8%	6.9%	4.6%	6.8%
Colombians		1.3%	4.8%	2.7%	4.6%	6.0%	6.0%	4.8%	6.6%

		Unemployed 2008							
		Nassau	Suffolk	Westchester	Bergen	Essex	Hudson	Passaic	NYC
Puerto Ricans		7.9%	4.1%	9.6%	2.3%	6.1%	10.9%	4.1%	6.3%
Dominicans		5.4%	1.5%	1.9%	5.2%	7.4%	7.9%	5.4%	7.5%
Mexicans		N/A	1.6%	3.8%	8.2%	1.4%	4.7%	2.7%	3.9%
Ecuadorians		N/A	2.9%	3.8%	2.5%	9.2%	6.8%	N/A	5.5%
Colombians		4.3%	10.8%	2.8%	3.9%	2.5%	7.5%	3.1%	4.6%

		Not in the Labor Force 2000							
		Nassau	Suffolk	Westchester	Bergen	Essex	Hudson	Passaic	NYC
Puerto Ricans		26.4%	28.5%	34.5%	23.1%	43.3%	36.1%	40.7%	43.7%
Dominicans		31.9%	31.1%	36.6%	29.9%	38.1%	37.3%	38.9%	42.7%
Mexicans		24.3%	27.8%	30.7%	23.3%	36.1%	31.9%	36.2%	38.7%
Ecuadorians		29.3%	25.3%	23.6%	33.0%	31.8%	33.8%	26.4%	36.5%
Colombians		28.0%	32.2%	35.0%	31.2%	26.4%	32.7%	36.8%	34.9%

		Not in the Labor Force 2008							
		Nassau	Suffolk	Westchester	Bergen	Essex	Hudson	Passaic	NYC
Puerto Ricans		19.5%	19.5%	38.3%	10.1%	38.1%	27.2%	31.9%	37.3%
Dominicans		13.2%	11.0%	25.7%	23.1%	23.2%	22.5%	28.4%	27.8%
Mexicans		20.4%	25.7%	19.0%	11.5%	27.0%	19.2%	25.2%	25.8%
Ecuadorians		24.5%	17.2%	18.9%	16.6%	16.2%	19.5%	25.1%	22.5%
Colombians		20.1%	28.9%	22.9%	21.1%	12.5%	23.6%	32.9%	20.7%

Figure 6  
Unemployment and Not in the Labor Force Rates Combined for Puerto Ricans in New Jersey and New York Counties and New York City, 2008 (population ages 16 - 50)

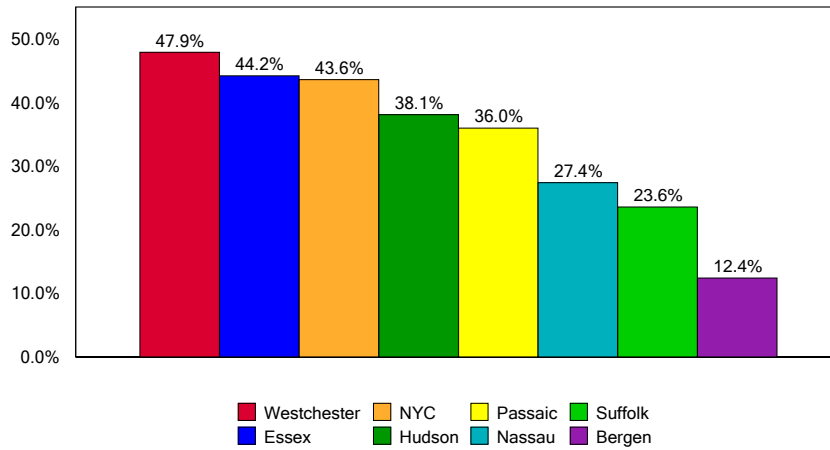


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Unemployment and Not in the Labor Force Rates Combined for Dominicans in New Jersey and New York Counties and New York City, 2008 (population ages 16 - 50)

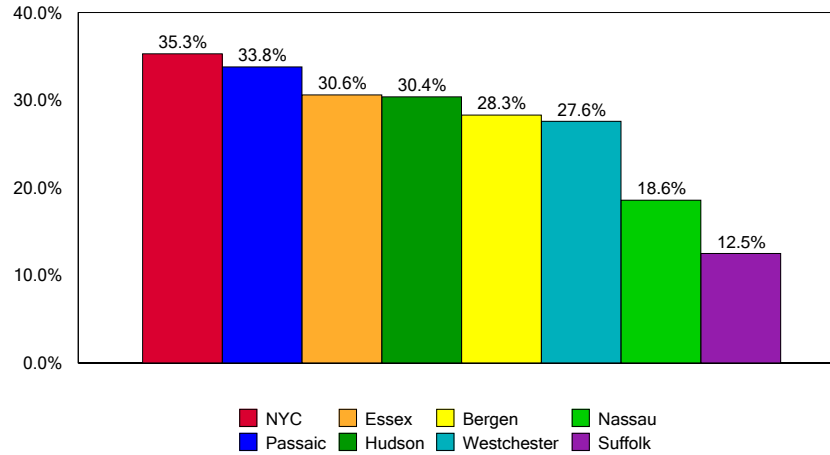
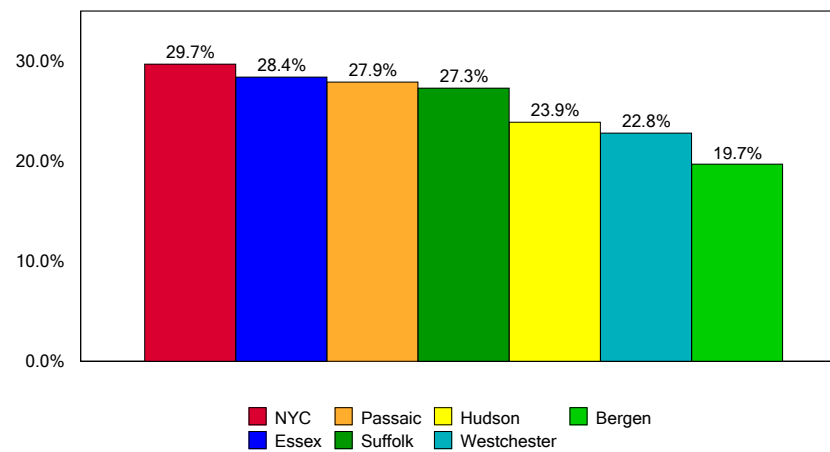
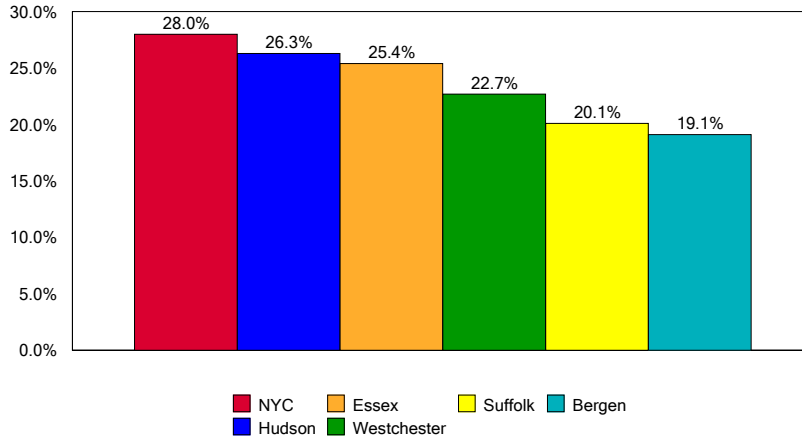


Figure 8  
Unemployment and Not in the Labor Force Rates Combined for Mexicans in New Jersey and New York Counties and New York City, 2008 (population ages 16 - 50)



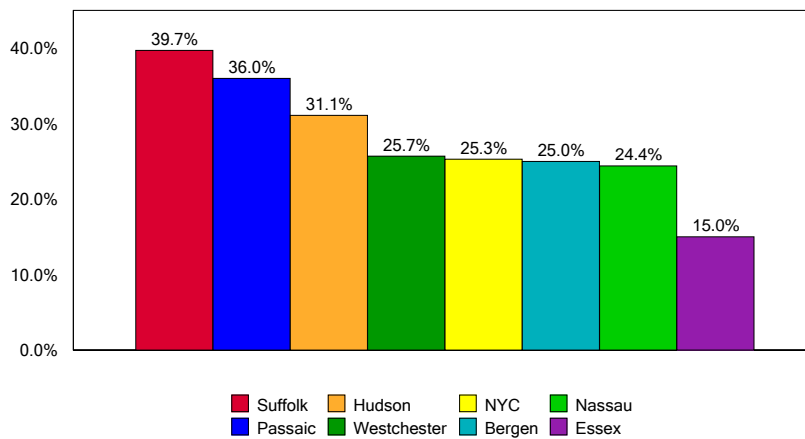
Note: There are no reliable data on unemployment rates for Mexicans in Nassau county.

