Immigration

Twenty-six percent of California residents were born outside the United States. This is more than double the national average of 11 percent. If the number of illegal immigrants could be accurately determined, the amount of people born outside the United States and now living in California would be even higher. This percentage of foreign-born population is one of the highest in the world.

The foreign-born people now living in California come from every world region: 44 percent are from Mexico, 8 percent from Central America, 8 percent from Europe, and 33 percent from Asia. Immigrants from Africa, the Caribbean, Oceania, and Canada each contribute between 1 and 2 percent to the state population.

As the map shows, these new Californians live in every county of California. They work in every type of job, and many attend schools, colleges, and universities. Immigrants add to the existing diversity of people that make up America’s ever-growing population.

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