

HOUSTON: AN IMMIGRATION SNAPSHOT

POPULATION

Houston Population 2013: 6,313,158 (33.9% increase since 2000)¹

- Immigrants in city 2013: 1,423,721; 22.6% of population (21.3% in 2009², 19% in 2000³, 12.3% in 1990⁴ and 2.3% in 1960⁵)
- 35.9% naturalized U.S. citizens and 64.1% not U.S. citizens⁶
- Number eligible to naturalize: 300,000⁷



LANGUAGE

LEP Rate in 2013: 57.4% of Immigrant Population (770,229 people)¹¹

91.5% of foreign-born population speak language other than English at home¹²

- Common other languages:
Spanish (82.1%),
Vietnamese (5.8),
Chinese (3.4%),
Urdu (1%)¹³



EDUCATION

High School (9-12) 4-year Graduation Rate: 63.3% of immigrants⁸

- 19.5% dropout rate from entry after four years
- ESL or Bilingual: 50% graduation rate; 27.6% dropout rate
- ELL/ELP: 66.7% graduation rate; 16.8% dropout rate

30% of all High School students are English Language Learners (2012)⁹

Of Foreign-born population 25 and older¹⁰

- 16.2% attained some college or associates
- 14.3% attained a BA



COUNTRY OF ORIGIN/ DIVERSITY

Foreign-born population birthplace: 65.2% Latin America and 24.1% Asia

Country of Origin (2013 estimate) by Region: Country (population size)¹⁶

- Latin America: Mexico (600,123), El Salvador (107,357), Honduras (46,487)
- Asia: Vietnam (76,858), India (63,620), China (50,182), Pakistan (24,892)
- Africa: Nigeria (21,865), Ethiopia (3,957), Kenya (2,442)

Now most diverse city in USA¹⁷



LABOR & BUSINESS

Labor: Foreign-born share of labor force in Houston (2010) accounts for 29% of all labor¹⁴



Business: Foreign-born business owners in Houston (2010) account for 31% of all businesses.

- 2.7% of immigrants are business owners, greater than the 2.4% native population

Immigrants account for 21% of total Houston economic output (2007)¹⁵

UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS



Texas: Estimated 1.65 million; 37% of immigrant population; 6.3% of total population; 8.9% of labor force¹⁸

Houston Metro Area: 434,000; 7.1% of total population (2010)¹⁹

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