

PHOENIX: AN IMMIGRATION SNAPSHOT

POPULATION

Phoenix Population 2013: 1,513,367¹

- Immigrants in city 2009-2013: 20.2% of population; in 2000: 257,325, 19.5%²
- 83,921 (28.3%) naturalized U.S. citizens and 213,044 (71.7%) not U.S. citizens³
- Number eligible to naturalize (2010 Census): 91,430⁴



LANGUAGE

Limited English Proficient Rate in 2013: 56.4% of total immigrant population⁹

89.7% of foreign-born population speak a language other than English at home¹⁰

- Other common languages: Spanish (82.3%), Chinese (2.2%), Vietnamese (2.2%), and Arabic (1.2%)¹¹



EDUCATION

Percentage of foreign-born, school-age children in Phoenix (2008-2012): 7.1%⁵

Graduation rate in Maricopa County among those with Limited English Proficiency (LEP): 20% in 2013, compared with 42% in 2009⁶

Bilingual education is banned in Arizona⁷

Among foreign-born population 25 and older:

- 15.8% attended some college or earned an associate's degree
- 9.5% earned a bachelor's degree
- 5.6% earned a graduate or professional degree⁸



COUNTRY OF ORIGIN/ DIVERSITY¹⁵

Birthplace of foreign-born population (2009-2013): 72.8% Latin America, 14.4% Asia

Top countries of origin (2009-2013 estimate) by region:¹⁶

- Latin America: Mexico (196,941), Guatemala (5,093), El Salvador (2,980)
- Asia: India (10,128), Philippines (5,756), Vietnam (4,698)
- Africa: Ethiopia (1,157), Liberia (1,089), Sudan (1,067)
- Europe: Bosnia and Herzegovina (2,944), Germany (2,847), Romania (1,658)



LABOR & BUSINESS

Labor: Foreign-born share of labor force in Phoenix (2010) accounts for 18% of all labor¹²

Business: Foreign-born business owners in Phoenix (2010) account for 18% of all businesses¹³

- 3.3% of immigrants are business owners, which matches the percentage among the American-born population

Immigrants account for 15% of total Phoenix economic output (2007)¹⁴



UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS¹⁶

In 2012, estimated undocumented population in Arizona: 300,000

6.0% of the state's population

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