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The data below describe selected characteristics of the immigrant and native-born populations in the United States in 2007.

Data Highlights

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Population

The foreign-born population (or immigrants; we use these terms interchangeably) of the United States changed by 22.3 percent between 2000 and 2007.

Between 2000 and 2007, the foreign-born population in the United States changed from 31,107,889 to 38,059,694, representing a change of 22.3 percent. In comparison, the foreign-born population changed from 19,767,316 to 31,107,889 between 1990 and 2000, a difference of 57.4 percent.

In 2007, the foreign born represented 12.6 percent of the United States' total population.

In 2007, 12.6 percent of the United States' total population were immigrants, compared to 11.1 percent in 2000 and 7.9 percent in 1990.

Of the total immigrant population in the United States, 29.4 percent entered during the 1990s, and 27.7 percent entered in 2000 or later.

Of the foreign-born population resident in the United States in 2007, 22.3 percent entered the country prior to 1980, 20.6 percent between 1980 and 1989, 29.4 percent between 1990 and 1999, and 27.7 percent in 2000 or later.

Place of Origin

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* interchangeably.

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

Of the total foreign-born population in the United States in 2007, 3.7 percent were from Africa, 26.8 percent from Asia, 13.1 percent from Europe, 53.6 percent from Latin America (South America, Central America, Mexico, and the Caribbean), 2.2 percent from Northern America (Canada, Bermuda, Greenland, and St. Pierre and Miquelon), and 0.6 percent from Oceania.

The top three countries of birth of the foreign born in the United States were Mexico, the Philippines, and China (excluding Taiwan).*

Of the total immigrant population in the United States in 2007, 30.8 percent were born in Mexico, 4.5 percent in the Philippines, and 4.1 percent in China (excluding Taiwan). In contrast, 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 the United States, 42.5 percent of the foreign born were citizens in 2007.

The 2007 American Community Survey reported that 16,181,883, or 42.5 percent, of the foreign-born population in the United States were citizens, compared to 12,542,626, or 40.3 percent, in 2000. This represents a change of 29.0 percent in the size of the foreign-born citizen population between 2000 and 2007.

In the United States, 78.6 percent of the immigrants who entered before 1980 were citizens, compared to 8.9 percent of those who entered in 2000 or later.

Among the foreign-born population in the United States in 2007, 78.6 percent of those 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 the United States, 49.7 percent of the immigrant population were female in 2007, and 50.3 percent male.

Of the total foreign-born population in the United States in 2007, 49.7 percent were female and 50.3 percent male, compared to 50.9 percent female and 49.1 percent male among the native born.

Immigrants made up 1.4 percent of young children in the United States, 5.0 percent of youths, 16.8 percent of working-age (18-54) adults, and 12.2 percent of adults age 55 and older.

In 2007, 1.4 percent of the United States' population younger than age 5 were born abroad as were 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 seniors 55 and older.

Of the immigrant population in the United States, 7.8 percent were minors, 69.5 percent were of working age (18-54), and 22.7 percent were 55 and older.

In 2007, 0.8 percent of the foreign-born population in the United States were under the age of 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. Among the native-born population in the United States, 7.7 percent were under the age of 5; 19.2 percent were between 5 and 17; 10.0 percent were 18 to 24; 39.6 percent were 25 to 54; and 23.5 percent were 55 or older.

Race and Hispanic Origin

In the United States, 23.4 percent of the foreign-born population were Asian, 7.8 percent were black or African American, and 45.7 percent were white.

Of the foreign born in the United States in 2007, 45.7 percent 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. Among the native-born population in the United States, 78.0 percent reported their race as white alone, 13.0 percent as black or African American alone, 1.6 percent as Asian alone, 5.0 percent as some other race, and 2.3 percent as having two or more races.

Of the foreign born in the United States, 47.5 percent reported Hispanic or Latino origins.

In the United States, 47.5 percent of immigrants reported Hispanic or Latino origins, compared to 10.4

percent of the native born.

Household

The average household size of the immigrant population in the United States in 2007 was 3.49 persons for those who owned their own homes and 3.11 persons for those who rented.

The average household size of the foreign-born population in the United States who owned their own homes was 3.49 persons, while the average household size of those renting their homes was 3.11 persons. Among the native-born population in the United States, the average household size of those who owned their own homes was 2.61 persons, while the average household size of those who rented their homes was 2.26 persons.