Figure 9  
Unemployment and Not in the Labor Force Rates Combined for Ecuadorians in New Jersey and New York Counties and New York City, 2008 (population ages 16 - 50)



Note: There are no reliable data on unemployment rates for Ecuadorians in Nassau and Passaic counties.

Figure 10  
Unemployment and Not in the Labor Force Rates Combined for Colombians in New Jersey and New York Counties and New York City, 2008 (population ages 16 - 50)



## Poverty

Poverty rates across the seven counties considered here and New York City show no consistent comparative patterns when the five largest Latino nationalities are considered. Although Puerto Ricans demonstrated a fairly consistent decline in overall poverty rates between 2000 and 2008, when comparing the counties and the City there were very different comparative poverty rates by nationality. Puerto Ricans had the highest poverty rate in Essex County, New Jersey (51%). In New York City, Hudson and Passaic counties their rates were slightly higher than 40%. In Westchester 28% of all Puerto Ricans lived in poverty, but these rates were very low in Nassau (14%), Suffolk (13%), and Bergen county (4%). In the case of the latter three suburban New York counties, each typified by fairly high overall median incomes, it is likely that more affluent Puerto Ricans settled there.

For Dominicans, Passaic, Essex, and Westchester counties had the highest poverty rates – above 40%. Westchester Dominicans were in all likelihood concentrated in Yonkers rather than in the higher income regions further north, and in many ways their poverty rates resembled the

contiguous Bronx. In the City (35%) and Hudson County (37%) the rate for Dominicans was about the same. Then, as was the case with Puerto Ricans poverty rates were much lower in 2008 in Nassau, Suffolk, and Bergen county, probably because higher income Dominicans moved to these areas.

Mexicans demonstrated different patterns. The highest rate was in Essex County (65%) followed by Passaic (55%), Westchester (53%), and Suffolk County (51%). Then there was a drop to 40% in Nassau, still a very high rate, 33% in Hudson County, a surprisingly lower rate in the City at 30%, and finally 21% in Bergen County, New Jersey in 2008.

With the exception of Hudson County where Ecuadorians had a poverty rate of 43%, poverty rates were much lower – 28% in Essex and Westchester counties and also in New York City. Then rates of below 20% Suffolk, Bergen, Passaic, and Nassau counties.

Colombians in Hudson county had the highest poverty rates 40%, a pattern which was similar to Ecuadorians. Then there was a sharp drop to around a quarter of county populations in Suffolk and Westchester, and a similar rate in New York City (24%). In Bergen, Passaic, Nassau, and Essex counties, poverty rates for Colombians were 11% or below, the lowest of all the Latino nationalities. (See table 21 for complete data and figures 11 through 15).

Table 21  
Poverty Rates by Largest Latino Nationalities In New York  
and New Jersey Counties, 2000 - 2008

		2000							
		Nassau	Suffolk	Westchester	Bergen	Essex	Hudson	Passaic	NYC
Puerto Ricans		15.3%	21.0%	32.5%	13.6%	46.7%	39.1%	40.3%	36.0%
Dominicans		28.5%	27.9%	33.5%	19.1%	42.9%	33.8%	38.9%	33.3%
Mexicans		25.9%	32.0%	31.2%	15.4%	42.6%	45.4%	45.4%	34.1%
Ecuadorians		11.4%	20.5%	37.5%	20.5%	26.9%	28.9%	35.3%	22.7%
Colombians		13.6%	17.4%	26.1%	16.2%	30.1%	29.1%	23.3%	20.5%

		2008							
		Nassau	Suffolk	Westchester	Bergen	Essex	Hudson	Passaic	NYC
Puerto Ricans		14.2%	12.5%	28.3%	4.0%	50.9%	42.0%	40.9%	43.6%
Dominicans		27.3%	25.3%	41.5%	17.9%	42.3%	36.5%	48.7%	35.3%
Mexicans		40.1%	50.9%	53.1%	20.8%	65.4%	32.7%	54.5%	29.7%
Ecuadorians		6.0%	19.2%	28.0%	15.9%	28.3%	43.2%	12.2%	28.0%
Colombians		8.2%	29.2%	24.4%	11.2%	8.1%	39.5%	9.7%	25.3%

Figure 11  
Poverty Rates for Puerto Ricans in New Jersey and New York Counties and New York City, 2008

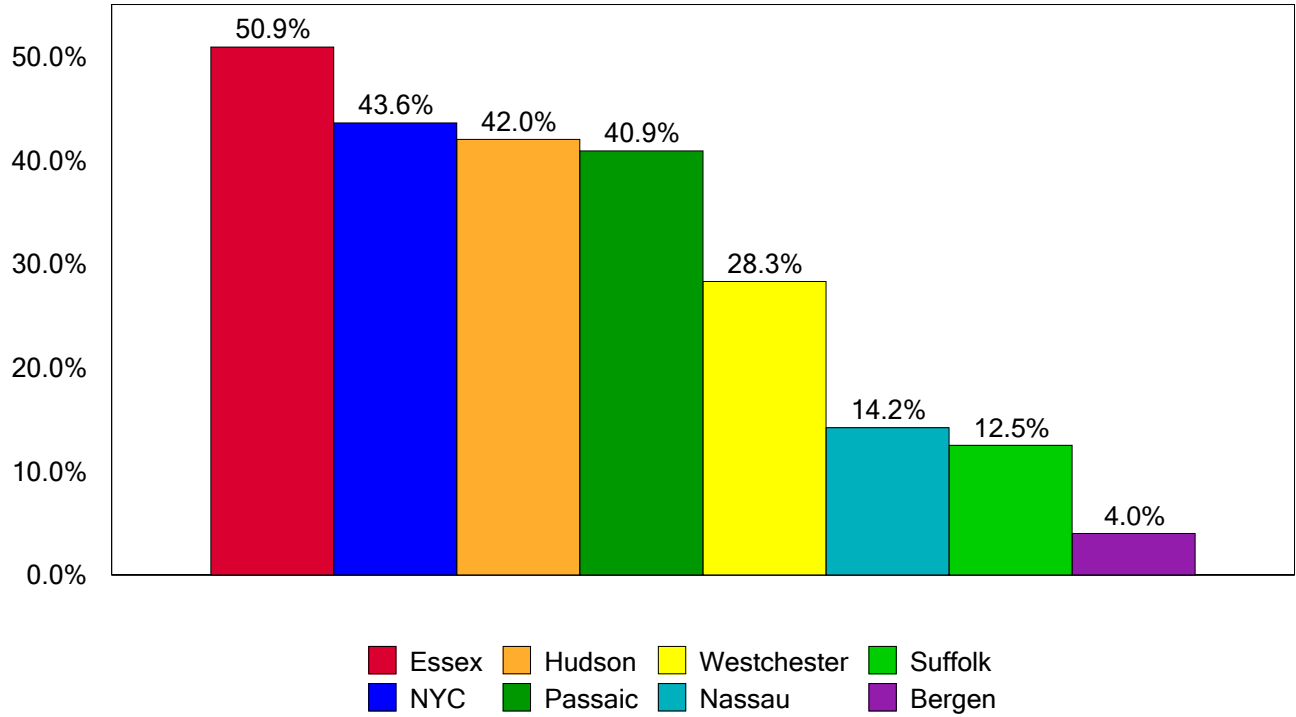


Figure 12  
Poverty Rates for Dominicans in New Jersey and New York Counties and New York City, 2008

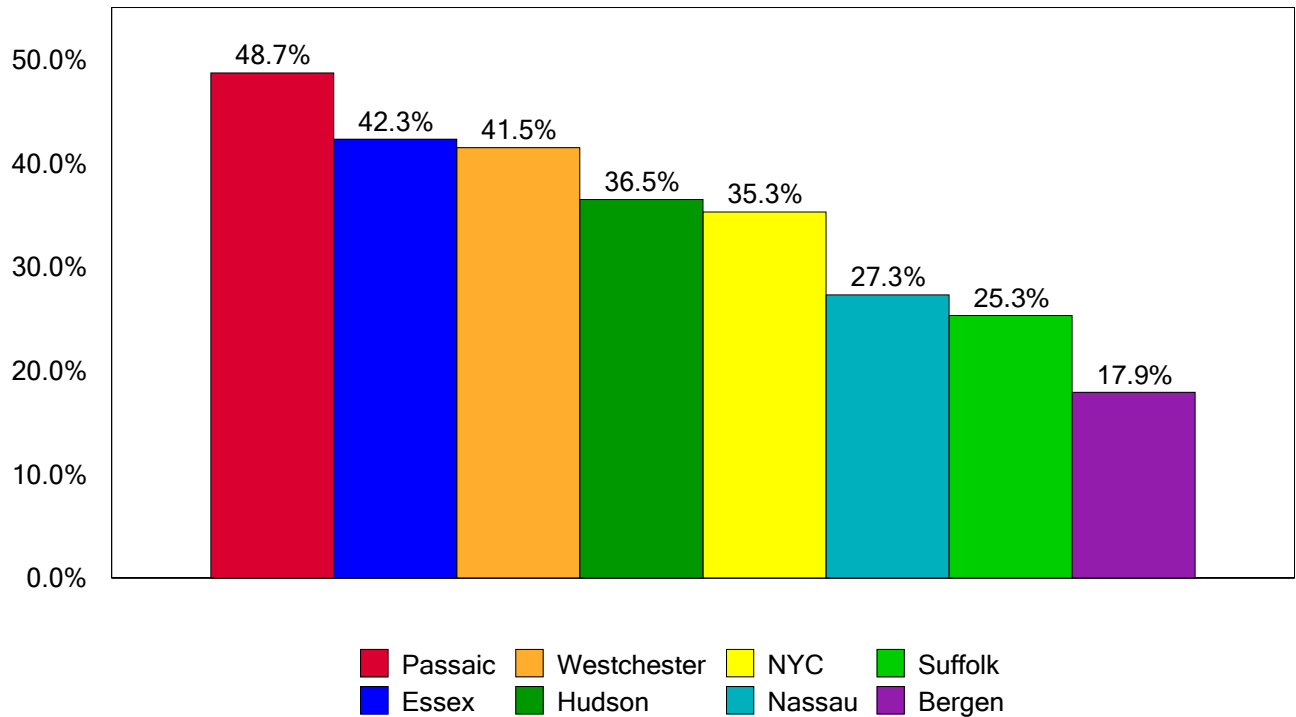


Figure 13  
Poverty Rates for Mexicans in New Jersey and New York Counties and New York City, 2008

