Immigration and Immigrants

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Global Migration

- 1965 – 75 million
- 1975 – 84 million
- 1985 – 105 million
- 1990 – 120 million
- 2010 – 214 million

- About 3% of the World Population
South-South migration is as common as South-North migration

(based on migrant stock data; North: more developed regions; South: less developed regions)

United Nations Population Division/DESA
Ranked No. 12\textsuperscript{th} in the nation as a destination place. For immigrants, surpassing San Jose and San Diego metro areas.
# Top 10 Countries of Origin 2013 Immigrants

## Washington
1. Mexico
2. India
3. China
4. Philippines
5. Vietnam
6. Ethiopia*
7. Canada
8. South Korea
9. Russia
10. Ukraine

## Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue
1. India
2. China
3. Philippines
4. Vietnam
5. Mexico
6. Ethiopia*
7. South Korea
8. Canada
9. Russia
10. Kenya

* Washington was among the Top-10 destinations.

Top 10 sources for he U.S.
NEW AMERICANS IN WASHINGTON

COMMUNITY MEMBERS
- Washington is home to 943,664 immigrants.
- 13.5% of Washingtonians are foreign-born.
- 19.6% of Washingtonians are Latino or Asian.

ENTREPRENEURS
- 15% of all business owners in Washington are foreign-born.
- $2.4 BILLION in total net business income is generated by immigrant businesses in Washington.

VOTERS
- 46.3% of immigrants in Washington are naturalized U.S. Citizens and are potential voters.

PARENTS
- 86.5% of children with immigrant parents in Washington are U.S. Citizens.
- 79.8% of children with immigrant parents in Washington are considered English proficient.

ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTORS
- Latinos and Asians in Washington have purchasing power of $44.7 BILLION.
- Undocumented immigrants pay $301.9 MILLION in Washington state and local taxes.
- Washington would lose $14.5 BILLION in economic activity, $6.4 MILLION in gross state product, and approximately 71,197 JOBS if all undocumented immigrants were removed.

www.AmericanImmigrationCouncil.org
Citizenship Status by Age Cohorts

Percent within each group

- **Foreign Born Not Citizen**
- **Foreign Born Citizen**
- **American by Birth**
Educational Attainment

Percent

American by Birth
Foreign Born Citizen
Foreign Born Not Citizen

No schooling completed
K-12 no diploma
Regular high school diploma
GED or alternative credential
Some college, but no degree
Associate's degree
Bachelor's degree
Master's degree
Professional degree
Doctorate degree
Employment Status

- Civilian employed, at work
- Civilian employed, with a job but not at work
- Unemployed
- Armed forces, at work
- Armed forces, with a job but not at work
- Not in labor force

Legend:
- American by Birth
- Foreign Born Citizen
- Foreign Born Not Citizen
Percent Employment by Industry

- Military
- Administration
- Service
- Entertainment
- Social Services
- Medical
- Education
- Professional
- Finance
- Information
- Transportation
- Retail
- Wholesale
- Manufacturing
- Construction
- Utilities
- Extraction
- Agriculture

Percent Employment by Industry:
- American by Birth
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- Foreign Born Not Citizen
Immigrants in Washington are:

• Diverse by origin and demographic characteristics
• Largely within what is considered to be the ‘working age’
• Equally present in the labor market (proportionally speaking)
• Equally or better educated
• Present in a number of needed industries
• Contributing to the state’s economy
How can we returning the favor?

- Engage with more recent, non-citizen foreign born population
- Improve access to education, including higher education
- Create a supportive environment that is conducive to productivity
- Adopt political, economic, and cultural integration policies locally
Which is another way of saying

Focus on social citizenship at local level