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Pittsburgh Region Immigrants and Internationals Fact Sheet and Resources

Demographics:

- In Pittsburgh MSA, the foreign-born population is 3.3% (75,721) of the total population (2,357,981) equally divided between citizens (38,479) and non-citizens (37,242).
- In the City of Pittsburgh, the foreign-born population is more than twice as high with 8% of the population being foreign-born (24,396) out of 306,212 city residents. 8,872 are naturalized US citizens and are 15,524 non-citizens. In comparison, 5.8% of Pennsylvanians are foreign-born [Immigration Policy Center].
- In Pittsburgh MSA, total Asian population is 49,599 2.1% and Latino population is 30,661 (1.3%). These communities grew by 56% and 72% respectively over the last decade

Economic Output:

- Immigrants accounted for 4% of economic output in the Pittsburgh MSA in 2007, according to a study by the Fiscal Policy Institute
- “Immigrants contribute to the economy in direct relation to the share of the population. The economy of metro areas grows in tandem with the immigrant share of the labor force.”
- In 2009, nearly half of all Pittsburgh MSA immigrants (70,918) were **high skill workers (30,542)**.
- The average skill ratio for immigrants in the 100 largest metro areas is 101.6 (a skill ratio of 100 indicates an equal number of high- and low-skilled immigrants). **In Pittsburgh, the skill ratio is 391.3** meaning that there are nearly 4 high skill immigrants for every low skill immigrant.

➤ International Students (2012-2013 Academic Year)

- **37,245** = The number of **foreign born students entering PA** (Increase of 11.5% since last year)
- Total Contribution by Foreign Students and their families to Pennsylvania economy: **\$1.704 billion**.
- Net Contribution by Foreign Student and their families to the Pennsylvania economy (total contribution minus U.S. support): **\$1.214 billion**.
- In the Pittsburgh MSA, **international students and their families** contributed: **\$283.3 million**
- The Pittsburgh MSA universities attracted a total of nearly **9,500** international students.
- Carnegie Mellon University (4,744), University of Pittsburgh - Pittsburgh Campus (2,961), and Indiana University of PA (846) had the largest international student populations in the region
- **76%** of immigrants had college education, while just **6.1%** lacked a high school diploma.

Where are they from?

- Latino community: most prevalent countries of origin are Mexico (10,463) and Puerto Rico (8,435), accounting for over 60% of the community
- Asian community: Most prevalent countries of origin; India (15,210) and China (11,685), accounting for nearly 55% of the total Asian population Pittsburgh MSA

Where do they live?

- The largest Asian American communities are in Shadyside (19%), Squirrel Hill (17%), and North Oakland (15%)
- Latino communities can be found in Beechview, Oakland, Greenfield and Southside
- Largest refugee communities are located in Carrick, Prospect Park, Sharpsburg

Resources

- **Vibrant Pittsburgh Welcome Center** <http://vibrantpittsburgh.org/welcome/> Founded in 2005 as a supporting organization to the Jewish Family and Children's Service, the Center serves as a central resource of information and services for multi-cultural populations relocating to the region through one-on-one referrals, interpretation and translation services to over 2,100 newcomers, immigrants, and internationals living in the Pittsburgh Region.
- **Jewish Family and Children's Service** <http://www.jfcspg.org/> A nonsectarian, nonprofit organization that offers adoption services, counseling, a food pantry, career services, older adult programs, and immigration services.
- **Allegheny Intermediate Unit** <http://www.aiu3.net/> AIU works to maximize opportunities for all learners, including immigrants in Allegheny County, through specialized educational services which include ESL classes) at County's 42 suburban school districts and five vocational/technical schools.
- **ALPFA Pittsburgh** <http://pittsburgh.alpfa.org/> ALPFA is the largest professional Latino association and is dedicated to enhancing opportunities for Latinos and building leadership and career skills.
- **American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI)**, <http://aapiusa.org/> AAPI is a forum to facilitate and enable Indian American Physicians to excel in patient care, teaching and research and to pursue their aspirations in professional and community affairs.
- **CEED** <http://usaceed.org/> CEED works to create opportunities for community growth and economic sustainability throughout Southwestern Pennsylvania with its small business assistance program.
- **Chinese Association for Science and Technology (CAST-P)**, Pittsburgh Chapter, <http://www.castp.org> CAST-P facilitates channels for technological, commercial, and cultural exchange between China and US.
- **La Feria- Al Servicio De La Comunidad:** laferia@gmail.com La Feria was launched by members of the Pittsburgh catholic community, currently members of St. Regis Church (Oakland) to provide important information to the Latino community in areas such as finance, legal, education, culture and more.
- **GlobalPittsburgh** <http://www.globalpittsburgh.org/> GP works to improve the region's global competitiveness by creating long-term relationships connecting the city with international leaders and influencers. GP also launched Study Pittsburgh! To attract international students to Pittsburgh. Learn more www.studypittsburgh.org
- **Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council** <http://www.gplc.org/> GPLC offers ESL, GED preparation and computer skills training courses for its many immigrant and US-born students.
- **Immigrants and Internationals Advisory Council**, <http://www.alleghenycounty.us/dhs/iac.aspx> IIAC advises the Department of Human Services on human service needs of immigrant and internationals in Allegheny County.
- **Immigration Law Clinic**, University of Pittsburgh. The Clinic represent immigrants requesting asylum, facing removal from the United States and help clients to overcome linguistic and cultural barriers that could impede their success in the U.S. legal system. Contact: Silvia Velez Martinez, Director, siv7@pitt.edu
- **Latino Family Support Center**, <http://www.popcitymedia.com/devnews/sqhilllatino.aspx> The Center was launched by the Allegheny Intermediate Unit to cater to Pittsburgh's growing Latino population in the region.
- **Latin American Cultural Union (LACU)** <http://www.lacunet.org/> LACU is a non-profit organization dedicated to cultivating and preserving Latin American cultural traditions in Southwestern Pennsylvania.
- **Network of Indian Professionals (NetIP)** – Pittsburgh, <http://netip-pittsburgh.org/> NetIP celebrates diversity and appreciation of the South Asian-American experience through a variety of workshops, seminars and conferences.
- **Pittsburgh China Chamber of Commerce (PCCC)**, <http://www.pittsburghchinachamber.com> PCCC's mission to help small and medium sized enterprises in Western PA to export more products and services to China.
- **Pittsburgh Metropolitan Area Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (PMAHCC)** <http://pmahcc.org/> PMAHCC is dedicated to providing regional business opportunities while simultaneously advocating, promoting, and facilitating the success of Hispanic entrepreneurs and professionals.
- **Silk Screen Festival**, <http://www.silkscreenfestival.org> Silk Screen celebrates diversity and multi-cultural appreciation of the Asian and Asian American experience through cultural events, such as its film festival.
- **The Western PA Professional Chapter of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE-WPA)** <http://www.shpewpa.org/> SHPE was launched in Pittsburgh in 2004 by a group of engineers and scientists who identified the need to bring Hispanic professionals working in the region together and network.

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