New Americans in Los Angeles

A Snapshot of the Demographic and Economic Contributions of Immigrants in Los Angeles County and the City of Los Angeles

GDP CONTRIBUTIONS

In 2014, foreign-born residents in Los Angeles County contributed greatly to the county’s total GDP.

- $81.7B came from Asian immigrants...
- $95.3B came from Hispanic immigrants...
- ...and $55.9B came from other foreign-born groups, for a total contribution of $232.9B or 35.7% of the county’s total GDP.

SHARES OF FOREIGN-BORN SPENDING POWER

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TAX CONTRIBUTIONS

In 2014, foreign-born residents contributed $17.3B in federal taxes in LA County / $6.9B in the City of LA, and $7.9B in state and local taxes in LA County / $3.2B in the City of LA.

SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE CONTRIBUTIONS

Foreign-born households supported federal social programs in 2014. $9.2B went to Social Security in LA County / $3.8B in the City of LA, and $2.4B went to Medicare in LA County / $983M in the City of LA.
The share of the total population that was foreign-born in 2014 was **34.6%** in LA County and **37.8%** in the City of LA, a slight decrease from 2010.5

**Migration**

In 2014, a vast majority of the foreign-born in Los Angeles had lived in U.S. for more than 10 years: **80.7%** of the foreign-born in the county and **79.3%** in the city.6

**Entrepreneurship**

**COUNTY**

51.5% of Los Angeles County’s self-employed individuals were immigrants in 2014.

Their businesses generated **$7.2B** — or 41.7% — of all self-employed income in the county.

**CITY**

53.6% of the City of Los Angeles’ self-employed individuals were immigrants in 2014.

Their businesses generated **$3.5B** — or 45.6% — of all self-employed income in the city.

**Labor Force**

**COUNTY**

In 2014, immigrants made up **34.6%** of the population in Los Angeles County...

41.1% of the area’s working-age population...

And **43.2%** of the employed labor force.

**CITY**

In 2014, immigrants made up **37.8%** of the population in the City of Los Angeles...

44.8% of the area’s working-age population...

And **46.7%** of the employed labor force.

1 Unless otherwise specified, data comes from one-year samples of the American Community Survey from 2010 and 2014 and figures refer to Los Angeles County and the City of Los Angeles.

2 These figures derive from our calculations based on immigrants’ share of wage income and self-employment income in the five-year ACS sample from 2014 and the statistics of GDP by the National Association of Counties. Retrieved from: http://explorer.naco.org/


5 The share of the total population that was foreign-born in 2010 was 35.4% in LA County and 38.9% in the City of LA

6 In 2014, a vast majority of the foreign-born in Los Angeles had lived in U.S. for more than five years: 91.1% of foreign-born in the county and 90.8% in the city.

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