

Immigration Data Matters: How to Find the Most Accurate Resources

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Immigration Resource Guide



IMMIGRATION DATA MATTERS

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What's Included?

- Direct hyperlinks to data tables and charts
- *Sources:* Government agencies, international organizations, research organizations, universities
- Interactive tools and maps, and datasets
- A wide range of topics

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- Different levels of geography (where possible)
- Tips helping to navigate the pages
- The guide is free
- Data resources are free to access
- Write to us at data@migrationpolicy.org

Resources on Immigrants & Immigration Trends in the U.S.

Earnings of full-time workers by nativity

Median weekly earnings of the foreign born and native born by selected characteristics. Note: Data from prior years are archived on the BLS website. Update: Annually.

BLS, “Foreign-Born Workers: Labor Force Characteristics”

www.bls.gov/bls/newsrels.htm

(tip: First select “Employment and Unemployment,” then scroll down to “Foreign-Born Workers: Labor Force Characteristics,” then click on the “Median usual weekly earnings of full-time wage and salary workers for the foreign born and native born by selected characteristics” table.)

Temporary employment visa statistics

Number of nonimmigrant temporary worker visas issued (annual totals, by visa classification, country of nationality). Update: Annually.

Department of State, *Report of the Visa Office* <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/legal/visa-law0/visa-statistics/annual-reports.html>

Permanent employment visa statistics

Number of immigrant employment visas issued (annual totals, by visa classification, country of nationality). Update: Annually.

Department of State, *Report of the Visa Office* <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/legal/visa-law0/visa-statistics/annual-reports.html>

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[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	2015					2016				
	Foreign born		Native born		Earnings of foreign born as percent of native born	Foreign born		Native born		Earnings of foreign born as percent of native born
	Number	Median weekly earnings	Number	Median weekly earnings		Number	Median weekly earnings	Number	Median weekly earnings	
Total, 16 years and over	18,792	\$681	90,289	\$837	81.4	19,463	\$715	91,628	\$860	83.1
Men	11,561	712	49,185	934	76.2	12,008	751	49,922	951	79.0
Women	7,231	626	41,103	740	84.6	7,455	655	41,706	762	86.0
AGE										
16 to 24 years	995	464	8,795	490	94.7	1,081	497	8,995	502	99.0
25 to 34 years	4,247	622	22,364	751	82.8	4,532	667	22,924	767	87.0
35 to 44 years	5,378	721	19,538	940	76.7	5,432	756	19,851	972	77.8
45 to 54 years	4,745	724	20,832	965	75.0	4,929	765	20,723	995	76.9
55 to 64 years	2,744	731	15,364	961	76.1	2,774	796	15,722	977	81.5
65 years and over	683	731	3,395	895	81.7	715	735	3,412	897	81.9

International Resources on Migrants & Migration Trends

Asylum applications, recognition rates, and resettlement

Data on asylum applications, decisions, and Dublin Regulation statistics. Data are broken down by citizenship, age, and sex. Tables include number of asylum applications made by unaccompanied minors; first and final decisions; and other related data.
Update: Annually or monthly depending on the data.

Eurostat, Asylum and Managed Migration

<http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/asylum-and-managed-migration/data/database>

KEY TOPICS (INTERNATIONAL DATA)	WHAT'S AVAILABLE?	WHERE CAN YOU FIND IT?
	Interactive maps showing total annual asylum applications and asylum recognition rates in individual EU and European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries, by country of origin (2008 onward). Update: Annually.	MPI Migration Data Hub, International Migration Statistics www.migrationpolicy.org/programs/data-hub/international-migration-statistics
	Number of persons who have been granted authorization to reside in a Member State (by age, sex, and citizenship) in various EU countries on the basis of their need for international protection. Update: Annually.	Eurostat, Resettled Persons by Age, Sex and Citizenship http://appsso.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/nui/show.do?dataset=migr_asyresa&lang=en

