

Immigrants and Voting: 2008 Election Profile VIRGINIA

Total Electoral College Votes: 13
Electoral and Popular Vote Choice in 2004 General Election: Republican (Bush: 54%)

Total Citizens eligible to vote (2006): 5,448,631

Naturalized Citizens eligible to vote (2006): 318,606

- In 2006, the foreign born represented 10.1 percent (or 773,785) of Virginia's total population (7,642,884), compared with 8.1 percent in 2000 and 5.0 percent in 1990
- Virginia's foreign-born population increased by 203,506 (or 35.7 percent) between 2000 and 2006 (from 570,279 to 773,785)
- Virginia's foreign-born citizen population increased by 98,842 (or 42.5 percent) between 2000 and 2006 (from 232,767 to 331,609)
- Virginia's foreign-born voting eligible population (18+) increased by 97,920 (or 44.4 percent) between 2000 and 2006 (from 220,686 to 318,606)

Voting and Registration by Nativity in Virginia November 2004 CPS (In thousands)

VIRGINIA	Total	Voted		Registered, did not vote		Did not register	
	Number (In thousands)	Number (In thousands)	Percent	Number (In thousands)	Percent	Number (In thousands)	Percent
All Citizens (18+)	4,971	3,135	63%	306	6%	1,530	31%
Native Citizens (18+)	4,741	3,009	63%	286	6%	1,446	30%
Foreign-Born Citizens (18+)	230	126	55%	20	9%	84	37%

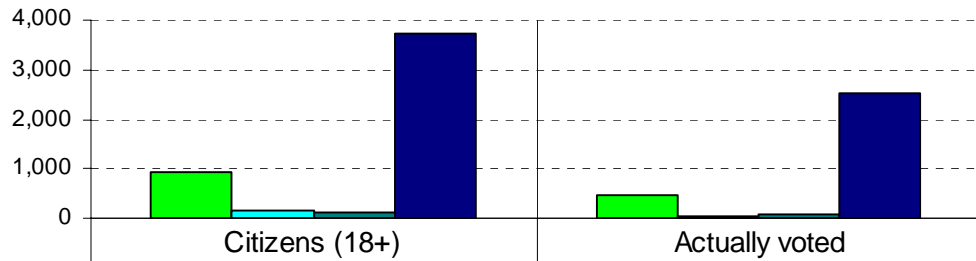
Virginia's Rankings: Size and Growth of Foreign-Born Population (All rankings include the 50 states and the District of Columbia – a total of 51)

- Proportion Virginia total population of total U.S. total population (2006): 12 out of 51
- Proportion Virginia foreign-born citizens of total U.S. foreign-born citizens (2004): 11 out of 51
- Size of the foreign-born population (2006): 11 out of 51
- Percent foreign born in the total population (2006): 17 out of 51
- Numeric change in the foreign-born population (2000-2006): 9 out of 51
- Percent change in the foreign-born population (2000-2006): 12 out of 51

Citizenship and Voter Participation in Virginia by Ethnicity (2004 CPS)*

(In thousands)

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



	Citizens (18+)	Actually voted
Black Alone	915	477
Asian Alone	149	43
Hispanic (of any race)	135	70
White Non-Hispanic Alone	3,741	2,525

- Hispanics represented 2.7 percent of the voting eligible population in Virginia in 2006 (148,837 out of 5,448,631)
 - The Hispanic population represented 2.0 percent of state projected voters**
- Of the foreign born in Virginia, 32.9 percent reported Hispanic or Latino origins
- Of the native born in Virginia, 3.3 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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