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The data below describe the state rankings and selected characteristics of the immigrant and native-born populations in Massachusetts in 2007.

Rankings

The following shows Massachusetts' rankings in several categories. (All rankings include the 50 states and the District of Columbia and are ranked highest to lowest.)

	Rankings
Size of the foreign-born population, 2007:	8 out of 51
Percent foreign born in the total population, 2007:	9 out of 51
Numeric change in the foreign-born population, 2000 to 2007:	15 out of 51
Percent change in the foreign-born population, 2000 to 2007:	40 out of 51

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Population

The foreign-born population (or immigrants; we use these terms interchangeably) of Massachusetts changed by 18.2 percent between 2000 and 2007.

Between 2000 and 2007, the foreign-born population in Massachusetts changed from 772,983 to 913,957, representing a change of 18.2 percent. In comparison, the foreign-born population changed from 573,733 to 772,983 between 1990 and 2000, a difference of 34.7 percent.

At the national level, the foreign-born population increased from 19,767,316 to 31,107,889 between 1990 and 2000, representing a change of 57.4 percent, and grew from 31,107,889 to 38,059,694 (22.3 percent) between 2000 and 2007.

Who are the foreign born?

The term *foreign born* refers to people residing in the United States at the time of the census who were not US citizens at birth. The foreign-born population includes naturalized citizens, lawful permanent immigrants, refugees and asylees, legal nonimmigrants (including those on student, work, or other temporary visas), and persons residing in the country without authorization. By comparison, the term *native* refers to people residing in the United States who were US citizens in one of three categories: 1) people born in one of the 50 states or the District of Columbia; 2) people born in United States Insular Areas such as Puerto Rico or Guam; or 3) people who were born abroad to at least one US citizen parent.

We use the terms *immigrants* and *foreign born*

In 2007, the foreign born represented 14.2 percent of Massachusetts' total population.

In 2007, 14.2 percent of Massachusetts' total population were immigrants, compared to 12.2 percent in 2000 and 9.5 percent in 1990.

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At the national level, the foreign-born population represented 12.6 percent of the total population in 2007, compared to 11.1 percent in 2000 and 7.9 percent in 1990.

Of the total immigrant population in Massachusetts, 28.2 percent entered during the 1990s, and 30.0 percent entered in 2000 or later.

Of the foreign-born population resident in Massachusetts in 2007, 23.3 percent entered the country prior to 1980, 18.4 percent between 1980 and 1989, 28.2 percent between 1990 and 1999, and 30.0 percent in 2000 or later.

Nationally, 22.3 percent of the foreign-born population entered the country before 1980, 20.6 percent during the 1980s, 29.4 percent during the 1990s, and 27.7 percent in 2000 or later.

Place of Origin

The largest share of the foreign-born population in Massachusetts were from Latin America.

Of the total foreign-born population in Massachusetts in 2007, 7.7 percent were from Africa, 27.6 percent from Asia, 26.5 percent from Europe, 34.3 percent from Latin America (South America, Central America, Mexico, and the Caribbean), 3.5 percent from Northern America (Canada, Bermuda, Greenland, and St. Pierre and Miquelon), and 0.4 percent from Oceania.

At the national level, 3.7 percent were from Africa, 26.8 percent from Asia, 13.1 percent from Europe, 53.6 percent from Latin America, 2.2 percent from Northern America, and 0.6 percent from Oceania.

The top three countries of birth of the foreign born in Massachusetts were Brazil, Portugal, and China (excluding Taiwan).*

Of the total immigrant population in Massachusetts in 2007, 7.0 percent were born in Brazil, 6.6 percent in Portugal, and 6.6 percent in China (excluding Taiwan). In contrast, the top three countries of birth in 1990 were Portugal (12.7 percent), Canada (9.1 percent), and Italy (6.6 percent).

At the national level, the top three countries of birth in 2007 were Mexico (30.8 percent), the Philippines (4.5 percent), and China (excluding Taiwan) (4.1 percent). The top three countries of birth in 1990 were Mexico (21.7 percent), the Philippines (4.6 percent), and Canada (3.8 percent).

*Note: These are the largest countries of birth reported by the Census Bureau. Some countries are only listed as part of a larger geographic region. For example, those born in Somalia are included only among those born in Eastern Africa. Therefore, a few states may have larger populations of foreign-born persons born in countries not listed individually in census data. The 1990 data on the countries of birth reflect geographic boundaries as of 1990.

