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Puerto Rico Birth Certificate Law Public Information Campaign

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The LPRAC is a nonpartisan policy agency within the Legislative branch of government created in 1994 by an act of the Connecticut Legislature (i.e., P.A. 94-152, amended by P.A. 03-229 and reformed by P.A. 09-07). Under Public Act 09-07, the LPRAC consists of 21 appointed volunteers that are mandated to advise the General Assembly and the Governor on policies that foster progress in the Latino communities residing in Connecticut.



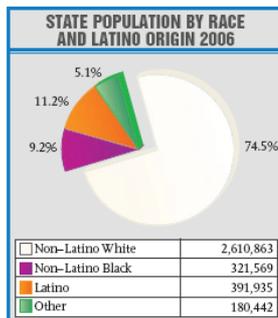
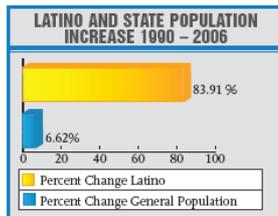
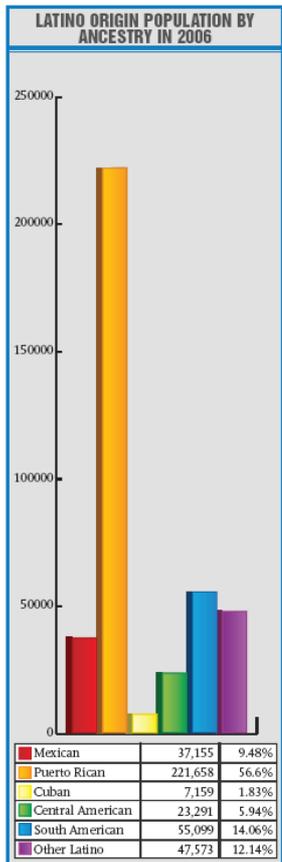


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1. The commission focus its efforts on areas of health, safety, educational success, self-sufficiency, and discrimination;
2. Makes recommendations to the General Assembly & the Governor for new or enhanced policies, programs and services that foster progress in achieving the desired results described above;
3. Reviews, comments and monitors the impact of state legislation on the Latino community;
4. Reviews state programs that affect the Latino community and makes recommendations for improvement;
5. Maintains current information regarding the Latino community;
6. The commission also acts as a liaison between our population and government agencies; &
7. Conducts educational/outreach activities intended to raise awareness of critical issues for the Latino population of the state.



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STATE AND LATINO POPULATION PERCENT CHANGE 1990 - 2006

	General Population	Latino Population
1990	3,287,116	213,116
2006	3,504,809	391,935
Percent Increase 1990-2006	6.62%	83.91%
Percent of State Growth Due to Latinos		82.14%

LATINO POPULATION 2006 BY COUNTIES
(with Latino Population over 1000 and/or 10% of the County Total)

County	Latino Population 2006	Percent Latino	Latino Population 1990	Percent Change 1990-2006
Fairfield County	130,864	14.50%	70,818	84.80%
Hartford County	113,954	13.00%	71,575	59.20%
New Haven County	104,392	12.40%	51,003	104.70%
New London County	16,113	6.10%	8,455	90.60%
Windham County	9,077	7.80%	4,261	113.00%
Litchfield County	6,410	3.40%	1,907	236.10%
Middlesex County	6,040	3.70%	2,881	109.60%
Tolland County	5,085	3.40%	2,216	129.50%

Based on data from the 2008 American Community Survey (U.S. Census Bureau) there were **82,319** residents of CT who were born in Puerto Rico.

Source: 2008 American Community Survey table CO5002 via Orlando Rodriguez, M.A. - CT Voices of Children





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1. Last year, Puerto Rico enacted a new law to address the unlawful use of Puerto Rico-issued birth certificates;
2. New, security-enhanced certificates will be issued July 1, 2010; until that date, all current Puerto Rico birth Certificates will remain valid;
3. On-line applications for the new certificates are being accepted at www.pr.gov; the new certificates will be issued starting July 1, 2010;
4. Those who are Puerto Rican-born living in the states can also apply for the new certificates by mail starting July 1, 2010.





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Instructions on how to apply by mail can be found at:

www.prfaa.com/birthcertificates

and

www.prfaa.com/certificadosdenacimiento





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Applicants residing outside of Puerto Rico may mail the completed application to the following address:

Puerto Rico Vital Statistics Record's Office @ P.O. Box 11854 San Juan, PR 00910

Include a photocopy of a valid government issued photo identification

Include a \$5.00 Money Order payable to the Secretary of the Treasury of Puerto Rico

Include a self-addressed envelope with paid postage.





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5. The government of Puerto Rico underscored that only those who need a birth certificate for a transaction or official purpose need to apply right away. Those who want to obtain a copy for their records can do so at a later date to avoid unnecessary rush of applications;
6. The fee is \$5, but will be waived for people over 60 and veterans;
7. New on-line process will allow people to complete application in both English & Spanish, upload necessary identification documents; and pay for the new certificate via Master Card or Visa;





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8. Applicants will receive a receipt of payment and information on how to check the status of their order;
9. The on-line orders will be processed as they are received, and the new certificates will be shipped starting July 1, 2010;
10. The new birth certificates will be issued through the PR Health Department's Vital Statistics office; &
11. Mail applications will be accepted starting July 1, 2010.



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1. Paid media campaign that includes TV, radio, and print for a month to have meaningful impact;
2. Grass roots public relations campaign to communicate this important issue targeted at the Spanish-language media as well as English Language media; &
3. Reaching out to municipalities, libraries, schools, churches, hospitals, and the non-profit community within ten cities.



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SI NACISTE EN PUERTO RICO PROTEGE TU IDENTIDAD.

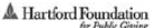
Con la finalidad de proteger la integridad de la identidad, el crédito y la ciudadanía de toda persona nacida en Puerto Rico, el gobierno puertorriqueño emitió la nueva ley 191.

Esta ley determina que todos los certificados de nacimiento de las personas nacidas en Puerto Rico que fueron expedidos antes del 1 de Julio del 2010 perderán su validez, por lo que se expedirán nuevos certificados que incorporarán una nueva tecnología para limitar la posibilidad de falsificar tan importante documento.

¡Empezemos este 1 de julio!, pero hay que recordar que no es necesario salir corriendo a obtener un nuevo certificado a menos que tengamos una necesidad específica para propósitos oficiales, de lo contrario démosle oportunidad primero a los que sí la tienen. Ayudemos a que este proceso sea un éxito para todos.

Para llenar en línea la solicitud del nuevo certificado visite www.pr.gov o si desea asesoría de cómo y donde llevar a cabo este proceso físicamente en el estado de Connecticut llame a la *Comisión de Asuntos Latinos y Puertorriqueños* (o **LPRAC: Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission**, en inglés) al (860) 240-8330. También puede obtener más información llamando al (787) 767-9120 o visitando el website www.prfaa.com/certificadosdenacimiento/.

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- ✓ We have already contacted the Governor's Office in regards to a unified state response;
- ✓ We already contacted 211 & confirmed information is already available;
- ✓ We shall continue contacting Hispanic Non-Profit Agencies within ten cities via e-mail & phone;
- ✓ Prepare a mailer to the LPRAC database and send e-mails to social networks such as Facebook or Twitter; &
- ✓ Attend community outreach events & community speaking engagements;





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