New Americans In Minnesota

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Minnesota's Immigration/Foreign Born Population Generally In Line With Its Size

- Minnesota ranks 21st in population size
- Ranks 19th in total population growth 2000-07
- Ranks 25th in percent population growth
- Ranks 20th in immigration (2004)
- Ranks 25th in foreign born as a percent of population (6.6%, US 12.5% in 2006)

Three Ways of Counting New Americans

- Immigration—People who moved directly to Minnesota from other countries in the past year 18,254 admitted to legal permanent status in 2006
- Foreign Born--Born in another country who live in Minnesota 370,000 in 2006. Includes 27,000 born of American Parents
- New American communities—foreign born people plus their children born in the U.S. Add 127,000 children under 18 in 2006
- Unauthorized migrant population—Pew Hispanic Center estimate 75,000 to 100,000 for Minnesota in 2005; 10.7 to 11.5 million nationally. Other states in our estimate range Wisconsin, Ohio, Utah, Connecticut

Minnesota's Foreign Born Population Has Been Increasing Since 1970 Approximately 370,000 In 2006



Top Five Ethnic Backgrounds Of Minnesotans

	Ancestry	Foreign Born
1	German	Mexico
2	Norwegian	Laos
3	Irish	Somalia
4	Swedish	India
5	English	Canada

2006 ACS

Since 2000, Minnesota's Foreign Born Population Has Increased By About 83,000, Mostly In Naturalized Citizens



Census and 2006 ACS. Minnesota's ratio naturalized to non-citizens is close to the national average

Minnesota's Foreign Born Population More From Asia & Africa; Less From Americas



Immigration To Minnesota Since 1983



U.S. Dept of Homeland Security

Top Five Sources Of 2006 Immigrants Top Five Account For 43% Of Immigrants To Minnesota

Minnesota	United States
1 Somalia	Mexico
2 Thailand	China
3 Ethiopia	Philippines
4 Mexico	India
5 Liberia	Cuba

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Students Speaking Non-English Language At Home: Much Of The Growth In ESL Enrollment Is Directly Related To Growth In Local Employment



Source: Mn Dept of Education data, Districts of more than 100 enrollment.

Ten Most Common Non-English Languages Spoken By Enrolled Students 2006-07

SPANISH	64,478
HMONG	45,248
SOMALI	19,166
VIETNAMESE	6,430
RUSSIAN	5,068
LAOTIAN	4,046
CHINESE	3,506
CAMBODIAN	3,240
ARABIC	2,440
ENGLISH, CREOLIZED	2,386

What Is Driving Increased Immigration To Minnesota

- Demand for specially skilled workers
- Demand for workers in lower wage jobs
- Refugee movements
- Family reunifications

Major Classes Of Admission For New Legal Permanent Residents



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Percent of Mn Labor Force Born In Another Country



PUMS microdata from 1990 & 2000 Census & 2006 ACS

In 2006, Minnesota's Foreign Born Workforce Was 240,000 or 8% Of The Total Workforce



2006 ACS

Foreign Born Workers Are Most Concentrated Among The Least And Most Educated Minnesota Workers



2000 Census 5% PUMS data, 2006ACS. 25% of foreign born workers had less than high school and 32% had a bachelor's degree or higher

MN industries with greatest concentrations of foreign-born workers (2006, >5000 total employment

- Mfg.- food/vegetable processing
- Mfg.- animal slaughtering & processing
- Prof. services to buildings and dwellings
- Retail- specialty foods
- Mfg.- medical equipment and supplies
- Mfg.-Navigation, electromedical & control instruments
- Retail- Used merchandise

Industries employing the greatest percentages of Minnesota foreign-born population (2006)

- Restaurants/food service (10% of workers)
- Colleges and universities (5%)
- Hospitals (4%)
- Construction (4%)
- Mfg.-Medical equipment (3%)
- Mfg.- Animal slaughtering and processing (2%)

Minnesota's Foreign Born Population Concentrated In The 25-44 Age Range



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Minnesota foreign-born population more concentrated at high and low levels of education



Percent of Foreign Born Age 5+ Who Speak A Language Other Than English At Home By Ability To Speak English



2006 ACS