Citizenship Status

In Massachusetts, 48.2 percent of the foreign born were citizens in 2007.

The 2007 American Community Survey reported that 440,823, or 48.2 percent, of the foreign-born population in Massachusetts were citizens, compared to 337,617, or 43.7 percent, in 2000. This represents a change of 30.6 percent in the size of the foreign-born citizen population between 2000 and 2007.

Nationally, 40.3 percent of the foreign-born population were citizens in 2000, and 42.5 percent were citizens in 2007.

In Massachusetts, 80.6 percent of the immigrants who entered before 1980 were citizens, compared to 12.7 percent of those who entered in 2000 or later.

Among the foreign-born population in Massachusetts in 2007, 80.6 percent of those who entered the United States before 1980 were citizens, as were 65.1 percent who entered during the 1980s, 48.3 percent who entered during the 1990s, and 12.7 percent of those who entered in 2000 or later.

Nationally, 78.6 percent of the foreign-born population who entered the United States before 1980 were citizens, as were 58.9 percent who entered during the 1980s, 35.3 percent who entered during the 1990s, and 8.9 percent of those who entered in 2000 or later.

Gender and Age

In Massachusetts, 51.0 percent of the immigrant population were female in 2007, and 49.0 percent male.

Of the total foreign-born population in Massachusetts in 2007, 51.0 percent were female and 49.0 percent male, compared to 51.6 percent female and 48.4 percent male among the native born.

At the national level, 49.7 percent of the foreign born were female and 50.3 percent male.

Immigrants made up 1.7 percent of young children in Massachusetts, 5.3 percent of youths, 18.4 percent of working-age (18-54) adults, and 13.8 percent of adults age 55 and older.

In 2007, 1.7 percent of Massachusetts' population younger than age 5 were born abroad as were 5.3 percent of those 5 to 17; 12.7 percent of those 18 to 24; 19.7 percent of those 25 to 54; and 13.8 percent of seniors 55 and older.

Nationally, 1.4 percent of those under age 5 were foreign born, as well as 5.0 percent of those 5 to 17; 11.7 percent of those 18 to 24; 18.0 percent of those 25 to 54; and 12.2 percent of those 55 and older.

Of the immigrant population in Massachusetts, 6.9 percent were minors, 69.1 percent were of working age (18-54), and 24.0 percent were 55 and older.

In 2007, 0.7 percent of the foreign-born population in Massachusetts were under the age of 5; 6.2 percent were 5 to 17; 9.0 percent were 18 to 24; 60.1 percent were 25 to 54; and 24.0 percent were 55 or older. Among the native-born population in Massachusetts, 6.7 percent were under the age of 5; 18.0 percent were between 5 and 17; 10.2 percent were 18 to 24; 40.3 percent were 25 to 54; and 24.7 percent were 55 or older.

At the national level, 0.8 percent of the immigrant population were under 5; 7.0 percent were 5 to 17; 9.2 percent were 18 to 24; 60.4 percent were 25 to 54; and 22.7 percent were 55 or older.

Race and Hispanic Origin

In Massachusetts, 24.0 percent of the foreign-born population were Asian, 13.6 percent were black or African American, and 47.0 percent were white.

Of the foreign born in Massachusetts in 2007, 47.0 percent reported their race as white alone, 13.6 percent as black or African American alone, 24.0 percent as Asian alone, and 13.1 percent as some other race; 2.3 percent reported having two or more races. Among the native-born population in Massachusetts, 88.5 percent reported their race as white alone, 4.7 percent as black or African American alone, 1.6 percent as Asian alone, 3.3 percent as some other race, and 1.8 percent as having two or more races.

At the national level, 45.7 percent of the foreign born reported their race as white alone, 7.8 percent as black or African American alone, 23.4 percent as Asian alone, and 21.8 percent as some other race; 1.3 percent reported having two or more races.

Of the foreign born in Massachusetts, 19.2 percent reported Hispanic or Latino origins.

In Massachusetts, 19.2 percent of immigrants reported Hispanic or Latino origins, compared to 6.3 percent of the native born.

At the national level, 47.5 percent of the foreign born reported a Hispanic or Latino origin.

Household

The average household size of the immigrant population in Massachusetts in 2007 was 3.18 persons for those who owned their own homes and 2.72 persons for those who rented.