The share of households headed by a foreign-born person with more than one occupant per room was 11.4 percent.

Of all households in the United States headed by a foreign-born person, 11.4 percent were households in which the number of household members exceeded the number of rooms in the house. Among households in the United States headed by native-born persons, 1.6 percent had more people than rooms in the house.

Domestic and International Migration

Between 2006 and 2007, 1,192,899 immigrants moved to the United States from abroad, 4,764,317 immigrants moved within the same state of residence, and 825,912 immigrants moved between states.

Of the 2007 ACS immigrant respondents (ages one and older), 4,764,317 reported that between 2006 and 2007 they moved within the same state of residence, 825,912 moved between states, and 1,192,899 moved to the United States from abroad.

Of the 2007 ACS native-born respondents (ages one and older), 33,434,458 reported that between 2006 and 2007 they moved within the same state of residence, 6,680,955 moved between states, and 620,776 moved to the United States from abroad.

Of the 1,813,675 persons (ages one and older) who moved to the United States from another country between 2006 and 2007, 34.2 percent (or 620,776) were native born

*Note: These estimates do not include people who lived in the United States in 2006 and are currently living in Puerto Rico, other US island areas, and foreign countries, or have died between 2006 and 2007.

For details, see Table 3

Children in Immigrant Families

In 2007, 7.2 percent of immigrant women in the United States had given birth in the previous year.

Of the foreign-born women in the United States in 2007, 7.2 percent had given birth in the previous year. Of those who had given birth, 77.8 percent were married, and 22.2 percent were not married (including those who were divorced or widowed). Among native-born women in the United States, 5.2 percent had given birth in the previous year. Of those, 63.6 percent were married and 36.4 percent unmarried.

Children residing with at least one immigrant parent accounted for 23.0 percent of children under age 18 in 2007, 19.1 percent in 2000, and 13.4 percent in 1990.

Of all children under age 18 in the United States in 2007, 15,991,203 or 23.0 percent resided in immigrant families (i.e., with at least one foreign-born parent).

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 the United States, 84.7 percent were US citizens by birth.

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.

In 2007, there were 13,548,096 US-born children with at least one immigrant parent in the United States. They accounted for 84.7 percent of all children with immigrant parents. The share of US-born children among children of immigrants under age 18 was 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](#).

Children of immigrants accounted for 29.8 percent of all children in low-income families (i.e., below 200 percent of the federal poverty threshold) in 2007, 25.5 percent in 2000, and 16.7 percent in 1990 in the United States.

In 2007, there were 26,693,402 children under age 18 who resided in families with income below 200 percent of the federal poverty threshold in the United States. Of them, 29.8 percent were children with immigrant parent(s).

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 the United States¹	248,709,873	100.0	281,421,906	100.0	301,621,159	100.0
Native born	228,942,557	92.1	250,314,017	88.9	263,561,465	87.4
Foreign born	19,767,316	7.9	31,107,889	11.1	38,059,694	12.6
Not a citizen	11,770,318	4.7	18,565,263	6.6	21,877,811	7.3
Naturalized citizen	7,996,998	3.2	12,542,626	4.5	16,181,883	5.4
Foreign-Born Population of the United States²	18,959,158	100.0	31,107,573	100.0	38,059,555	100.0
Born in Europe	4,350,403	22.9	4,915,557	15.8	4,990,294	13.1
Born in Asia	4,979,037	26.3	8,226,254	26.4	10,184,906	26.8
Born in Africa	363,819	1.9	881,300	2.8	1,419,317	3.7
Born in Oceania	104,145	0.5	168,046	0.5	216,701	0.6
Born in Latin America	8,407,837	44.3	16,086,974	51.7	20,409,676	53.6
Born in Northern America	753,917	4.0	829,442	2.7	838,661	2.2
	Change 1990 to 2000		Change 1990 to 2007		Change 2000 to 2007	
	Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Total Population of the United States¹	32,712,033	13.2	52,911,286	21.3	20,199,253	7.2
Native born	21,371,460	9.3	34,618,908	15.1	13,247,448	5.3
Foreign born	11,340,573	57.4	18,292,378	92.5	6,951,805	22.3
Not a citizen	6,794,945	57.7	10,107,493	85.9	3,312,548	17.8
Naturalized citizen	4,545,628	56.8	8,184,885	102.3	3,639,257	29.0
Foreign-Born Population of the United States²	12,148,415	64.1	19,100,397	100.7	6,951,982	22.3
Born in Europe	565,154	13.0	639,891	14.7	74,737	1.5
Born in Asia	3,247,217	65.2	5,205,869	104.6	1,958,652	23.8
Born in Africa	517,481	142.2	1,055,498	290.1	538,017	61.0
Born in Oceania	63,901	61.4	112,556	108.1	48,655	29.0
Born in Latin America	7,679,137	91.3	12,001,839	142.7	4,322,702	26.9
Born in Northern America	75,525	10.0	84,744	11.2	9,219	1.1

