

SEATTLE: AN IMMIGRATION SNAPSHOT

POPULATION

Immigrants make up 15% of the total population (630,521/4,213,897) as of 2012.¹

- Naturalized: 48.9%; not a U.S. citizen: 51.1%
- Entered before 2010: 96.4%; after 2010: 3.6%

Immigrant population has increased 285% since 1990², when immigrants made up 7.4% of the total population.³



LANGUAGE

81.7% of the foreign-born speak a language other than English at home.⁵

- Other common languages: Spanish (30.8%), Chinese (11.9%), Vietnamese (8.9%)⁶
- Foreign-born population speaking English less than "very well": 44.2%⁷



EDUCATION

Educational attainment of foreign-born population 25 and older:⁴

- Less than high school: 20.4%
- High school graduate: 19.5%
- Some college or associate's degree: 23.8%
- Bachelor's degree: 21.6%
- Graduate or professional degree: 14.8%



COUNTRY OF ORIGIN/ DIVERSITY⁹

Asia (48.3%):

- China (56,135),
- Philippines (54,227),
- Vietnam (45,195)¹⁰

Latin America (21.9%):

- Mexico (103,838; 16.5% of foreign-born population overall);
- El Salvador (5,956)

Europe (16.9%)

Africa (6.3%)



LABOR & BUSINESS⁸



68.1% of foreign-born population age 16 and over is in the labor force.

17.9% of the total labor force is foreign-born.

UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS

230,000 unauthorized immigrants in Washington in 2012¹¹

- 3.3% of total population and 24% of immigrant population
- 4.9% of labor force



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