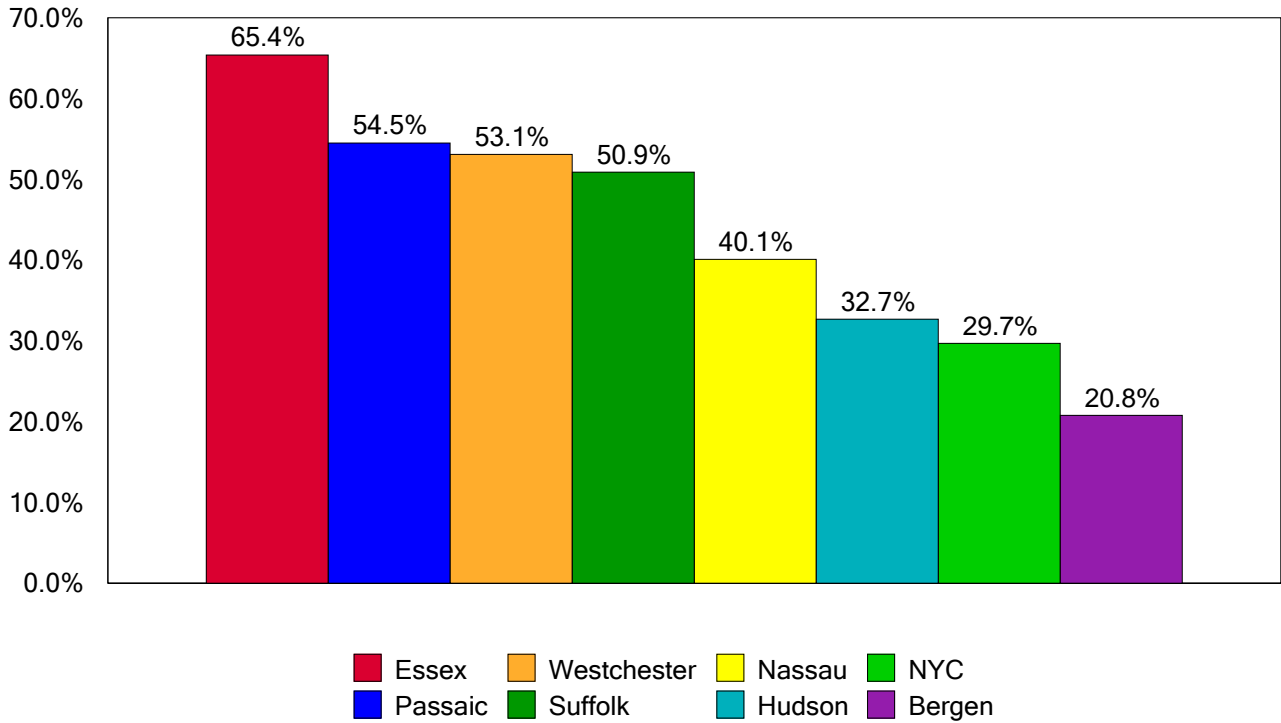


Figure 14  
Poverty Rates for Ecuadorians in New Jersey and New York Counties and New York City, 2008

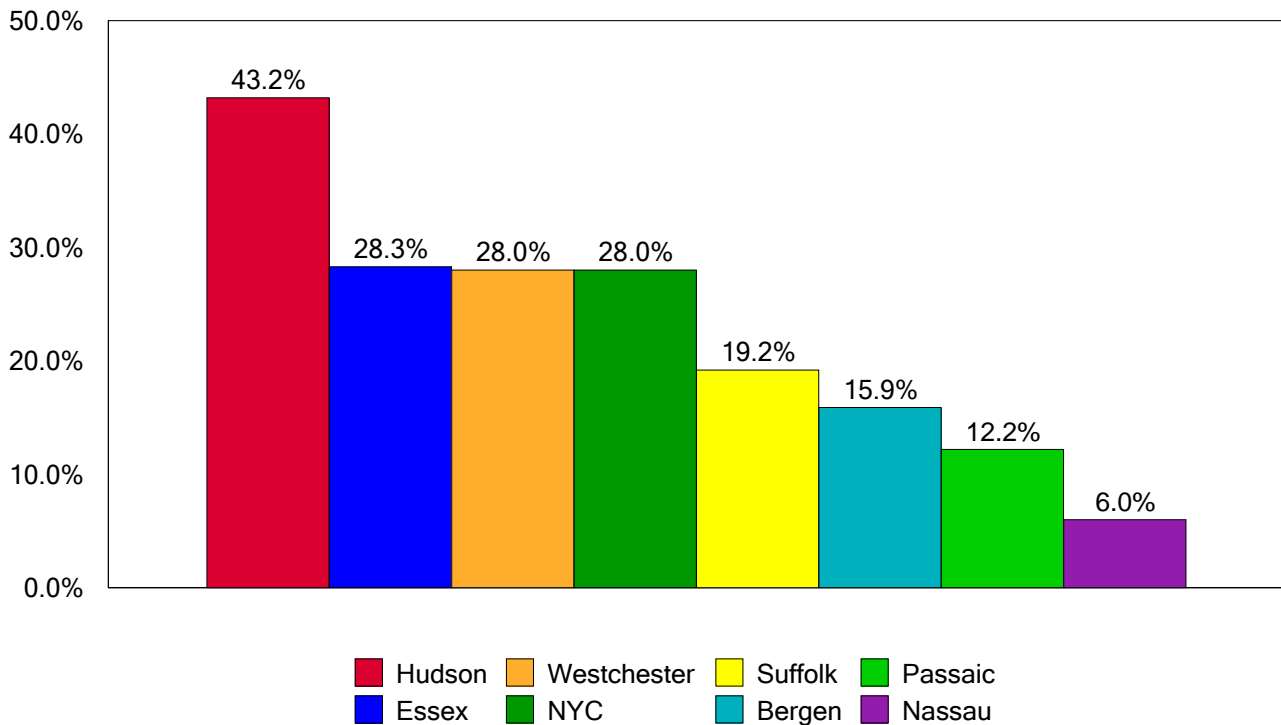
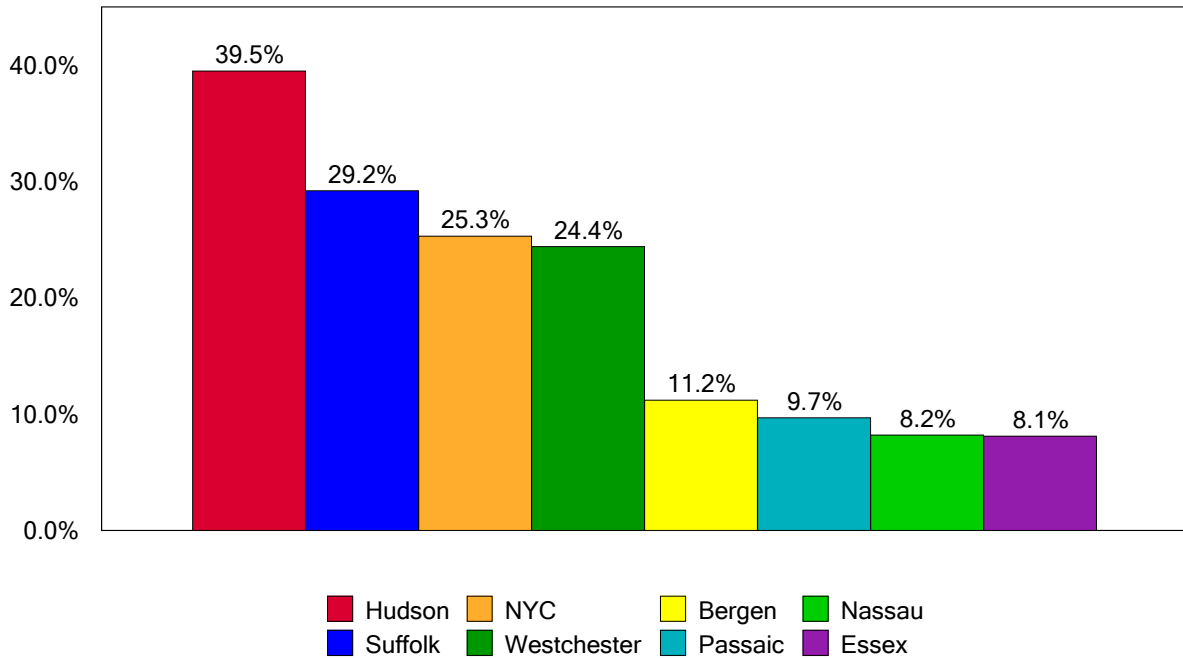