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Publications

Statistics illustrated



- Asylum and managed migration (migr)
- Asylum and Dublin statistics (migr_asy)
 - Applications (migr_asyapp)
 - Asylum applicants by citizenship till 2007 Annual data (rounded) (migr_asyctz)
 - First time asylum applicants by citizenship till December 2007 Monthly data (rounded) (migr_asyctzm)
 - Asylum and first time asylum applicants by citizenship, age and sex Annual aggregated data (rounded) (migr_asyappctza)
 - Asylum and first time asylum applicants by citizenship, age and sex Monthly data (rounded) (migr_asyappctzm)
 - Persons subject of asylum applications pending at the end of the month by citizenship, age and sex Monthly data (rounded) (migr_asyopenctzm)
 - Asylum applications withdrawn by citizenship, age and sex Annual aggregated data (rounded) (migr_asywitha)

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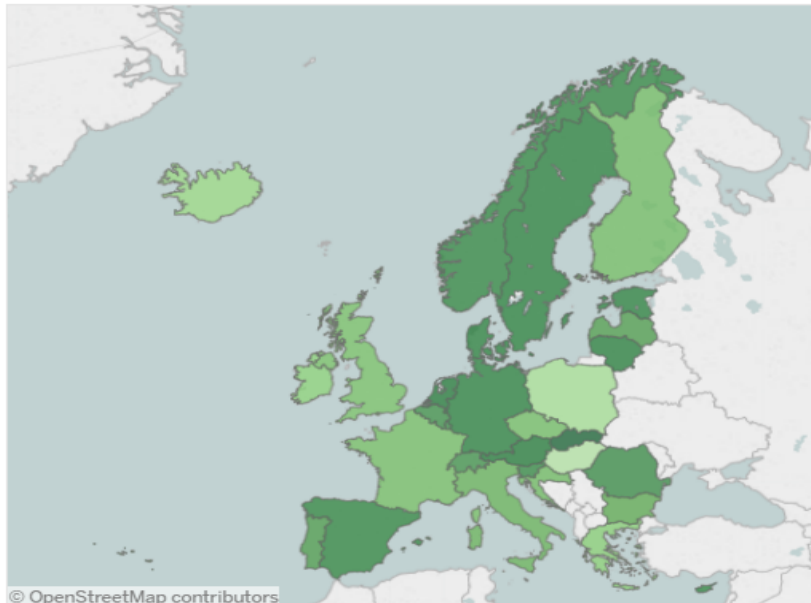
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Asylum Recognition Rates in the EU/EFTA by Country, 2008-2016

Use this interactive map to view asylum recognition rates in individual European Union Member States and European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, and Switzerland) by country of origin and year, from 2008 through 2016. Darker colors indicate a higher recognition rate in the country and year shown. The rate represents the share of first-instance positive asylum decisions relative to all decisions made in the selected country. The data tool also shows the total number of decisions as well as the type of protection status granted.

Asylum Recognition Rates in the EU/EFTA by Country, 2008-2016*



Average asylum recognition rate in EU/EFTA for nationals of all countries in 2016 : **60.8%**

Top 10 Nationalities by Recognition Rate in All in 2016

Syria	98.0%
Eritrea	91.4%
Yemen	90.0%
Stateless	88.6%
Burundi	84.1%
Unknown	80.4%
El Salvador	78.1%
Jamaica	77.8%
Moldova	77.8%
Kuwait	70.8%

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Data on Children in Immigrant Families

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Focus of Presentation

- Why focus on children in immigrant families?
- Who are children in immigrant families and where do they live?
- Data definitions and data gaps
- KIDS COUNT: Measuring the well-being of children in immigrant families

Why Focus on Children in Immigrant Families?