Notes:

1. This table describes the entire population of the United States.

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 the United States, 2007¹

	Number	Percent
PERIOD OF ENTRY BY WORLD REGION OF BIRTH		
Total Foreign-Born Population	38,059,694	100.0
Entered in 2000 or after	10,551,254	27.7
Entered 1990 to 1999	11,171,165	29.4
Entered 1980 to 1989	7,857,094	20.6
Entered before 1980	8,480,181	22.3
Born in Europe	4,990,294	100.0
Entered in 2000 or after	959,366	19.2
Entered 1990 to 1999	1,274,790	25.5
Entered 1980 to 1989	600,731	12.0
Entered before 1980	2,155,407	43.2
Born in Asia	10,184,906	100.0
Entered in 2000 or after	2,771,734	27.2
Entered 1990 to 1999	2,967,017	29.1
Entered 1980 to 1989	2,469,069	24.2
Entered before 1980	1,977,086	19.4
Born in Mexico	11,738,537	100.0
Entered in 2000 or after	3,553,986	30.3
Entered 1990 to 1999	3,817,617	32.5
Entered 1980 to 1989	2,393,872	20.4
Entered before 1980	1,973,062	16.8
Born in Other Parts of Latin America	8,671,139	100.0
Entered in 2000 or after	2,409,834	27.8
Entered 1990 to 1999	2,410,902	27.8
Entered 1980 to 1989	2,052,903	23.7
Entered before 1980	1,797,500	20.7
Born in Other Areas²	2,474,818	100.0
Entered in 2000 or after	856,334	34.6
Entered 1990 to 1999	700,839	28.3
Entered 1980 to 1989	340,519	13.8
Entered before 1980	577,126	23.3
CITIZENSHIP STATUS BY PERIOD OF ENTRY		
Total Foreign-Born Population	38,059,694	100.0
Not a citizen	21,877,811	57.5
Naturalized citizen	16,181,883	42.5
Entered in 2000 or after	10,551,254	100.0
Not a citizen	9,609,475	91.1
Naturalized citizen	941,779	8.9

Entered 1990 to 1999	11,171,165	100.0
Not a citizen	7,230,103	64.7
Naturalized citizen	3,941,062	35.3
Entered 1980 to 1989	7,857,094	100.0
Not a citizen	3,226,890	41.1
Naturalized citizen	4,630,204	58.9
Entered before 1980	8,480,181	100.0
Not a citizen	1,811,343	21.4
Naturalized citizen	6,668,838	78.6
GENDER		
Total Native-Born Population	263,561,465	100.0
Male	129,487,740	49.1
Female	134,073,725	50.9
Total Foreign-Born Population	38,059,694	100.0
Male	19,151,482	50.3
Female	18,908,212	49.7
MARITAL STATUS		
Total Native-Born Population Age 15 or Older	204,762,339	100.0
Never married	65,109,350	31.8
Now married (not separated)	99,390,022	48.5
Separated	4,159,604	2.0
Divorced	22,820,342	11.1
Widowed	13,283,021	6.5
Total Foreign-Born Population Age 15 or Older	35,961,679	100.0
Never married	8,951,166	24.9
Now married (not separated)	21,530,742	59.9
Separated	1,134,666	3.2
Divorced	2,484,960	6.9
Widowed	1,860,145	5.2
NATIVITY BY AGE		
Total Population	301,621,159	100.0
Under 5	20,670,721	100.0
Native born	20,371,377	98.6
Foreign born	299,344	1.4
5 to 17	53,237,254	100.0
Native born	50,563,908	95.0
Foreign born	2,673,346	5.0
18 to 24	29,820,815	100.0
Native born	26,336,925	88.3
Foreign born	3,483,890	11.7
25 to 54	127,322,704	100.0
Native born	104,343,985	82.0
Foreign born	22,978,719	18.0
55 and Older	70,569,665	100.0
Native born	61,945,270	87.8
Foreign born	8,624,395	12.2
MEDIAN AGE		