Figure 15  
Poverty Rates for Colombians in New Jersey and New York Counties and New York City, 2008



### Home Ownership

There were some clear patterns in home ownership rates for Latinos in the counties surrounding New York City, although for each nationality there were some aberrations in the general patterns. In the suburban counties of Nassau, Suffolk, and Bergen counties ownership rates were comparatively high for all groups except for Mexicans. In Westchester, Essex, Hudson, and Passaic counties, there were generally lower rates of ownership. In New York city, generally home ownership rates were much lower, with over 70% of all nationalities renting. In 2008 Puerto Ricans (64.3%), Dominicans (69.8%), and Mexicans (35.5%) had their highest ownership rates in Bergen, while Ecuadorians (64.7%) had highest ownership rates in Passaic County, and in Essex County Colombians (82.0%) had their highest rates. It is clear that Latinos of all nationalities who had better incomes sought to live in suburban communities where home ownership was possible. These data are summarized in table 22 and figures 16 through 20.

Table 22  
Home Ownership and Rental Rates Among Largest Latino Nationalities In New York and New Jersey Counties, 2000 - 2008

Owned or in the Process of Purchase 2000								
	Nassau	Suffolk	Westchester	Bergen	Essex	Hudson	Passaic	NYC
Puerto Ricans	72.3%	72.0%	33.9%	56.1%	28.2%	21.2%	32.8%	17.2%
Dominicans	50.2%	63.4%	25.1%	53.4%	31.0%	18.3%	32.2%	11.3%
Mexicans	44.8%	56.3%	14.8%	39.7%	32.7%	11.4%	14.2%	8.3%
Ecuadorians	65.1%	48.1%	21.3%	49.7%	26.2%	24.2%	28.8%	21.2%
Colombians	61.7%	69.9%	27.6%	41.7%	42.1%	16.3%	42.3%	26.6%

Owned or in the Process of Purchase 2008								
	Nassau	Suffolk	Westchester	Bergen	Essex	Hudson	Passaic	NYC
Puerto Ricans	76.5%	81.6%	37.5%	64.3%	28.9%	25.4%	33.8%	21.8%
Dominicans	64.9%	62.4%	32.2%	69.8%	34.7%	28.6%	48.6%	13.4%
Mexicans	65.5%	27.4%	18.9%	35.5%	21.7%	16.1%	27.3%	5.7%
Ecuadorians	72.8%	70.0%	36.6%	42.3%	36.1%	41.3%	64.7%	29.3%
Colombians	82.2%	76.8%	41.7%	41.8%	82.0%	23.8%	50.3%	28.1%

Rented 2000								
	Nassau	Suffolk	Westchester	Bergen	Essex	Hudson	Passaic	NYC
Puerto Ricans	25.9%	25.8%	60.7%	42.5%	69.2%	77.3%	62.0%	80.6%
Dominicans	47.3%	34.1%	72.9%	45.6%	67.1%	80.9%	65.0%	88.3%
Mexicans	54.4%	42.7%	84.6%	59.7%	66.9%	88.0%	83.9%	90.9%
Ecuadorians	34.1%	51.2%	78.3%	49.8%	73.8%	75.6%	67.5%	78.6%
Colombians	38.1%	29.4%	71.5%	57.4%	54.7%	83.2%	56.0%	73.0%

Rented 2008								
	Nassau	Suffolk	Westchester	Bergen	Essex	Hudson	Passaic	NYC
Puerto Ricans	20.1%	17.1%	57.8%	35.4%	69.5%	72.8%	60.9%	75.1%
Dominicans	35.1%	32.5%	66.3%	30.2%	57.9%	70.6%	50.3%	86.0%
Mexicans	33.5%	69.8%	80.2%	62.7%	71.6%	83.3%	71.5%	93.3%
Ecuadorians	26.0%	29.5%	63.4%	57.7%	63.9%	58.4%	35.3%	70.3%
Colombians	17.1%	20.8%	58.3%	57.5%	18.0%	75.6%	47.1%	70.5%



Figure 16  
Home Ownership Rates for Puerto Ricans in New Jersey and New York Counties and New York City, 2008

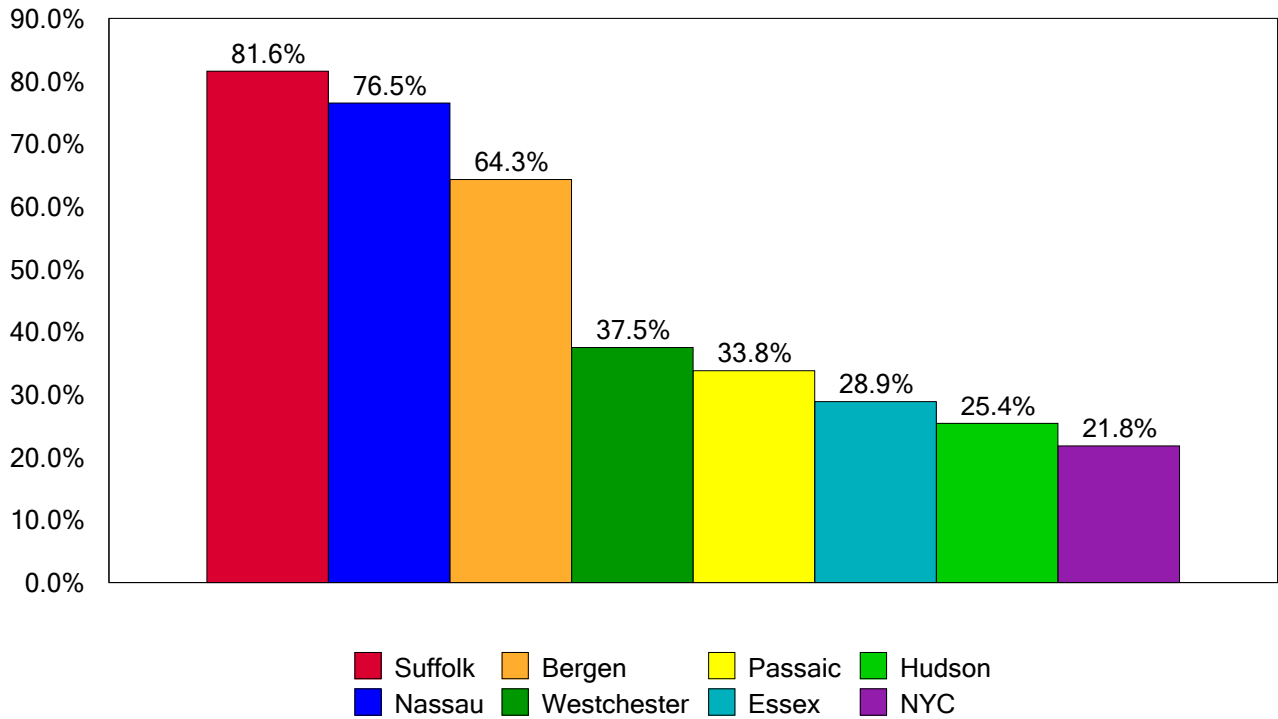


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Home Ownership Rates for Dominicans in New Jersey and New York Counties and New York City, 2008

