



IMMIGRANTS

Overview

Several MetroWest towns are included in this demographic study of Massachusetts immigrants in 2009. The report outlines statistics on immigrant populations in the Greater Boston area as well as characteristics of immigrant households, including countries of origin, children and income.

Massachusetts Immigrants by the Numbers: Demographic Characteristics and Economic Footprint Report, 2009, prepared for The Immigrant Learning Center, Inc.

- **Geography:** Select cities/towns
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Key Findings:

- In 2007, 14.1 percent of MA residents were immigrants and were increasingly drawn from Latin America and Asia.
- In 2007, immigrants accounted for 21.6 percent of the labor force between the ages of 25 and 44.
- There were 912,310 immigrants in MA in 2007 comprising 14.1 percent of the state's population of 6,449,755. This population count includes all persons living in households, institutional or non-institutional group quarters, military or civilian.
 - Of this group, 567,322, or 8.8 percent of the population, were established immigrants who had lived in the United States for 10 or more years. 5.3% or 344,988 of the population were recent immigrants who had lived in the United States less than 10 years.
- Immigrant-headed households are larger than native households on average with 2.81 persons per household in 2007 versus 2.37 for native-headed households.
- Immigrant-headed households had .92 children on average or .20 more children per household than native-headed households.
- The City of Boston has the highest percentage of immigrants. In terms of immigrant households, the Lynn/Saugus PUMA (Public Use Microdata Area or geographic area with 100K+ people) is the highest area of concentration. Following these, additional PUMAs with high concentrations of immigrant households were geographically distributed in the following cities:
 - Malden/Medford 1.86
 - Lawrence/Methuen 1.85
 - Somerville/Everett 1.84
 - Lowell 1.78
 - Cambridge 1.72
 - Framingham/Natick 1.61
 - Newton/Brookline 1.60
 - Quincy/Milton 1.58
- The Massachusetts Foreign-Born Population by Municipality for the Top 20 in Terms of Concentration, 2005-2007 includes:
 - Framingham: Population 63,083; # foreign born 16,160 or 25.6%
 - Waltham City : Population 58,989; # foreign born 13,864 or 23.5%
 - Milford CDP (census-designated place): Population 26,407; # foreign born 6,155 or 23.3%
- Immigrants, especially recent immigrants, are more likely to be poor than are natives.
- Overall, 14.5 percent of immigrants were living below the poverty line in 2007 versus 11.1 percent of natives. Nearly a third (32.4 percent) of immigrants were living below 200% of the poverty line versus 22 percent of natives.