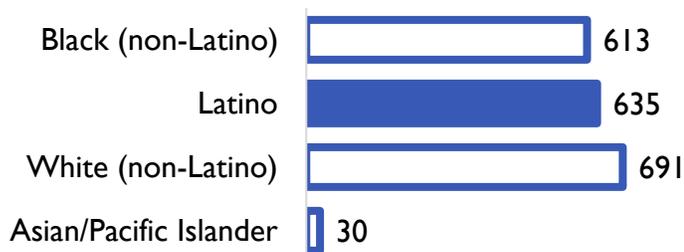


Overdose Deaths Among Latino New Yorkers, 2020

Although often described as one uniform group, Latinos in New York City (NYC) represent more than 20 unique countries of origin or heritage¹ groups. This fact sheet highlights differences in overdose deaths among the largest Latino heritage groups in NYC: Puerto Rican, Dominican, Central and South American and Mexican.

Overdose deaths by race/ethnicity

Latino New Yorkers had the second largest number of overdose deaths.

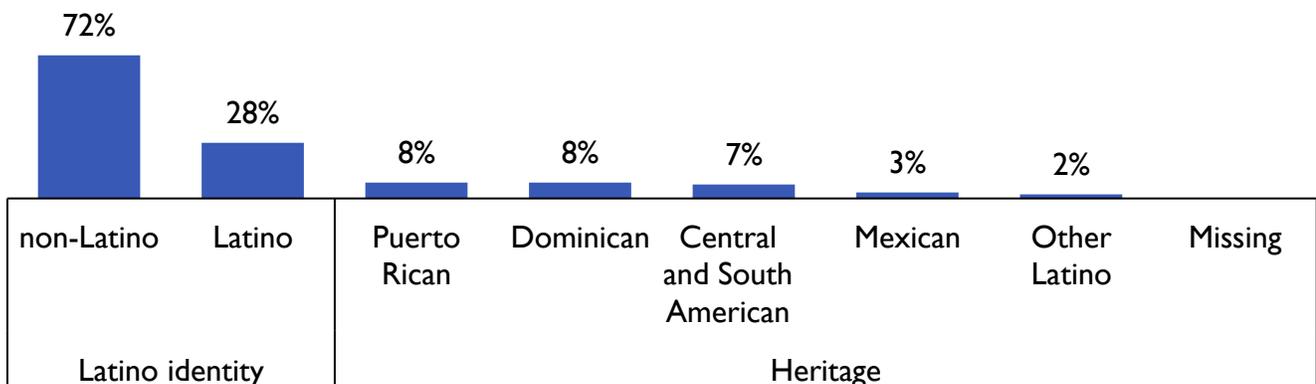


Latino New Yorkers had the second highest rate of overdose death (per 100,000 residents).

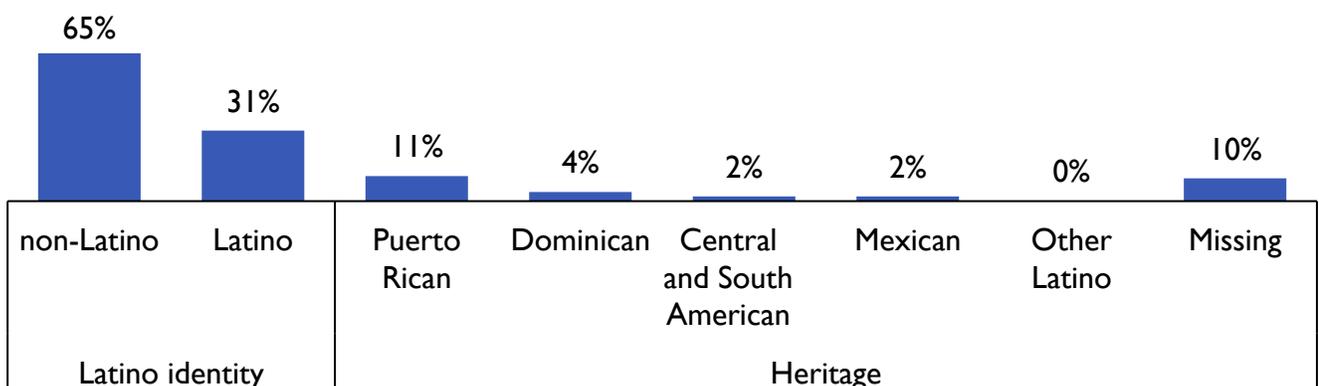


Latino New Yorkers account for 28% of NYC's population.

The largest Latino heritage groups in NYC are Puerto Ricans and Dominicans.