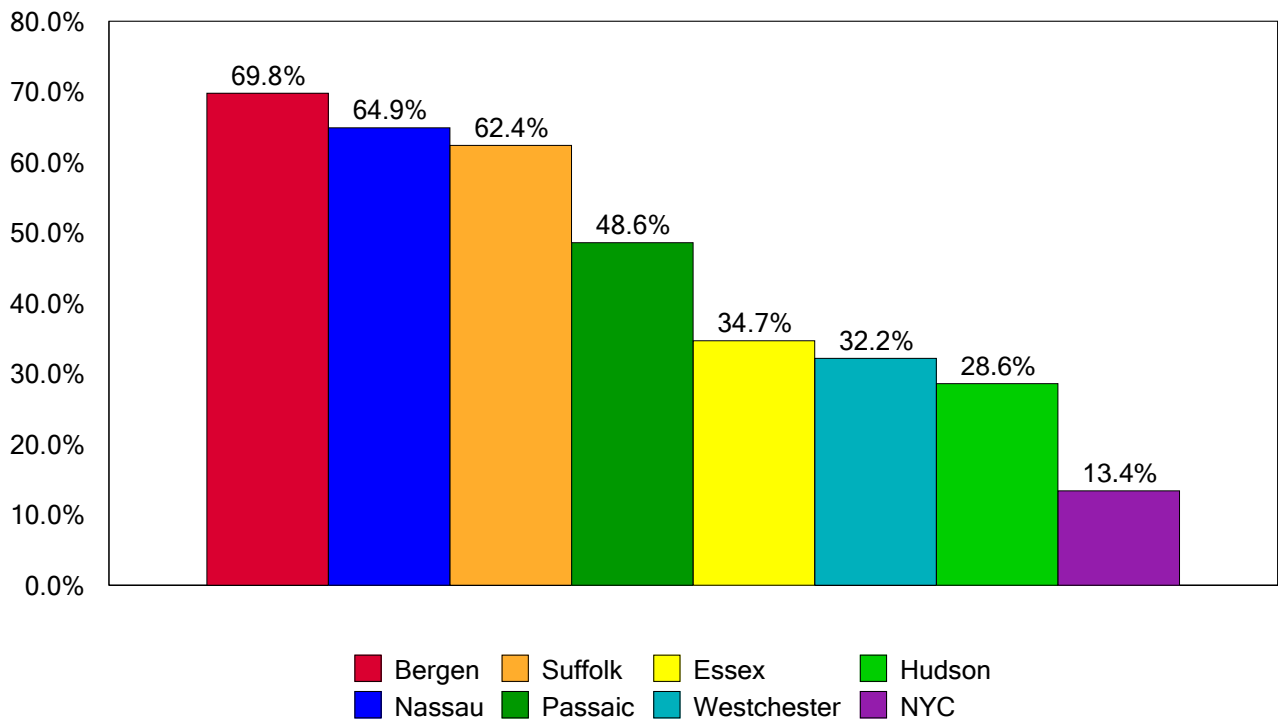


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Home Ownership Rates for Mexicans in New Jersey and New York Counties and New York City, 2008

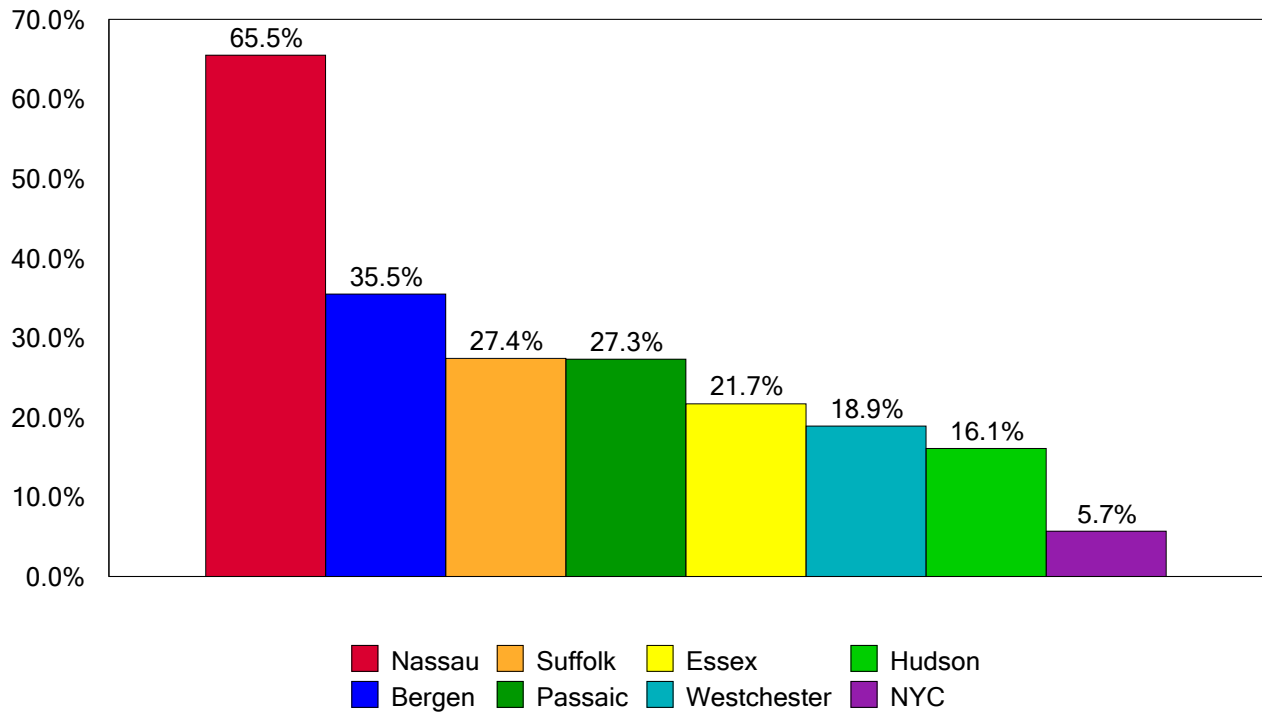


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Home Ownership Rates for Ecuadorians in New Jersey and New York Counties and New York City, 2008

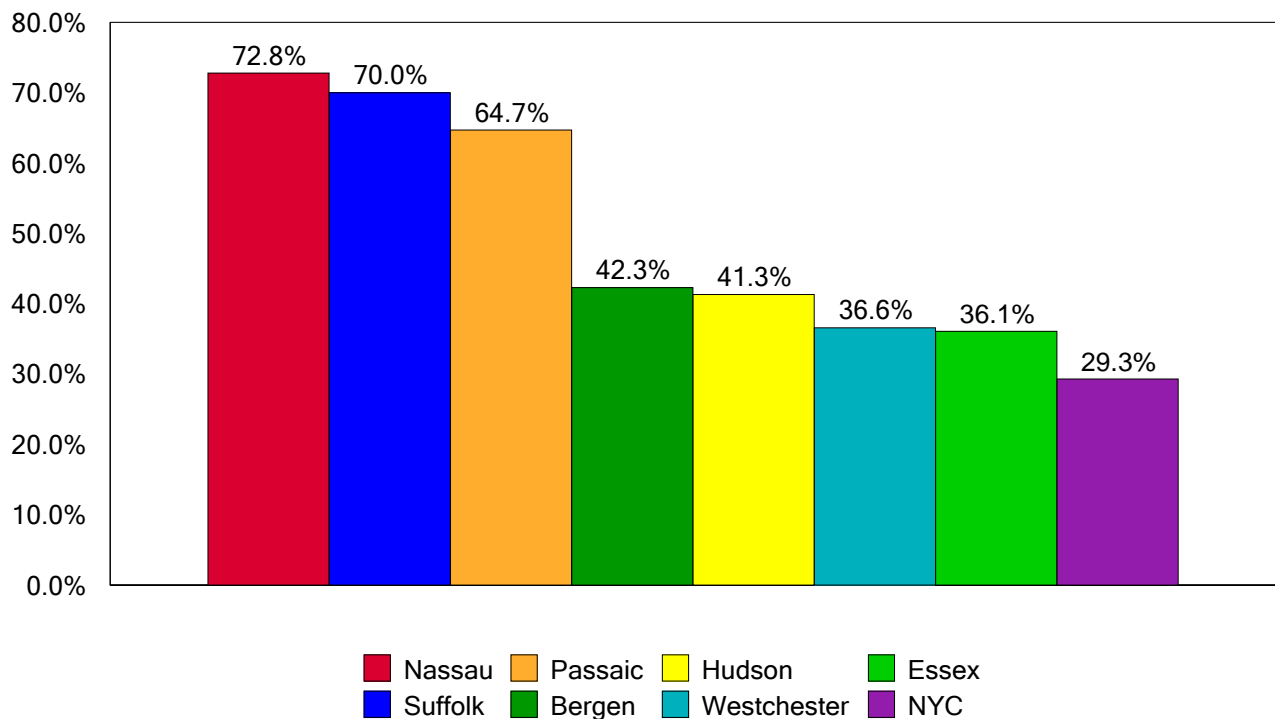
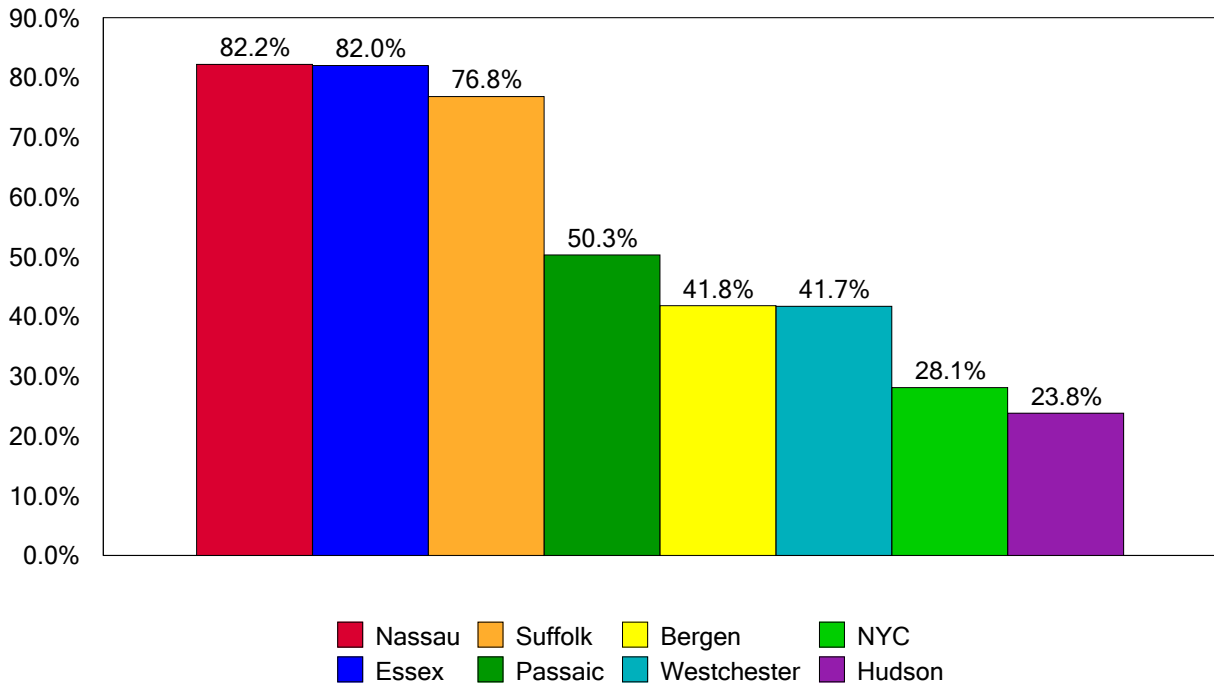