Total Native-Born Population		
Median age	35.8	--
Total Foreign-Born Population		
Median age	40.2	--
RACE		
Total Native-Born Population	263,561,465	100.0
One race	257,541,684	97.7
White	205,593,772	78.0
Black or African American	34,362,227	13.0
American Indian and Alaska Native	2,238,028	0.8
Asian	4,325,099	1.6
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	329,002	0.1
Some other race	10,693,556	4.1
Two or more races	6,019,781	2.3
Total Foreign-Born Population	38,059,694	100.0
One race	37,570,462	98.7
White	17,411,711	45.7
Black or African American	2,972,343	7.8
American Indian and Alaska Native	127,319	0.3
Asian	8,908,188	23.4
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	105,673	0.3
Some other race	8,045,228	21.1
Two or more races	489,232	1.3
HISPANIC ORIGIN		
Total Native-Born Population	263,561,465	100.0
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	27,360,576	10.4
White, not Hispanic or Latino	190,838,442	72.4
Total Foreign-Born Population	38,059,694	100.0
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	18,066,861	47.5
White, not Hispanic or Latino	7,714,995	20.3
HOUSEHOLD AND FAMILY SIZE		
Total Native-Born Population	263,561,465	
Average household size	2.50	--
Average family size	3.09	--
Total Foreign-Born Population	38,059,694	
Average household size	3.32	--
Average family size	3.77	--
HOUSEHOLD SIZE BY HOUSING TENURE		
Total Native-Born Population		
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.61	--
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.26	--
Total Foreign-Born Population		
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	3.49	--
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	3.11	--
Not a Citizen		
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	3.85	--
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	3.34	--

Naturalized Citizen		
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	3.29	--
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.66	--
HOUSEHOLD TYPE		
Total Native-Born Population	263,561,465	--
In married couple family household	--	59.8
In other household type	--	37.3
Total Foreign-Born Population	38,059,694	--
In married couple family household	--	63.0
In other household type	--	35.4
FERTILITY		
Total Native-Born Female Population, Ages 15 to 50	64,193,667	100.0
Women who had a birth in the last 12 months	3,330,039	5.2
Married (including spouse absent)	2,118,060	3.3
Unmarried (never married, divorced, and widowed)	1,211,979	1.9
Total Foreign-Born Female Population, Ages 15 to 50	11,891,815	100.0
Women who had a birth in the last 12 months	853,594	7.2
Married (including spouse absent)	664,006	5.6
Unmarried (never married, divorced, and widowed)	189,588	1.6
REGION/COUNTRY OF BIRTH		
Total Foreign-Born Population³	38,059,555	100.0
Europe	4,990,294	13.1
Northern Europe	939,589	2.5
United Kingdom	681,285	1.8
United Kingdom, excluding England	315,276	0.8
England	366,009	1.0
Ireland	135,722	0.4
Other Northern Europe	122,582	0.3
Western Europe	1,008,989	2.7
France	154,786	0.4
Germany	631,990	1.7
Other Western Europe	222,213	0.6
Southern Europe	863,290	2.3
Italy	417,511	1.1
Portugal	198,119	0.5
Other Southern Europe	247,660	0.7
Eastern Europe	2,166,658	5.7
Poland	484,777	1.3
Russia	403,072	1.1
Other Eastern Europe	1,278,809	3.4
Europe, n.e.c. ⁴	11,768	0.0
Asia	10,184,906	26.8
Eastern Asia	3,339,300	8.8
China	1,930,202	5.1
China, excluding Taiwan	1,570,532	4.1
Taiwan	359,670	0.9
Japan	352,933	0.9