The average household size of the foreign-born population in Massachusetts who owned their own homes was 3.18 persons, while the average household size of those renting their homes was 2.72 persons. Among the native-born population in Massachusetts, the average household size of those who owned their own homes was 2.68 persons, while the average household size of those who rented their homes was 2.02 persons.

The share of households headed by a foreign-born person with more than one occupant per room was 4.6 percent.

Of all households in Massachusetts headed by a foreign-born person, 4.6 percent were households in which the number of household members exceeded the number of rooms in the house. Among households in Massachusetts headed by native-born persons, 0.7 percent had more people than rooms in the house.

At the national level, 11.4 percent of households headed by a foreign-born person had more than one occupant per room.

Domestic and International Migration

Between 2006 and 2007, 37,794 immigrants moved to Massachusetts from abroad, 22,568 immigrants relocated from other states and the District of Columbia (DC), and 22,832 immigrants left Massachusetts for another state within the United States.*

Of the 60,362 immigrant respondents (ages one and older in 2007) who moved in to Massachusetts between 2006 and 2007, 62.6 percent (or 37,794) arrived from abroad and 37.4 percent (or 22,568) relocated from another state. At the same time, 22,832 immigrants moved out of Massachusetts to another area within the United States, while 734,156 immigrants continued residing in the same house and 119,320 immigrants moved within Massachusetts.

Between 2006 and 2007, 18,534 native-born residents (ages one and older) moved to Massachusetts from abroad, 111,216 native born relocated from another state, 153,181 native born left Massachusetts for another state, and 553,907 native born moved within Massachusetts. The majority of native-born residents did not move (4,782,679).

Between 2006 and 2007, the total population (ages one and older) of Massachusetts increased from 6,366,075 to 6,380,174 (or by 14,099) due to the net domestic out-migration of natives (-41,965), the net domestic out-migration of immigrants (-264), and the arrival from abroad of natives (18,534) and immigrants (37,794).

*Note: These estimates do not include people who lived in Massachusetts in 2006 and are currently living in Puerto Rico, other US island areas, and foreign countries, or who died between 2006 and 2007. The estimates refer to geographic mobility of persons ages one and older.

For details, see Table 3

Children in Immigrant Families

In 2007, 6.6 percent of immigrant women in Massachusetts had given birth in the previous year.

Of the foreign-born women in Massachusetts in 2007, 6.6 percent had given birth in the previous year. Of those who had given birth, 83.3 percent were married, and 16.7 percent were not married (including those who were divorced or widowed). Among native-born women in Massachusetts, 4.0 percent had given birth in the previous year. Of those, 70.1 percent were married and 29.9 percent unmarried.

At the national level, 7.2 percent of immigrant women had given birth in the previous year, including 77.8 percent who were married and 22.2 percent who were unmarried.

Children residing with at least one immigrant parent accounted for 22.8 percent of children under age 18 in 2007, 19.1 percent in 2000, and 15.5 percent in 1990.

Of all children under age 18 in Massachusetts in 2007, 310,748 or 22.8 percent resided in immigrant families (i.e., with at least one foreign-born parent).

Nationally, children with immigrant parents accounted for 23.0 percent of all children under age 18 in 2007, compared to 19.1 percent in 2000 and 13.4 percent in 1990.

For similar information for children under age 6 and children between ages 6 and 17, **see Table 4.**

Of all children with immigrant parents in Massachusetts, 84.3 percent were US citizens by birth.

In 2007, there were 261,864 US-born children with at least one immigrant parent in Massachusetts. They accounted for 84.3 percent of all children with immigrant parents. The share of US-born children among children of immigrants under age 18 was 79.8 percent in 2000 and 77.8 percent in 1990.

At the national level, 84.7 percent of children with immigrant parents were US born, compared to 79.5 percent in 2000 and 77.0 percent in 1990.

For similar information for children under age 6 and children between ages 6 and 17, **see Table 4.**

What Was the Poverty Threshold in 2007?

Whether any family is considered below the poverty threshold depends on the families' total income before taxes, not including any capital gains or noncash benefits, such as food stamps or housing subsidies.

The Census Bureau's poverty threshold varies depending on the number of adults and children in a family. It is adjusted each month to account for inflation. Because respondents filled out the American Community Survey in different months, the poverty threshold applied to each family depends on the month in which the survey was taken.

To give a general idea of poverty levels, as defined by the Office of Management and Budget, the average poverty threshold for a family of four in 2007 was \$21,203; for a family of three, \$16,530; for a family of two, \$13,540; and for unrelated individuals, \$10,590. All members of a family are assigned the same poverty status. Poverty thresholds are the same for the whole United States, despite differences in the cost of living across US communities.