Figure 20  
Home Ownership Rates for Colombians in New Jersey and New York Counties and New York City, 2008



### English Language Abilities

In general English language abilities were better for the Latino nationalities who have been in the New York metropolitan area the longest, with Puerto Ricans demonstrating the best English language competency in the City and in every suburban county with the exception of Essex County in which, for some reason, Colombians had higher rates. Colombians generally had fairly high levels of English skills. Mexicans and Ecuadorians, the more recent immigrant groups to the region had generally higher percentages of people with poor English language skills, but in general they had better English language skills in the suburban counties. Complete data are presented in figures 21 through 28.

Figure 21  
English Language Ability for Largest Latino Nationalities Nassau County 2008  
Population 5 Years of Age and Older

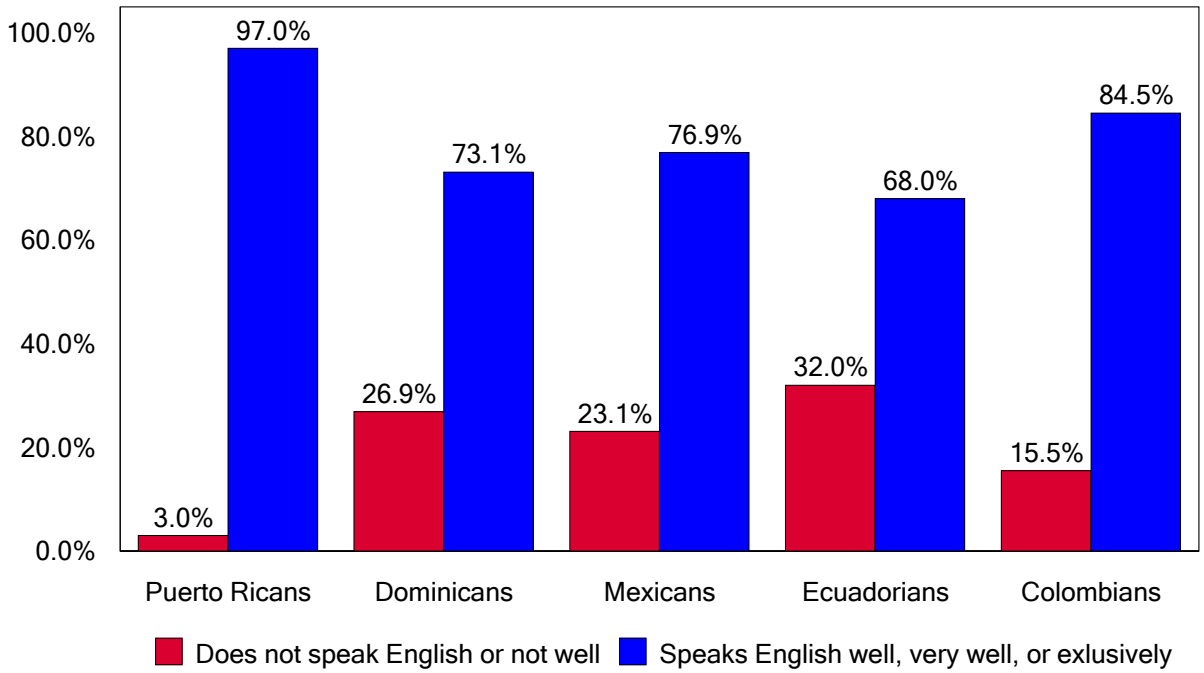


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English Language Ability for Largest Latino Nationalities Suffolk County 2008  
Population 5 Years of Age and Older

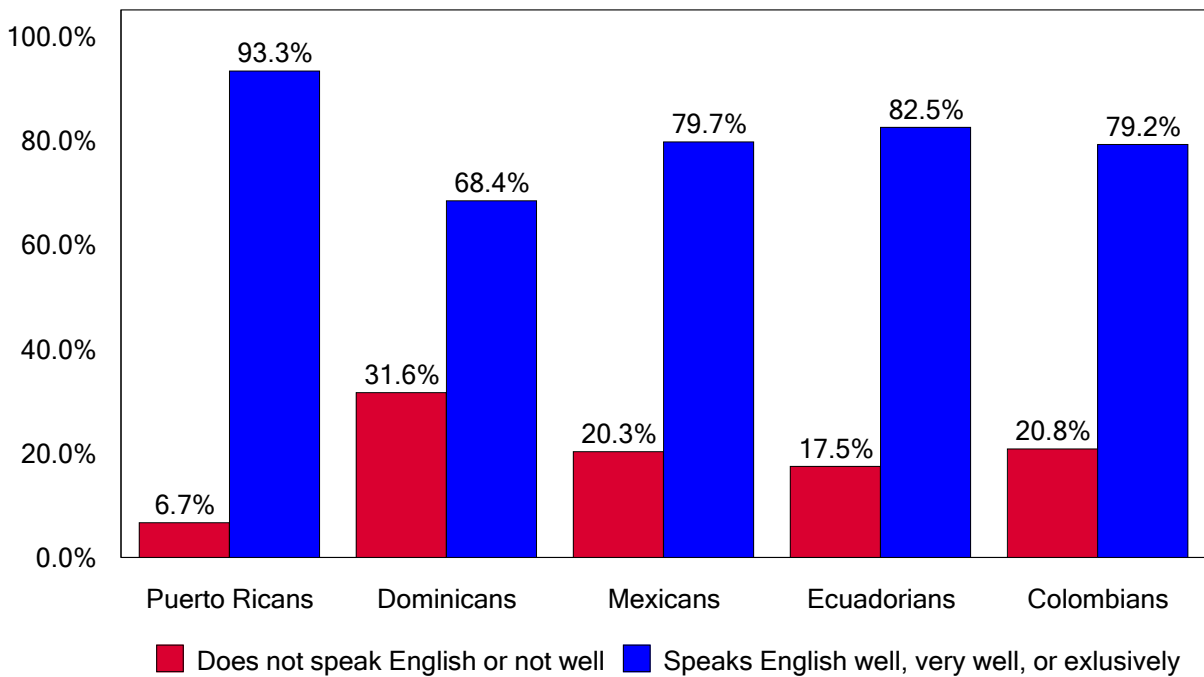


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English Language Ability for Largest Latino Nationalities Westchester County 2008  
Population 5 Years of Age and Older

