Over the past years, the Latino population has been growing rapidly in New York City. It makes up 28.9% of the population of the city and has therefore also contributed to the incidence of crimes and to the incarcerated population. In this presentation, we will be focusing on the representation of Latinos as arrestees and victims of crimes and also among the incarcerated population and among the ranks of the NYPD. The types of crimes presented will be rape, murder and non-negligent manslaughter, felonious assaults, grand larceny, robbery, and shootings.

In the crimes that were selected for analysis, we can see that Hispanics are overrepresented in some crimes but not in others. Regarding arrestees for crimes, we observed the following: for Hispanics, murder and non-negligent manslaughter, 36.5%; felonious assaults, 33.7%; grand larceny, 29.9%; robbery, 29.8%; and rape, 42.1%, the highest percentage compared to all other crimes. Also, shootings, 24.0% in which it is the lowest arrestee percentage, all compared to the 28.9% of Hispanics in New York City. Therefore, all crimes except shootings have an overrepresentation of Hispanics because it has a higher percentage than the % of Hispanics in New York City. Furthermore, in victims, robbery has a 36.7% (highest victim percentage) compared to rape, 34.5%; felonious assaults, 34.3%; murder and non-negligent manslaughter, 25.2%; shootings, 21.6%; and grand larceny, 21.0% (lowest victim percentage), all as well compared to the % of Hispanics in New York City. We can see that all crimes are overrepresented in victims except for murder and non-negligent manslaughter, shootings, and grand larceny. In the police department, however, Hispanics have a high representation as police officers with a 29.2% compared to sergeants, detectives and all other ranks in which they are low. In terms of incarceration rates, in 2010 Latinos had an incarceration rate of 607 per 100,000, which is the second lowest incarceration rate in New York State after whites, with African-Americans and Native Americans showing higher incarceration rates.

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