Children of immigrants accounted for 32.3 percent of all children in low-income families (i.e., below 200 percent of the federal poverty threshold) in 2007, 27.1 percent in 2000, and 20.1 percent in 1990 in Massachusetts.

In 2007, there were 341,169 children under age 18 who resided in families with income below 200 percent of the federal poverty threshold in Massachusetts. Of them, 32.3 percent were children with immigrant parent(s).

In comparison, children with immigrant parent(s) accounted for 29.8 percent of children in low-income families in the nation in 2007, 25.5 percent in 2000, and 16.7 percent in 1990.

Table 1. Foreign-Born Population and World Region of Birth (1990, 2000, and 2007)

	1990		2000		2007	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Population of Massachusetts¹	6,016,425	100.0	6,349,097	100.0	6,449,755	100.0
Native born	5,442,692	90.5	5,576,114	87.8	5,535,798	85.8
Foreign born	573,733	9.5	772,983	12.2	913,957	14.2
Not a citizen	311,654	5.2	435,366	6.9	473,134	7.3
Naturalized citizen	262,079	4.4	337,617	5.3	440,823	6.8
Foreign-Born Population of Massachusetts²	552,059	100.0	772,972	100.0	913,957	100.0
Born in Europe	241,703	43.8	248,614	32.2	241,790	26.5
Born in Asia	116,608	21.1	201,598	26.1	252,668	27.6
Born in Africa	21,557	3.9	47,770	6.2	70,231	7.7
Born in Oceania	1,593	0.3	2,517	0.3	3,964	0.4
Born in Latin America	117,526	21.3	231,759	30.0	313,568	34.3
Born in Northern America	53,072	9.6	40,714	5.3	31,736	3.5
	Change 1990 to 2000		Change 1990 to 2007		Change 2000 to 2007	
	Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Total Population of Massachusetts¹	332,672	5.5	433,330	7.2	100,658	1.6
Native born	133,422	2.5	93,106	1.7	-40,316	-0.7
Foreign born	199,250	34.7	340,224	59.3	140,974	18.2
Not a citizen	123,712	39.7	161,480	51.8	37,768	8.7
Naturalized citizen	75,538	28.8	178,744	68.2	103,206	30.6
Foreign-Born Population of Massachusetts²	220,913	40.0	361,898	65.6	140,985	18.2
Born in Europe	6,911	2.9	87	0.0	-6,824	-2.7
Born in Asia	84,990	72.9	136,060	116.7	51,070	25.3
Born in Africa	26,213	121.6	48,674	225.8	22,461	47.0
Born in Oceania	924	58.0	2,371	148.8	1,447	57.5
Born in Latin America	114,233	97.2	196,042	166.8	81,809	35.3
Born in Northern America	-12,358	-23.3	-21,336	-40.2	-8,978	-22.1

Notes:

1. This table describes the entire population of Massachusetts.

2. For 1990, 2000, and 2007, the total for the region of birth of the foreign born is different from the total foreign born. This is because the 1990 total excludes those who did not report a country of birth and those born at sea, while the 2000 and 2007 totals exclude those born at sea. In 2000 and 2007, individuals who did not report a country of birth were allocated a country (and region) based on various characteristics. Because of this allocation in 2000 and 2007, but not in 1990, the increase for a specific region between 1990 and 2000 is overstated by a small, but unknown, amount.

Sources: US Census Bureau, 2007 American Community Survey (ACS); US Census Bureau, 1990 Census of Population and Housing and Census 2000, [click here](#).

For information about ACS methodology, sampling error, and nonsampling error, [click here](#).