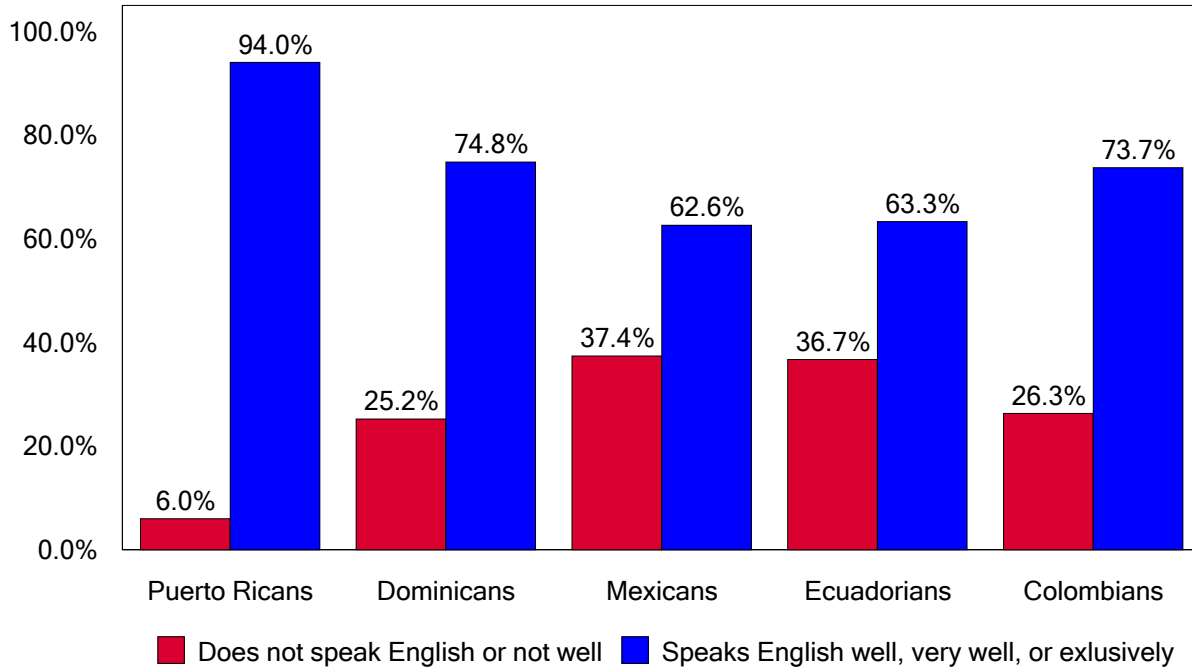


Figure 24  
English Language Ability for Largest Latino Nationalities Bergen County 2008  
Population 5 Years of Age and Older

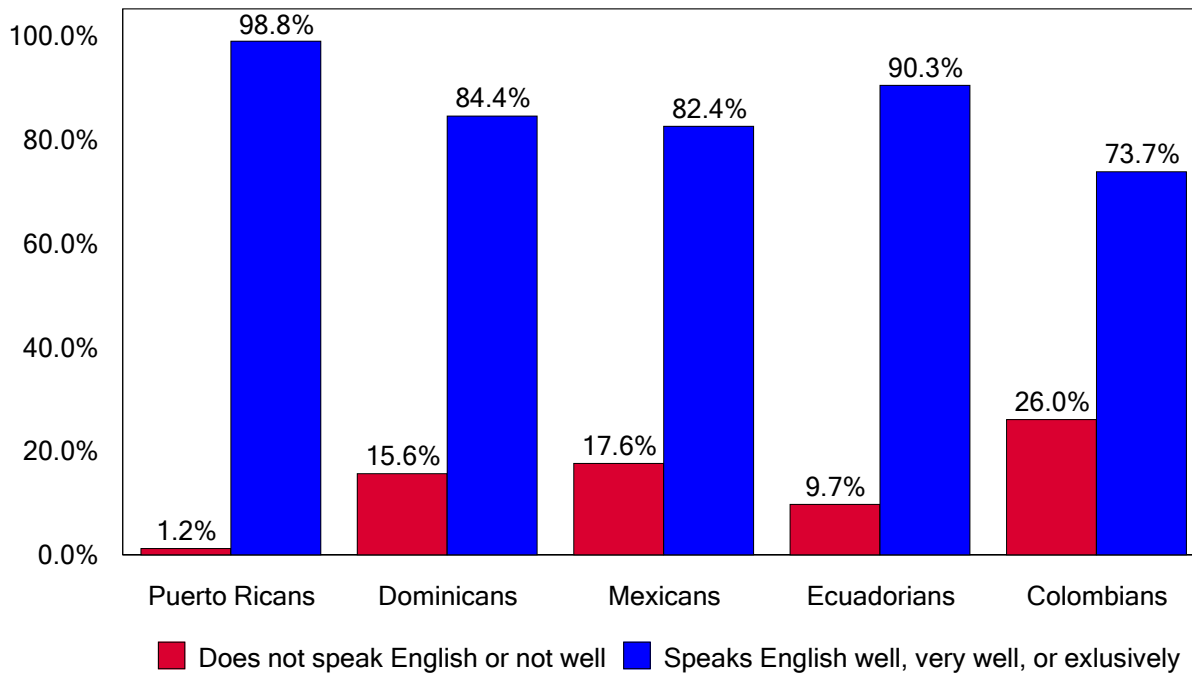


Figure 25  
English Language Ability for Largest Latino Nationalities Essex County 2008  
Population 5 Years of Age and Older

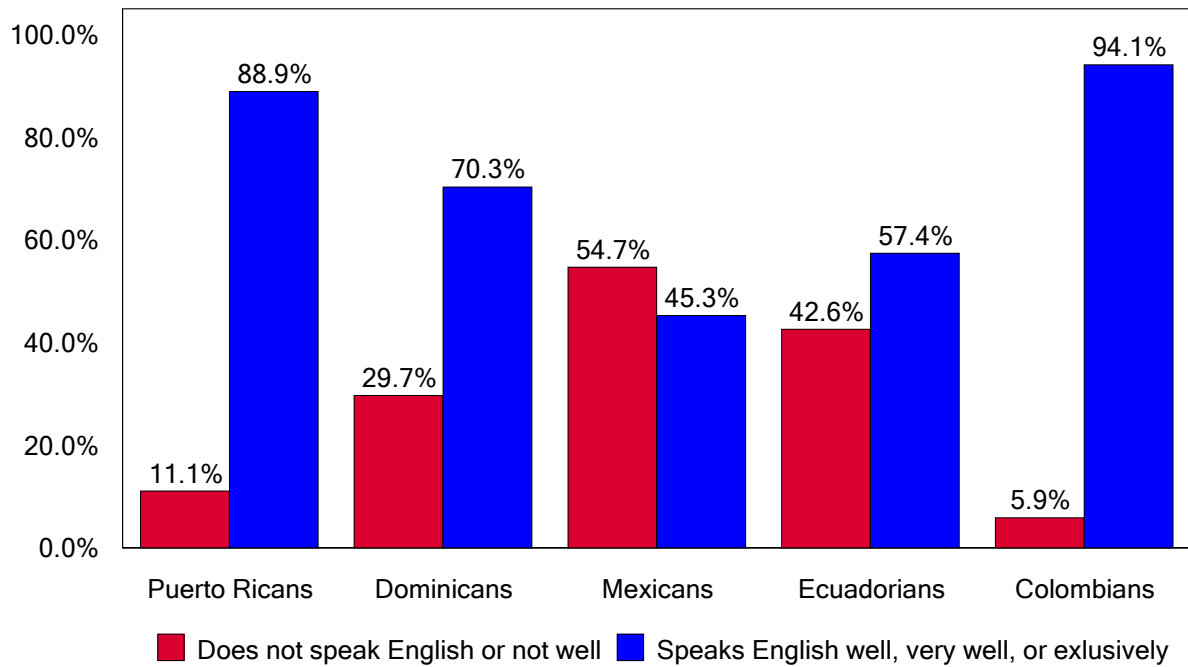


Figure 26  
English Language Ability for Largest Latino Nationalities Hudson County 2008  
Population 5 Years of Age and Older

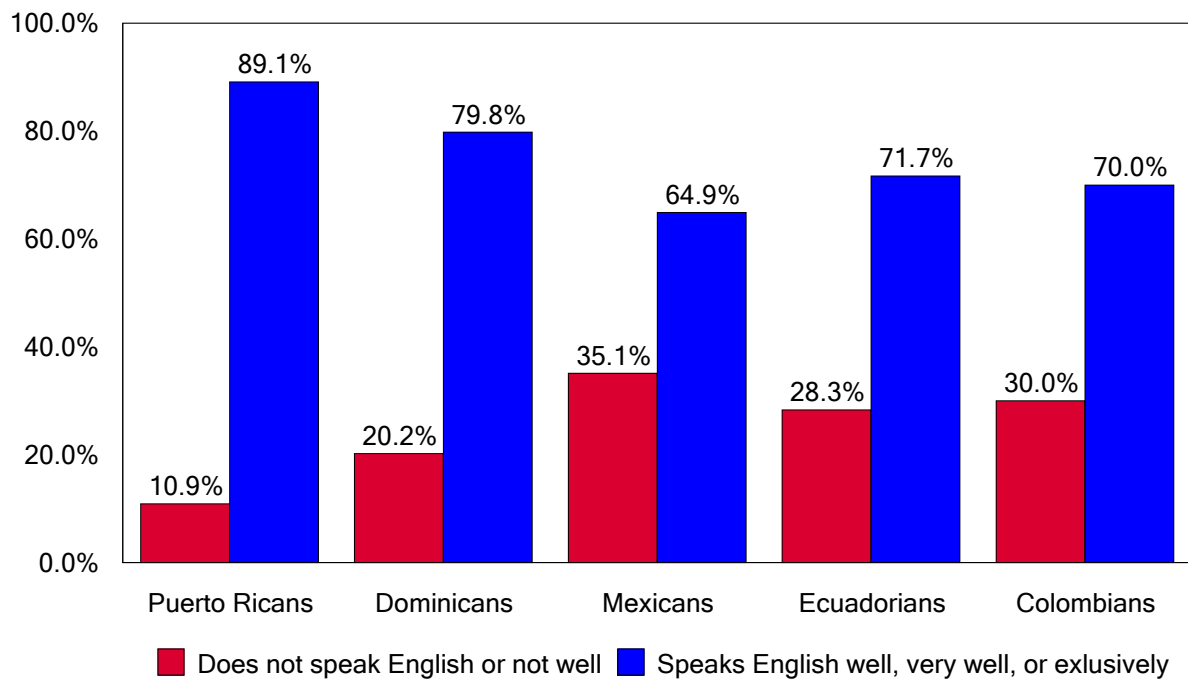


Figure 27  
English Language Ability for Largest Latino Nationalities Passaic County 2008  
Population 5 Years of Age and Older

