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Nativity and Language



Why is this indicator important?

Nativity refers to a person's location at birth. Foreign born is described by the U.S. Census Bureau as anyone who is not a U.S. citizen at birth, including immigrants, legal nonimmigrants (temporary migrants), humanitarian migrants, and people illegally present. An immigrant is an alien admitted to the U.S. for lawful permanent residence, as defined in the Immigration and Nationality Act.

The ability to speak English is defined by the U.S. Census Bureau as the respondents who speak a language other than English at home. They are further asked to self-assess their ability to speak English for themselves and any children over age 5 years in the home, on a scale from "very well" to "not at all."

What are the key findings?

Seven percent of the people living in Tulsa County in 2006 were foreign born. Ninety-three percent were native, including 57% who were born in Oklahoma.

Five percent of the people living in Oklahoma in 2006 were foreign born. Ninety-five percent were native, including 62% who were born in Oklahoma.

Among people at least five years old living in Tulsa County in 2006, 10% spoke a language other than English at home. Of those speaking a language other than English at home, 69% spoke Spanish

and 31% spoke some other language; 46% reported that they did not speak English "very well."

Among people at least five years old living in Oklahoma in 2006, 8% spoke a language other than English at home. Of those speaking a language other than English at home, 63% spoke Spanish and 37% spoke some other language; 43% reported that they did not speak English "very well."

Why is this important?

The pattern of growing international migration has caused drastic demographic changes that affect the United States, Oklahoma and Tulsa County. The impact of migration is permeated throughout the U.S. and the world and the need for effective migration policies that harness its positive effects and ameliorate its negative impact is paramount (Global Economic Prospects, 2006).

Another important effect of migration on the U.S. is the initial strain on public services—health, social, education—which can deeply affect the local infrastructure (US National Intelligence Council of Global Migration, 2001). Most recently, according to simulations developed by the World Bank (2006), the impact of migrants' use of public goods and services is revenue neutral, meaning their level of consumption equals the amount they pay in taxes.

POPULATION VARIABLES
Tulsa County, Oklahoma 2006

	Number	Percent
PLACE OF BIRTH		
Total population	577,795	
Native	536,047	92.7
Born in United States	531,649	99.1
State of residence	329,231	61.9
Different state	202,418	38.0
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	4,398	<1
Foreign born	41,748	7.2
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS OF FOREIGN BORN		
Foreign-born population	41,748	
Naturalized U.S. citizen	12,942	31.0
Not a U.S. citizen	28,806	68.9
YEAR OF ENTRY OF FOREIGN BORN		
Population born outside the United States	46,146	
Native	4,398	
Entered 2000 or later	573	
Entered before 2000	3,825	
Foreign born	41,748	
Entered 2000 or later	14,155	
Entered before 2000	27,593	

To some extent, migration can also have important political and social effects. Many concerns surround the integration of migrants into the culture of the U.S., and the possible loss of cultural identity and unity (Global Economic Prospects, 2006). Policies must strike a balance between successful integration and welcoming diversity of migrant populations.

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WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN		
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	41,748	
Europe	3,961	9.4
Asia	8,580	20.5
Africa	1,360	3.2
Oceania	108	<1
Latin America (includes Mexico)	26,421	63.2
Northern America	1,318	3.1
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME		
Population 5 years and over	531,785	
English only	477,957	89.8
Language other than English	53,828	10.1
Speak English less than "very well"	25,023	
Spanish	36,930	68.5
Speak English less than "very well"	20,045	
Other Indo-European languages		13.6
Speak English less than "very well"	7,338	
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	1,653	
Speak English less than "very well"	6,904	12.8
Other languages	2,767	
Speak English less than "very well"	2,656	4.9
Speak English less than "very well"	558	

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