

CHICAGO: AN IMMIGRATION SNAPSHOT

POPULATION

Foreign-born population: 17.1% (1,683,627) of total population¹ (9,866,610) in 2013

- Naturalized: 46.7%; not a U.S. citizen: 53.3 %

Historical percentages:

- 2000: 17.1% of Chicago Urbanized Area (similar to Metropolitan Statistical Area)²
- 1990: 11.1% of Chicago-Gary-Kenosha Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area³



LANGUAGE

Speak language other than English at home:⁵

- 90.4% of foreign-born population
- 27.8% of total population

Limited English Proficient (LEP) Rate:⁶

- 54.1% of foreign-born population
- 11.8% of total population



EDUCATION

Educational attainment of foreign-born population age 25 and older

- Less than high school⁴ graduate: 29.9%
- High school graduate: 24.3%
- Some college: 17.2%
- Bachelor's degree: 16.8%
- Graduate or professional degree: 11.7%



COUNTRY OF ORIGIN/ DIVERSITY

Regions of origin for foreign-born population⁸

- Latin America (48.0%): Mexico (678,082), Guatemala (22,846), Ecuador (17,163)
- Asia (26.2%): India (117,965), Philippines (80,671), China (67,731)
- Europe (22.0%): Poland (139,705), Germany (22,776), Ukraine (21,321)

Race of total population:⁹

- White: 67.3%
- Black: 16.8%
- Asian: 5.6%



Hispanic or Latino origin: 20.4% of total population¹⁰

LABOR & BUSINESS⁷



- 69.4% of foreign-born population participates in labor force
- Of foreign-born population in the labor force, 91.1% are employed

UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS¹¹



- 560,000 in Illinois
- Origins: 408,000 (73%) from Mexico; 18,000 (3%) from India; 16,000 (3%) from Poland
- Educational enrollment: 92% of 3- to 17-year-olds are enrolled in school; 25% of 18- to 24-year-olds are enrolled
- Languages: 73% have limited English proficiency
- 77% speak Spanish at home, 4% speak English at home, and 3% speak Hindi at home
- Workforce: 73% are in labor force, with 66% of undocumented population employed

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