Top 5 Counties with largest Latino student population SY 2018-19

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<td>Maricopa</td>
<td>338,735</td>
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<td>Cochise</td>
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Nearly one in two students, or 46% of all K-12 students in Arizona are Latino.

Arizona has the SIXTH LARGEST LATINO STUDENT POPULATION in the nation.

Nearly half (47%) of all Latino children in Arizona (ages 0-17) have at least one foreign-born parent.

There are more than half a million (505,584) LATINO STUDENTS in Arizona schools.

There are more than 75,000 English learners (ELs) in Arizona, enough to fill up the Sun Devil Stadium.

On average Arizona F-RATED SCHOOLS consisted of a 63% LATINO STUDENT POPULATION while, A-rated schools consisted of 27% Latino student population.

Percentage of U.S.-Born Citizens in Arizona

97% of Latino Students

Most Arizona ELs’ first-language is Spanish.

Arizona’s ESSA Accountability System: The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires states to identify low-performing schools for comprehensive support and schools with low-performing subgroups of students for targeted support.

ELs were identified as NEEDING EXTRA SUPPORT IN NEARLY 40% of targeted support schools.
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Arizona is one of only six states in which FEWER THAN HALF OF ALL ELS GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL ON TIME.¹⁵

The Nation’s Report Card, National Assessment of Educational Progress 2019¹⁶

Graduation Gap¹³-¹⁴

In 2016, Arizona had the largest graduation gap in the entire nation between ELs and non-ELs. This gap has continued to widen.

In 2019, ELS (35%) GRADUATED AT 50% LOWER than their non-EL peers (85%).

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