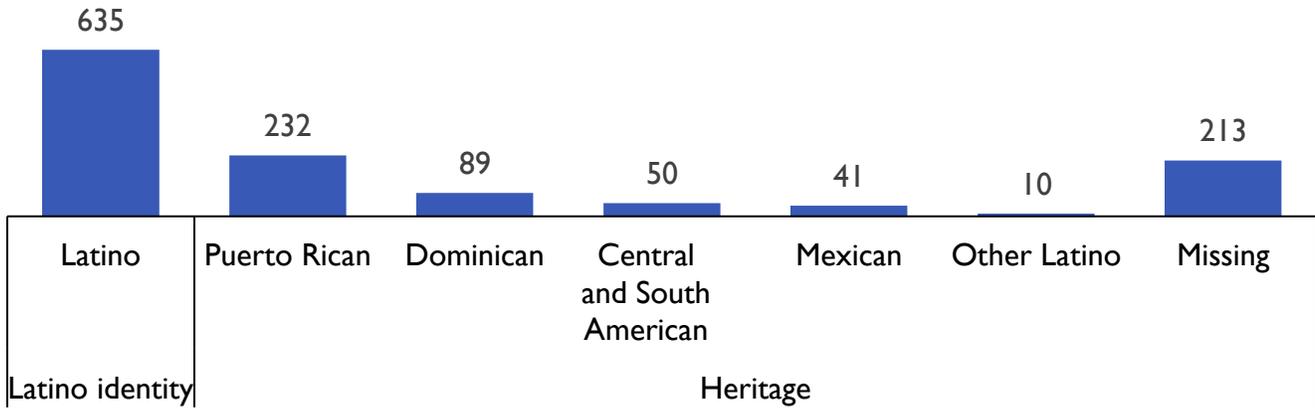
Latino New Yorkers account for 31% of overdose deaths. Compared with population estimates, Puerto Rican New Yorkers had a higher proportion of overdose deaths.



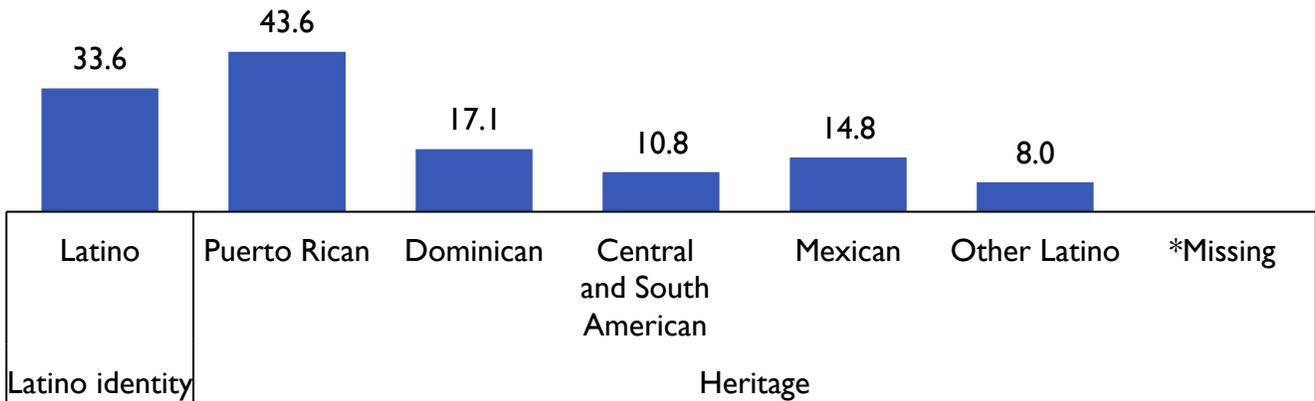
Source: Integrated Public Use Microdata Series, U.S. Census American Community Survey, 2015-2019. Total Latino population count from: NYC DOHMH Population Estimates, modified from US Census Bureau interpolated intercensal population estimates, 2000 - 2019. Updated October 2020. Data were limited to individuals ages 15 to 84. NYC Office of the Chief Medical Examiner and NYC Health Department's Bureau of Vital Statistics, 2020. Analysis by Bureau of Alcohol, Drug Use, Prevention, Care and Treatment. Data for 2020 are provisional and subject to change.

¹ Heritage is defined by how someone identifies their Latino heritage regardless of where they were born.

Among Latino New Yorkers, Puerto Rican New Yorkers had the largest number of overdose deaths. Heritage information was missing from the death certificates of one out of every three Latino New Yorkers who died of a drug overdose.



The rate of overdose death among Puerto Rican New Yorkers was higher than the rate among Latino New Yorkers overall.



*Rates not presented for missing data.

The rate of overdose death among Puerto Rican New Yorkers was the highest among males and people ages 35-54.