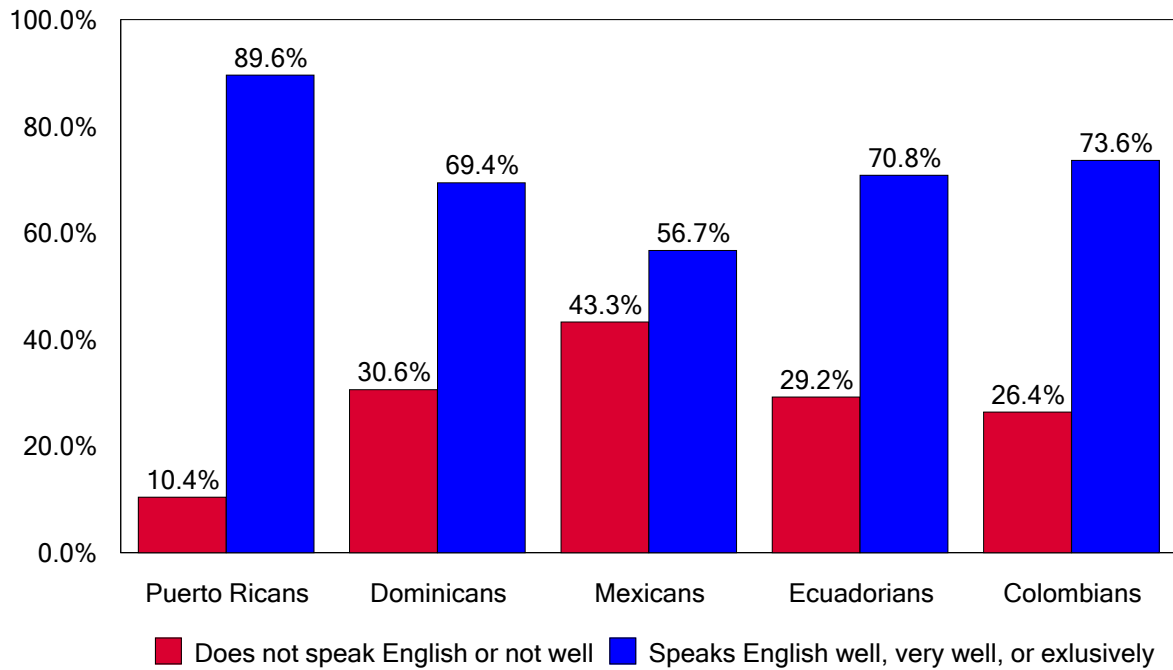
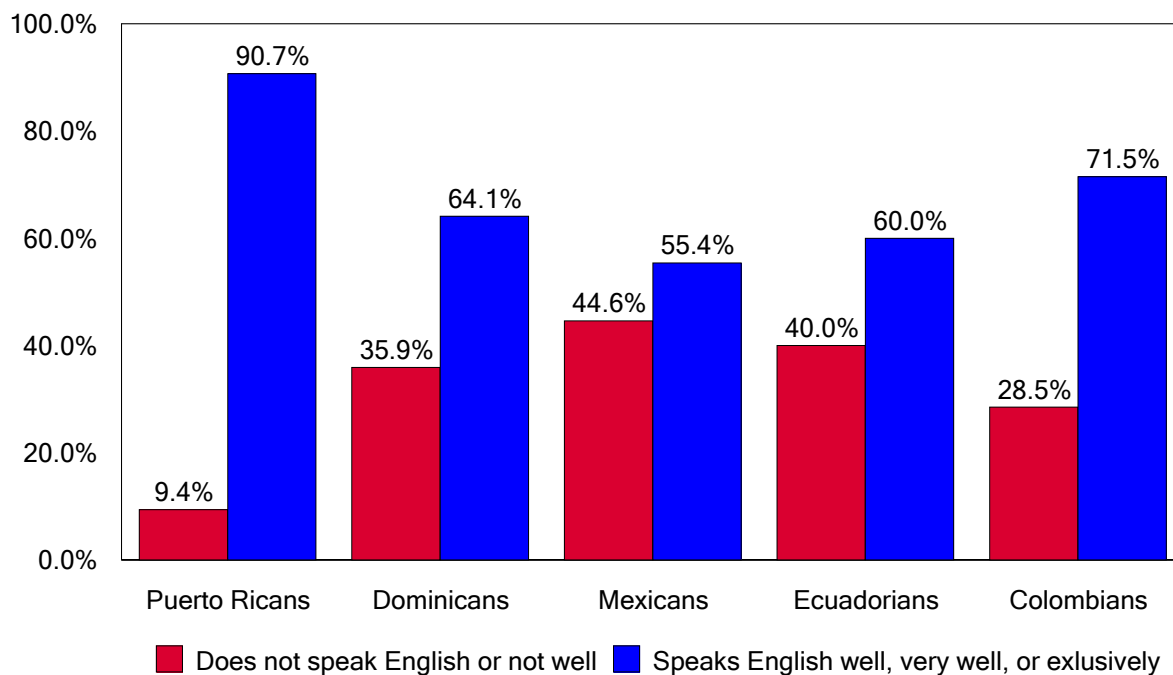


Figure 28  
English Language Ability for Largest Latino Nationalities New York City 2008  
Population 5 Years of Age and Older



## Report Highlights

- There were over half a million Latinos living in the New York State counties of Nassau and Suffolk (Long Island), and Westchester- an increase of over 25% from 2000.
- There were over 740,000 Latinos living in the New Jersey counties of Bergen, Essex, Hudson, and Passaic- an increase of over 15% from 2000.
- While the Latino population in the New York State counties increased as the total county populations increased, the Latino population in the New Jersey counties increased as the total county populations decreased.
- Puerto Ricans represent the largest Latino national subgroup across the New York and New Jersey counties, although their absolute numbers and relative percentage amongst the total County population declined since 2000 in all but 2 counties- Bergen (NJ) and Essex (NJ).
- Dominicans are the second largest Latino national subgroup in the New York State counties, while also representing the fastest growing Latino nationality in these areas since 2000- having increased by almost 93% (Suffolk, NY).
- Dominicans are the largest Latino national subgroup in Passaic (NJ), representing the only county where Puerto Ricans are not the Latino majority.
- Ecuadorians reflected the fastest Latino population growth in Essex (NJ) and Hudson (NJ), having increased by 61% and 54%, respectively, since 2000.
- Colombians were the fastest Latino population growth in Bergen (NJ), having increased by 80% since 2000.
- Mexicans on Long Island (Nassau and Suffolk, NY) were the only other Latino nationality, aside from Puerto Ricans, whose domestic-born population outnumbered their foreign-born population.
- All Latinos tended to follow a similar age distribution pattern across New York and New Jersey- most of the domestic-born segment fell within the 18-30 year old range, while the foreign-born population fell within the 31-50 year old range.
- While Latinos found their highest median household incomes in different counties in 2008- a somewhat similar pattern emerged in that Nassau (NY) and Bergen (NJ) often held the highest median household incomes for the various groups.
- Although Puerto Ricans had the highest portion of households earning greater than \$75,000 in New York State, they also had the highest portion of households earning less than \$20,000- compared to the other Latino groups, except for Mexicans in Suffolk (NY). In New Jersey, at least 3 of the 5 Latino national subgroups had 20% of their population earn less than \$20,000 in Hudson and Passaic.



- There were overall improvements in the percentages of Latinos both not graduating High School and graduating from a four-year college since 2000, Colombians tended to have the highest percentage of their adult population earn a B.A. or higher, and the lowest percentage to not graduate High School. Mexicans and Ecuadorians tended to have the lowest college graduation percentages, while having the highest High School non-graduation percentages.
- Mexicans had the highest poverty rates across the 7 counties in 2008, rising to as high as 65% (Essex, NJ), while Ecuadorians and Colombians had the lowest. In New Jersey, both Puerto Ricans in Bergen (4%) and Colombians in Essex and Passaic (8-10%) had the lowest.
- Puerto Ricans had the highest unemployment rates as well as 'not in labor force' rates across the outer NYC counties, while Dominicans had the lowest, compared with the other Latino nationalities.
- Despite rising home ownership rates among the Latino subgroups, a vast majority tended to rent in both Westchester (NY) and Hudson (NJ). Both Puerto Ricans and Colombians had the highest homeownership rates in Long Island (about 80%), with Colombians also having the highest rates in Essex (NJ); about 82%.
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