Korea	1,042,580	2.7
Other Eastern Asia	13,585	0.0
South Central Asia	2,470,619	6.5
India	1,501,782	3.9
Iran	326,205	0.9
Other South Central Asia	642,632	1.7
Southeastern Asia	3,542,850	9.3
Philippines	1,701,126	4.5
Vietnam	1,100,833	2.9
Other Southeastern Asia	740,891	1.9
Western Asia	790,145	2.1
Israel	134,438	0.4
Lebanon	124,187	0.3
Other Western Asia	531,520	1.4
Asia, n.e.c. 4	41,992	0.1
Africa	1,419,317	3.7
Eastern Africa	386,225	1.0
Northern Africa	274,951	0.7
Western Africa	505,619	1.3
Middle and Southern Africa	137,651	0.4
Africa, n.e.c. 4	114,871	0.3
Oceania	216,701	0.6
Australia and New Zealand Subregion	103,860	0.3
Oceania, n.e.c. 4	112,841	0.3
Americas	21,248,337	55.8
Latin America	20,409,676	53.6
Caribbean	3,387,004	8.9
Cuba	983,454	2.6
Jamaica	597,940	1.6
Other Caribbean	1,805,610	4.7
Central America	14,450,476	38.0
Mexico	11,738,537	30.8
El Salvador	1,104,390	2.9
Other Central America	1,607,549	4.2
South America	2,572,196	6.8
Brazil	338,853	0.9
Colombia	604,527	1.6
Other South America	1,628,816	4.3
Northern America	838,661	2.2
Canada	830,388	2.2
Other Northern America	8,273	0.0

Notes:

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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 the United States¹

	Number	Percent
Total Population (one year and older)		
Population residing in the area one year ago (2006)	295,731,474	
Population residing in the area in 2007	297,545,149	
Between 2006 and 2007		
Stayed in the same house	250,025,832	
Moved within the same state of residence	38,198,775	
Moved between states	7,506,867	
Moved from abroad	1,813,675	
Native-Born Population (one year and older)		
Population residing in the area one year ago (2006)	258,886,636	
Population residing in the area in 2007	259,507,412	
Between 2006 and 2007		
Stayed in the same house	218,771,223	
Moved within the same state of residence	33,434,458	
Moved between states	6,680,955	
Moved from abroad	620,776	
Foreign-Born Population (one year and older)		
Population residing in the area one year ago (2006)	36,844,838	
Population residing in the area in 2007	38,037,737	
Between 2006 and 2007		
Stayed in the same house	31,254,609	
Moved within the same state of residence	4,764,317	
Moved between states	825,912	
Moved from abroad	1,192,899	

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 the United States in 2006 and are currently living in Puerto Rico, other US island areas, and foreign countries, or have died between 2006 and 2007.

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

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Table 4. Children in Immigrant Families in the United States (1990, 2000, and 2007)

	1990		2000		2007	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Children under age 18 with						
Only native parent(s)	60,974,701	100.0	68,563,812	100.0	69,476,274	100.0
One or more foreign-born parents	52,780,543	86.6	55,475,226	80.9	53,485,071	77.0
Child is native	8,194,158	13.4	13,088,586	19.1	15,991,203	23.0
Child is foreign born	6,310,204	10.3	10,399,041	15.2	13,548,096	19.5
	1,883,954	3.1	2,689,545	3.9	2,443,107	3.5
Children under age 6 with						
Only native parent(s)	21,217,159	100.0	21,958,839	100.0	23,480,451	100.0
	18,347,016	86.5	17,492,593	79.7	17,741,707	75.6

One or more foreign-born parents	2,870,143	13.5	4,466,246	20.3	5,738,744	24.4
Child is native	2,548,994	12.0	4,067,077	18.5	5,449,487	23.2
Child is foreign born	321,149	1.5	399,169	1.8	289,257	1.2
Children between ages 6 and 17 with	39,757,542	100.0	46,604,973	100.0	45,995,823	100.0
Only native parent(s)	34,433,527	86.6	37,982,633	81.5	35,743,364	77.7
One or more foreign-born parents	5,324,015	13.4	8,622,340	18.5	10,252,459	22.3
Child is native	3,761,210	9.5	6,331,964	13.6	8,098,609	17.6
Child is foreign born	1,562,805	3.9	2,290,376	4.9	2,153,850	4.7
Children under age 18 in low-income families with	23,528,839	100.0	25,253,380	100.0	26,693,402	100.0
Only native parents	19,601,685	83.3	18,805,221	74.5	18,741,278	70.2
One or more foreign-born parents	3,927,154	16.7	6,448,159	25.5	7,952,124	29.8

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.

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