Table 2. Characteristics of the Foreign-Born Population in Massachusetts, 2007¹

	Number	Percent
PERIOD OF ENTRY BY WORLD REGION OF BIRTH		
Total Foreign-Born Population	913,957	100.0
Entered in 2000 or after	274,610	30.0
Entered 1990 to 1999	257,922	28.2
Entered 1980 to 1989	168,509	18.4
Entered before 1980	212,916	23.3
Born in Europe	241,790	100.0
Entered in 2000 or after	37,491	15.5
Entered 1990 to 1999	53,155	22.0
Entered 1980 to 1989	33,622	13.9
Entered before 1980	117,522	48.6
Born in Asia	252,668	100.0
Entered in 2000 or after	82,134	32.5
Entered 1990 to 1999	84,396	33.4
Entered 1980 to 1989	57,531	22.8
Entered before 1980	28,607	11.3
Born in Mexico	13,775	100.0
Entered in 2000 or after	5,907	42.9
Entered 1990 to 1999	3,848	27.9
Entered 1980 to 1989	2,834	20.6
Entered before 1980	1,186	8.6
Born in Other Parts of Latin America	299,793	100.0
Entered in 2000 or after	112,786	37.6
Entered 1990 to 1999	87,329	29.1
Entered 1980 to 1989	60,855	20.3
Entered before 1980	38,823	12.9
Born in Other Areas²	105,931	100.0
Entered in 2000 or after	36,292	34.3
Entered 1990 to 1999	29,194	27.6
Entered 1980 to 1989	13,667	12.9
Entered before 1980	26,778	25.3
CITIZENSHIP STATUS BY PERIOD OF ENTRY		
Total Foreign-Born Population	913,957	100.0
Not a citizen	473,134	51.8
Naturalized citizen	440,823	48.2
Entered in 2000 or after	274,610	100.0
Not a citizen	239,729	87.3
Naturalized citizen	34,881	12.7
Entered 1990 to 1999	257,922	100.0
Not a citizen	133,245	51.7
Naturalized citizen	124,677	48.3

Entered 1980 to 1989	168,509	100.0
Not a citizen	58,877	34.9
Naturalized citizen	109,632	65.1
Entered before 1980	212,916	100.0
Not a citizen	41,283	19.4
Naturalized citizen	171,633	80.6
GENDER		
Total Native-Born Population	5,535,798	100.0
Male	2,679,775	48.4
Female	2,856,023	51.6
Total Foreign-Born Population	913,957	100.0
Male	447,677	49.0
Female	466,280	51.0
MARITAL STATUS		
Total Native-Born Population Age 15 or Older	4,412,908	100.0
Never married	1,609,419	36.5
Now married (not separated)	2,028,625	46.0
Separated	68,295	1.5
Divorced	420,420	9.5
Widowed	286,149	6.5
Total Foreign-Born Population Age 15 or Older	868,540	100.0
Never married	239,390	27.6
Now married (not separated)	495,630	57.1
Separated	26,415	3.0
Divorced	62,064	7.1
Widowed	45,041	5.2
NATIVITY BY AGE		
Total Population	6,449,755	100.0
Under 5	377,719	100.0
Native born	371,223	98.3
Foreign born	6,496	1.7
5 to 17	1,054,388	100.0
Native born	998,014	94.7
Foreign born	56,374	5.3
18 to 24	648,229	100.0
Native born	565,947	87.3
Foreign born	82,282	12.7
25 to 54	2,781,394	100.0
Native born	2,232,334	80.3
Foreign born	549,060	19.7
55 and Older	1,588,025	100.0
Native born	1,368,280	86.2
Foreign born	219,745	13.8
MEDIAN AGE		
Total Native-Born Population		
Median age	37.9	--
Total Foreign-Born Population		

Median age	40.8	--
RACE		
Total Native-Born Population	5,535,798	100.0
One race	5,435,805	98.2
White	4,901,073	88.5
Black or African American	259,880	4.7
American Indian and Alaska Native	9,965	0.2
Asian	91,237	1.6
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	1,324	0.0
Some other race	172,326	3.1
Two or more races	99,993	1.8
Total Foreign-Born Population	913,957	100.0
One race	893,252	97.7
White	429,348	47.0
Black or African American	124,735	13.6
American Indian and Alaska Native	1,382	0.2
Asian	219,417	24.0
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	642	0.1
Some other race	117,728	12.9
Two or more races	20,705	2.3
HISPANIC ORIGIN		
Total Native-Born Population	5,535,798	100.0
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	351,218	6.3
White, not Hispanic or Latino	4,740,351	85.6
Total Foreign-Born Population	913,957	100.0
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	175,891	19.2
White, not Hispanic or Latino	360,979	39.5
HOUSEHOLD AND FAMILY SIZE		
Total Native-Born Population	5,535,798	
Average household size	2.47	--
Average family size	3.11	--
Total Foreign-Born Population	913,957	
Average household size	2.95	--
Average family size	3.41	--
HOUSEHOLD SIZE BY HOUSING TENURE		
Total Native-Born Population		
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.68	--
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.02	--
Total Foreign-Born Population		
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	3.18	--
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.72	--
Not a Citizen		
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	3.22	--
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.85	--
Naturalized Citizen		
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	3.17	--
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.52	--

