

## Immigrants and Voting: 2008 Election Profile District of Columbia

**Total Electoral College Votes: 3**  
**Electoral and Popular Vote Choice in 2004 General Election: Democrat (Kerry: 89%)**

**Total Citizens eligible to vote (2006): 425,420**

**Naturalized Citizens eligible to vote (2006): 21,947**

- In 2006, the foreign born represented 12.7 percent (or 73,820) of the District of Columbia's total population (581,530), compared with 12.9 percent in 2000 and 9.7 percent in 1990
- The District of Columbia's foreign-born population increased by 259 (or 0.4 percent) between 2000 and 2006 (from 73,561 to 73,820)
- The District of Columbia's foreign-born citizen population increased by 2,169 (or 9.8 percent) between 2000 and 2006 (from 22,050 to 24,219)
- The District of Columbia's foreign-born voting eligible population (18+) increased by 1,054 (or 5.0 percent) between 2000 and 2006 (from 20,893 to 21,947)

## Voting and Registration by Nativity in the District of Columbia November 2004 CPS

(In thousands)

| DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA           | Total                    | Voted                    |         | Registered, did not vote |         | Did not register         |         |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------|--------------------------|---------|--------------------------|---------|
|                                | Number<br>(In thousands) | Number<br>(In thousands) | Percent | Number<br>(In thousands) | Percent | Number<br>(In thousands) | Percent |
| All Citizens (18+)             | 390                      | 270                      | 69%     | 24                       | 6%      | 96                       | 25%     |
| Native Citizens (18+)          | 362                      | 252                      | 70%     | 23                       | 6%      | 87                       | 24%     |
| Foreign-Born<br>Citizens (18+) | 28                       | 18                       | 64%     | 1                        | 4%      | 9                        | 32%     |

## District of Columbia's Rankings: Size and Growth of Foreign-Born Population

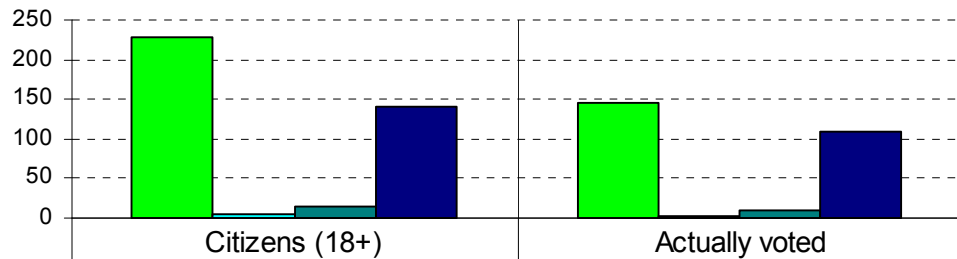
(All rankings include the 50 states and the District of Columbia – a total of 51)

- Proportion District of Columbia total population of total U.S. total population (2006): 50 out of 51
- Proportion District of Columbia foreign-born citizens of total U.S. foreign-born citizens (2004): 36 out of 51
- Size of the foreign-born population (2006): 40 out of 51
- Percent foreign born in the total population (2006): 12 out of 51
- Numeric change in the foreign-born population (2000-2006): 50 out of 51
- Percent change in the foreign-born population (2000-2006): 50 out of 51

# Citizenship and Voter Participation in the District of Columbia by Ethnicity (2004 CPS)\*

(In thousands)

■ Black Alone   
 ■ Asian Alone   
 ■ Hispanic (of any race)   
 ■ White Non-Hispanic Alone



|                          | Citizens (18+) | Actually voted |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Black Alone              | 229            | 146            |
| Asian Alone              | 5              | 3              |
| Hispanic (of any race)   | 15             | 9              |
| White Non-Hispanic Alone | 140            | 110            |

- Hispanics represented 3.7 percent of the voting eligible population in the District of Columbia in 2006 (15,709 out of 425,420)
  - The Hispanic population represented 2.8 percent of state projected voters\*\*
- Of the foreign born in the District of Columbia, 39.7 percent reported Hispanic or Latino origins
- Of the native born in the District of Columbia, 3.8 percent reported Hispanic or Latino origins

\*Tabulations do not include American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander voters because of their small sample size in the November 2004 CPS

\*\*Pew Hispanic Center calculates the projected Hispanic share of votes by multiplying the Hispanic share of eligible voters by the difference in turnout between Hispanics and non-Hispanics. The national average has been used in this calculation due to a lack of reliable information on Hispanic voter turnout at the state level.

Sources: Migration Policy Institute Data Hub; Federal Election Commission (2004 Elections Results); 2006 American Community Survey; Taylor, Paul, and Richard Fry. "Hispanics and the 2008 Election: a Swing Vote?" Pew Hispanic Center. Washington D.C.: Pew Research Center, 2007.; voting and registration data based on Pew Hispanic Center tabulations of November 2004 Current Population Survey; and, U.S. Census Bureau

For more detailed information about the foreign-born population in your state, including data and factsheets on demographic, social, income, education, language, workforce and poverty characteristics, please visit the Migration Policy Institute Data Hub at <http://www.migrationinformation.org/datahub>

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