

SAN DIEGO: AN IMMIGRATION SNAPSHOT

POPULATION

San Diego Metro Area Total Population in 2013: 3,138,265¹

Foreign-born population:

- 23.4% (733,577) in 2013², 21.5% (606,000) in 2000³, and 17% (429,000) in 1990⁴
- 47.5% of San Diego Metro Area immigrants are U.S. citizens⁵



LANGUAGE

87.3% of foreign-born speak a language other than English at home.

52.5% Limited English Proficient rate within total immigrant population⁷

The percentage of children in immigrant families with LEP parents dropped from 53% to 52% between 2009 to 2013⁸

Common other languages by LEP individuals:

Spanish (68.7%), Tagalog (7.2%), Vietnamese (5.2%), and Chinese (4.2%)⁹



EDUCATION

Education attainment of foreign-born population 25 years and older⁶

- 33.4% earned less than a high school diploma
- 17.9% graduated high school
- 21.5% attended some college
- 16.6% earned a bachelor's degree
- 10.7% earned a graduate or professional degree



UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS

California's estimated undocumented population is 2.6 million, or 6.8% of the total 2013 population¹³

6.6% (198,000) of San Diego Metro area's population in 2009 was undocumented¹⁴

- In San Diego County undocumented immigrants represent 6% of residents, 7% of adults, and 6% of the workforce¹⁵
- 77% of children with undocumented parent are citizens, so 11% of San Diego's kids have undocumented parents



LABOR & BUSINESS



Foreign born population makes up 64.6% of the San Diego Metro area labor force; accounting for 27.4% of all labor¹⁰

Immigrants account for 23% of total San Diego economic output in 2007¹¹

Foreign-born immigrants make up 32% of local business owners

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN/DIVERSITY



Top regions of origin for foreign-born population¹²

- Asia (36%): Philippines (94,002), Vietnam (35,289), China (28,284)
- Latin America (51%): Mexico (332,188), Guatemala (5,286), El Salvador (4,057)

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