HOUSEHOLD TYPE		
Total Native-Born Population	5,535,798	--
In married couple family household	--	59.0
In other household type	--	37.6
Total Foreign-Born Population	913,957	--
In married couple family household	--	58.8
In other household type	--	38.7
FERTILITY		
Total Native-Born Female Population, Ages 15 to 50	1,386,399	100.0
Women who had a birth in the last 12 months	55,333	4.0
Married (including spouse absent)	38,770	2.8
Unmarried (never married, divorced, and widowed)	16,563	1.2
Total Foreign-Born Female Population, Ages 15 to 50	291,674	100.0
Women who had a birth in the last 12 months	19,293	6.6
Married (including spouse absent)	16,080	5.5
Unmarried (never married, divorced, and widowed)	3,213	1.1
REGION/COUNTRY OF BIRTH		
Total Foreign-Born Population³	913,957	100.0
Europe	241,790	26.5
Northern Europe	41,083	4.5
United Kingdom	23,121	2.5
United Kingdom, excluding England	11,148	1.2
England	11,973	1.3
Ireland	14,558	1.6
Other Northern Europe	3,404	0.4
Western Europe	28,404	3.1
France	8,209	0.9
Germany	13,899	1.5
Other Western Europe	6,296	0.7
Southern Europe	99,819	10.9
Italy	26,514	2.9
Portugal	60,535	6.6
Other Southern Europe	12,770	1.4
Eastern Europe	72,362	7.9
Poland	14,048	1.5
Russia	19,465	2.1
Other Eastern Europe	38,849	4.3
Europe, n.e.c. ⁴	122	0.0
Asia	252,668	27.6
Eastern Asia	92,621	10.1
China	67,225	7.4
China, excluding Taiwan	59,892	6.6
Taiwan	7,333	0.8
Japan	8,683	1.0
Korea	16,463	1.8
Other Eastern Asia	250	0.0
South Central Asia	57,894	6.3

India	40,170	4.4
Iran	4,636	0.5
Other South Central Asia	13,088	1.4
Southeastern Asia	77,866	8.5
Philippines	13,143	1.4
Vietnam	35,718	3.9
Other Southeastern Asia	29,005	3.2
Western Asia	23,660	2.6
Israel	3,824	0.4
Lebanon	7,087	0.8
Other Western Asia	12,749	1.4
Asia, n.e.c. 4	627	0.1
Africa	70,231	7.7
Eastern Africa	15,533	1.7
Northern Africa	13,975	1.5
Western Africa	32,584	3.6
Middle and Southern Africa	3,659	0.4
Africa, n.e.c. 4	4,480	0.5
Oceania	3,964	0.4
Australia and New Zealand Subregion	3,040	0.3
Oceania, n.e.c. 4	924	0.1
Americas	345,304	37.8
Latin America	313,568	34.3
Caribbean	135,116	14.8
Cuba	3,191	0.3
Jamaica	13,989	1.5
Other Caribbean	117,936	12.9
Central America	72,392	7.9
Mexico	13,775	1.5
El Salvador	21,992	2.4
Other Central America	36,625	4.0
South America	106,060	11.6
Brazil	63,816	7.0
Colombia	16,286	1.8
Other South America	25,958	2.8
Northern America	31,736	3.5
Canada	31,395	3.4
Other Northern America	341	0.0

Notes:

1. The letter N Indicates that a number could not be provided by the Census Bureau because the number of sample cases was too small for this state.
2. Data on the foreign born from Africa and Oceania by period of entry are not available because the number of sample cases was too small for many states.
3. The total for the region of birth of the foreign born is different from the total foreign born. This is because the totals exclude those born at sea.
4. The abbreviation "n.e.c." stands for not elsewhere classified.

Source: US Census Bureau, 2007 American Community Survey (ACS).

For information about ACS methodology, sampling error, and nonsampling error, [click here](#).

For definitions used in ACS, [click here](#).

