Monthly COVID Data Report: Latinos Remain the Most Disproportionately Impacted in Illinois

The morbidity and mortality data document that Latinos in Illinois are the racial/ethnic group that is most disproportionately impacted by COVID.

For ongoing and more detailed analysis on how COVID has impacted Latinos, especially in areas related to immigration, housing, economics, and education, please visit https://www.latinopolicyforum.org/.

Rate of COVID Cases per 100,000 Persons by Select Race/Ethnicity, Illinois, August 31, 2021

To date, just over 11 percent of Latinos in Illinois have been diagnosed with COVID. This is approximately 22 percent greater than the rate of diagnosed cases in the Black population and about 28 percent greater than the rate of diagnosed cases in the white population.

Age-Adjusted Cumulative Case Incidence Rate per 1,000 Persons by Select Race/Ethnicity, Illinois, September 7, 2021

Data sources:
https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/covid19-statistics and US Census, August 2021

Please note that population numbers used to calculate these rates are those from the 2020 census released on August 12, 2021.
Data obtained from the Illinois Department of Public Health, prepared by the Center for Health Equity, American Medical Association. For any methodological questions, please contact Noreen Sugrue, Director of Research, Latino Policy Forum at noreenatlpf@gmail.com.

Among racial/ethnic groups, Latinos have the highest rate of age-adjusted COVID cases in Illinois.

The age-adjusted rate of diagnosed COVID cases among Latinos is 62 percent higher than it is for the Black population and 88 percent higher than it is for the white population.

Age-adjusted rates enable fairer comparisons between groups or populations with different age distributions. Age adjustments make different groups or populations more comparable.

Among Those Aged 20-59, the Percent of Deaths Due to COVID by Select Race/Ethnicity, Illinois, September 2021

At 36 percent, Latinos account for the highest percent of deaths among those aged 20-59.

More on How Latinos in Illinois Are Disproportionately Impacted by COVID

Latinos under the age of 20 account for about 20 percent, or one-fifth, of all diagnosed COVID cases found in those under the age of 20.
COVID is having a significant impact on those in the working-age population, especially Latinos. About 69 percent of Latinos who have been diagnosed with COVID are between the ages of 20 and 59. In those aged 20 to 59 who have been diagnosed with COVID, Latinos account for 19 percent of the cases, highest among all racial/ethnic minorities.

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