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**Hispanic Population Has Grown More Numerous Than Asian- and African-Americans in
27 of the 50 States**
Hispanic Population Truly a National Presence

August 8, 2006, Los Angeles, CA – Hispanics now outnumber African- and Asian-Americans in 27 of the 50 states, according to a Tomás Rivera Policy Institute (TRPI) analysis of the 2005 census. While California and Texas still possess more than 50 percent of the nation’s Hispanic population, southern states from North Carolina to Arkansas have seen phenomenal Hispanic population growth.

“The dispersion of the Latino community from its traditional ports of entry, such as California, New York and Florida, has been occurring for some time but has really accelerated in the past decade,” stated Harry P. Pachon, President of the Tomás Rivera Policy Institute and Professor of Public Policy at the University of Southern California.

In 1970, according to TRPI census analysis, Hispanics were the largest ethnic minority in comparison to African- and Asian-Americans in nine states. In 1990, that number grew to 11 states; in 2000 Hispanics were the largest ethnic minority in 23 states; and now, at mid-decade, the figure has grown to 27 states.

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“The dispersion of the Hispanic community throughout the country means that Hispanic community issues are no longer single state or regional issues. Hispanic issues are now national issues,” continued Pachon.

According to Institute researchers, a variety of factors account for this national dispersion, including employment opportunities, lower housing values, and informal social and familial networks.

About TRPI

Founded in 1985, the Tomás Rivera Policy Institute advances critical, insightful thinking on key issues affecting Latino communities through objective, policy-relevant research and its implications, for the betterment of the nation. TRPI is an affiliated research unit of the University of Southern California School of Policy, Planning, and Development, and is associated with the Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy at Columbia University. To learn more about the Tomás Rivera Policy Institute, visit the Institute’s website at <http://www.trpi.org>.

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Latino Migration

9 States Where Latinos Are Largest Minority Group:
1970



13 States Where Latinos Are Largest Minority Group:
1990



23 States Where Latinos Are Largest Minority Group:
2000



26 States Where Latinos Are Largest Minority Group:
2005



SOURCE
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US Census Bureau Data, 1970, 1990, 2000, 2005.