Table 3. Domestic and International Mobility of the Native and Foreign-Born Population in Massachusetts1

	Number	Percent
Total Population (one year and older)		
Population residing in the area one year ago (2006)	6,366,075	
Population residing in the area in 2007	6,380,174	
Between 2006 and 2007		
Stayed in the same house	5,516,835	
Moved within Massachusetts	673,227	
Population change due to in- and out-migration:	14,099	
Moved from Massachusetts to another state	176,013	
Moved to Massachusetts	190,112	100.0
Moved to Massachusetts from abroad	56,328	29.6
Moved to Massachusetts from another state	133,784	70.4
Native-Born Population (one year and older)		
Population residing in the area one year ago (2006)	5,489,767	
Population residing in the area in 2007	5,466,336	
Between 2006 and 2007		
Stayed in the same house	4,782,679	
Moved within Massachusetts	553,907	
Population change due to in- and out-migration:	-23,431	
Moved from Massachusetts to another state	153,181	
Moved to Massachusetts	129,750	100.0
Moved to Massachusetts from abroad	18,534	14.3
Moved to Massachusetts from another state	111,216	85.7
Foreign-Born Population (one year and older)		
Population residing in the area one year ago (2006)	876,308	
Population residing in the area in 2007	913,838	
Between 2006 and 2007		
Stayed in the same house	734,156	
Moved within Massachusetts	119,320	
Population change due to in- and out-migration:	37,530	
Moved from Massachusetts to another state	22,832	
Moved to Massachusetts	60,362	100.0
Moved to Massachusetts from abroad	37,794	62.6
Moved to Massachusetts from another state	22,568	37.4

Notes:

1. The ACS asks if the person lived in the same house or apartment one year ago. If the respondent indicates that he or she did not live in the same house or apartment one year ago, then the city, town or post office, along with the county, state, and zip code of their residence one year ago, is requested. ACS collects data every month and asks about residence one year earlier without referencing a specific date. These estimates do not include people who lived in Massachusetts in 2006 and are currently living in Puerto Rico, other US island areas, and foreign countries, or who died between 2006 and 2007. The estimates refer to geographic mobility of persons ages one and older.

2. The letter N Indicates that a number could not be provided by the Census Bureau because the number of sample cases was too small for this state.

Sources: US Census Bureau, 2007 American Community Survey (ACS).

For information about ACS methodology, sampling error, and nonsampling error, [click here](#).

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Table 4. Children in Immigrant Families in Massachusetts (1990, 2000, and 2007)

	1990		2000		2007	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Children under age 18 with	1,313,880	100.0	1,447,376	100.0	1,363,619	100.0
Only native parent(s)	1,109,677	84.5	1,171,636	80.9	1,052,871	77.2
One or more foreign-born parents	204,203	15.5	275,740	19.1	310,748	22.8
Child is native	158,838	12.1	220,139	15.2	261,864	19.2
Child is foreign born	45,365	3.5	55,601	3.8	48,884	3.6
Children under age 6 with	477,583	100.0	463,493	100.0	434,877	100.0
Only native parent(s)	407,382	85.3	372,573	80.4	323,146	74.3
One or more foreign-born parents	70,201	14.7	90,920	19.6	111,731	25.7
Child is native	62,751	13.1	82,640	17.8	106,428	24.5
Child is foreign born	7,450	1.6	8,280	1.8	5,303	1.2
Children between ages 6 and 17 with	836,297	100.0	983,883	100.0	928,742	100.0
Only native parent(s)	702,295	84.0	799,063	81.2	729,725	78.6
One or more foreign-born parents	134,002	16.0	184,820	18.8	199,017	21.4
Child is native	96,087	11.5	137,499	14.0	155,436	16.7
Child is foreign born	37,915	4.5	47,321	4.8	43,581	4.7
Children under age 18 in low-income families with	344,066	100.0	374,483	100.0	341,169	100.0
Only native parents	274,803	79.9	273,161	72.9	231,071	67.7
One or more foreign-born parents	69,263	20.1	101,322	27.1	110,098	32.3

Notes:

1. This table refers only to children under 18 who resided with at least one parent. These figures do not include children under 18 who reside in a home with no parents.

2. Low-income families are defined as families with incomes below 200 percent of the federal poverty threshold.

Sources: 1990 and 2000 Decennial Census data are from Steven Ruggles, Matthew Sobek, Trent Alexander, Catherine A. Fitch, Ronald Goeken, Patricia Kelly Hall, Miriam King, and Chad Ronnander, "Integrated Public Use Microdata Series: Version 4.0" (Machine-readable database, Minnesota Population Center [producer and distributor], 2008); US Census Bureau, 2007 American Community Survey (ACS).

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