

## Aprender: Hispanic/Latino Students in the SPCC Region

*Aprender sobre los estudiantes hispanos/latinos en la región de SPCC*

**“Hispanic” and “Latino” are often used interchangeably  
but there are distinctions between the two terms.\***

- **Hispanic:** An individual whose culture and/or ancestry derived from Spanish-speaking countries.
- **Latino:** People with geographic origins in Latin America including Brazil. Since Portuguese is the primary language in Portugal, Brazilians are not considered Hispanic.
- **Latinx:** Used as a gender-neutral alternative to Latino or Lantina.\*
- The community about whom the terms were created does not always use them. Many prefer, like recent immigrants from other parts of the world, to identify with their country of origin.
- **Hispanic Heritage Month** is recognized from September 15 – October 15 annually. It has been a 30-day period since 1988 when President Ronald Reagan signed it as Public Law 100.402.

### Hispanic/Latino Population in North Carolina\*

**11<sup>th</sup> largest** population in the U.S

**10%** of the total population

**16%** of the K-12 population

**16%** were enrolled in higher education (ages 18 to 34)\*

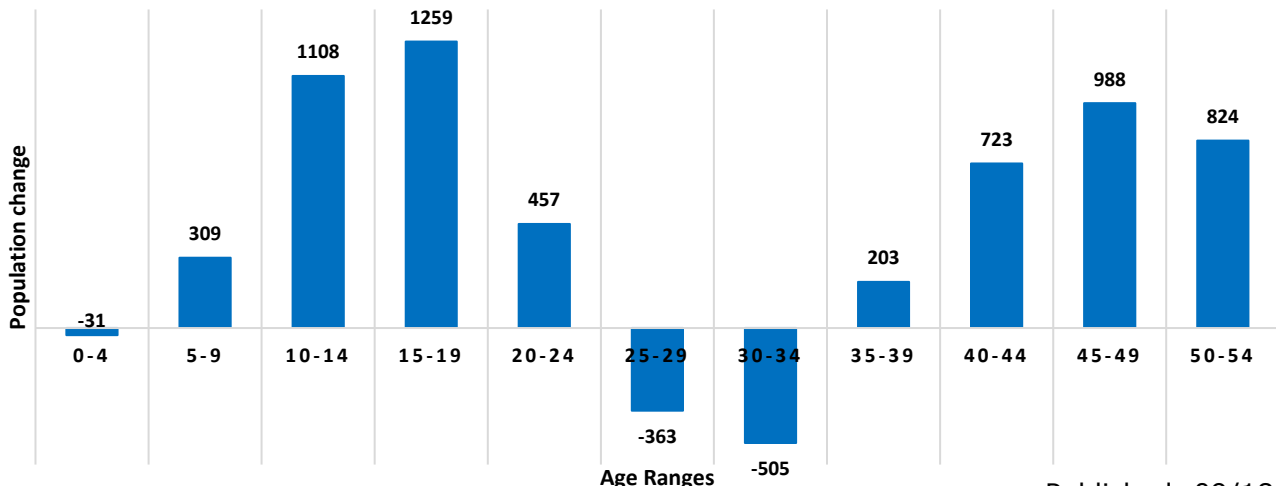
Postsecondary enrollment disparities of high school graduates continue.\*

**2% lower** grad rate from two-year institutions than White non-Hispanic students\*

**41%** ‘no longer enrolled’ at their two-year institutions at the 150% completion point.

### The Hispanic/Latino Population in Anson and Union County:

Population Growth from 2010-2019



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For more data resources, visit the IE SharePoint page: <http://sharepoint2010/departments/ir>

Source: EdExcelencia Latino College Completion in North Carolina; US Census Bureau

\* indicate resource links provided