The projected Hispanic population of the United States on July 1, 2050 is **132.8 million**. Hispanics will constitute 30 percent of the nation's population.
Racial and ethnic composition among members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

% of members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) who identify as...

- **White**: 96%
- **Black**: 2%
- **Asian**: 1%
- **Latino**: 1%
- **Other/Mixed**: 1%
The ELCA Latino Ministries Association’s primary mission is to support Lutheran Latinx in the United States and Puerto Rico. The mission of the organization is also to advocate for the strengthening and growth of Latino communities within the ELCA, and to promote the ELCA’s mission to the Latino communities.
Our organization includes Lutheran women who gather in more than 4,500 locations in the U.S. and the Caribbean, for service, study, advocacy, fellowship and more! WELCA embraces all kinds of ministries that support our mission of mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. There is a place for you in Women of the ELCA.
LATINX LUTHERAN LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE
A national and community-based initiative for the identification, formation and accompaniment of latinx leaders to serve according to their vocation and talents in church and society.

1. A new cadre of Latinx Lutheran Leaders, younger, economically diverse, bilingual, culturally competent, inclusive of sexual orientation and identity, serving our church and society with the good news of the gospel of grace and justice in Jesus Christ.
2. Creation and coordination of a communal, intentional, permanent and sustainable institutional Latinx “leadership pipeline” for all expressions of the ELCA.
3. Latinx congregations identifying and forming leaders will experience greater sense of vitality and growth in serving new people.
4. New leaders will emerge to serve local congregations, Synodical roles, Churchwide and global leadership.
5. Growing number of leaders will prepare themselves as theologians to serve seminaries and other educational institutions of the ELCA.
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