

WHEATON: AN IMMIGRATION SNAPSHOT

POPULATION (WHEATON)

Foreign-born population: 11.0% (5,876) of total population (53,245) in 2013¹

- Naturalized: 48.5%; Not a U.S. citizen: 51.5%

Historical percentages:

- 9.5% (5,256 of 55,439) in 2000²



LANGUAGE

5% Limited English Proficient (LEP) rate among Wheaton's total population⁴

In Milton Township, 84.7% of foreign-born speak a language other than English at home; LEP rate in these households is 42.6%⁵



EDUCATION (MILTON TOWNSHIP)

Educational attainment of foreign-born population age 25 and older³

- Less than high school graduate: 21.7%
- High school graduate: 14.9%
- Some college: 19.9%
- Bachelor's degree: 25.7%
- Graduate or professional degree: 17.8%



COUNTRY OF ORIGIN/ DIVERSITY (WHEATON)

Regions of origin for foreign-born population⁷

- Asia (51.8%):
India (352), China (344), Burma (315)
- Europe (24.3%):
Poland (180), Russia (167), Germany (161)
- Latin America (16.6%):
Mexico (404), Peru (125)

Race of total population:⁸

- White: 86.6%
- Asian: 6.3%
- Black or African-American: 3.6%



Hispanic or Latino origin: 5.5% of total population⁹

LABOR & BUSINESS⁶ (MILTON TOWNSHIP)



- Labor Force Participation: 71.2% of foreign-born population is in labor force (compared with 69.8% of native-born population)
- Employment: 89.8% of foreign-born labor force

UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS¹⁰



- 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: 78.2% are employed

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