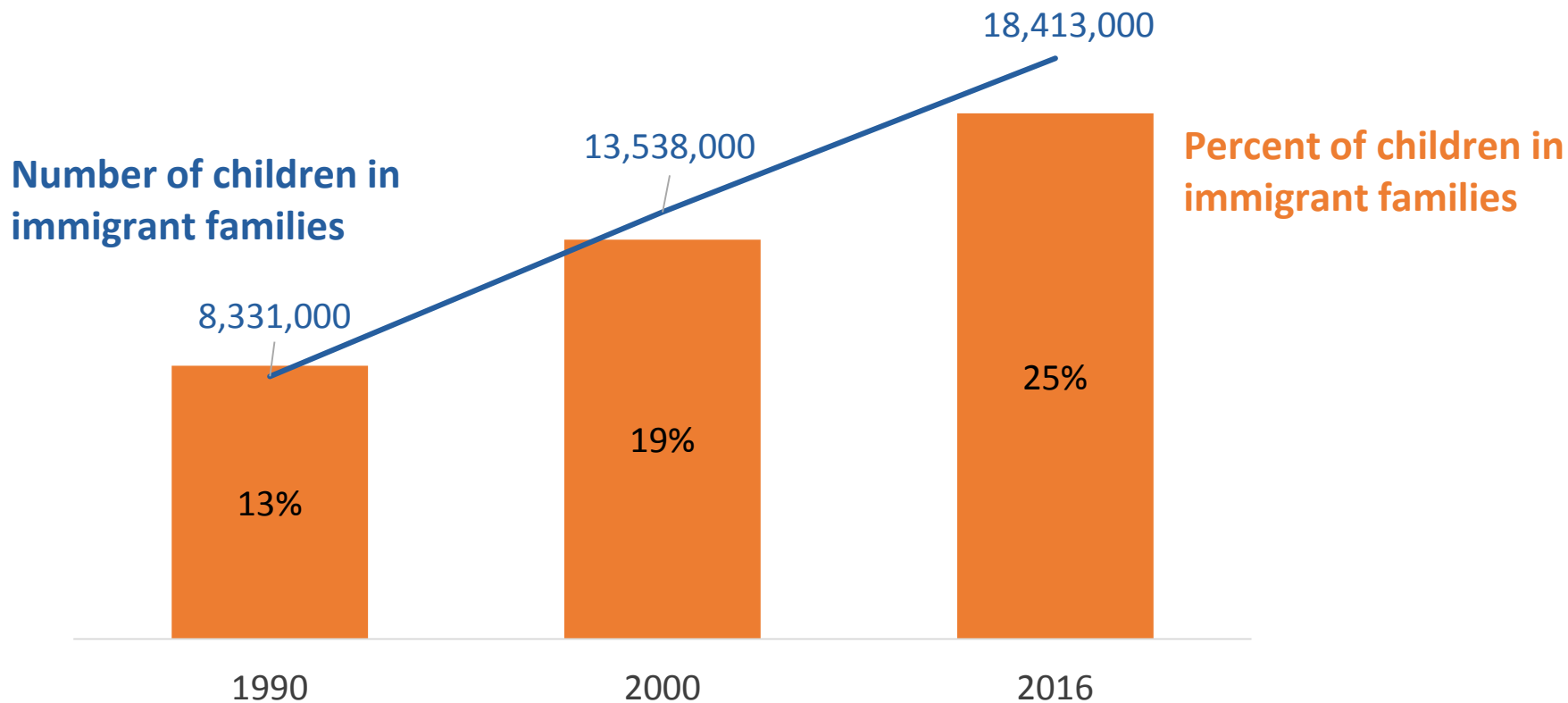
- Driving force behind future growth of population, labor force, economy
- Leading a racial/ethnic shift in the U.S. population and labor force
- Regional/state differences in numbers and characteristics
- Unique policy and programmatic needs

How PRB Defines Children in Immigrant Families in the ACS

- Children under age 18 who are foreign-born* or who reside with at least one foreign-born* parent

*Foreign-born include non-citizens and U.S. citizens by naturalization. Native-born include those born in the U.S., Puerto Rico, Guam, Virgin Islands, or the Northern Marianas or born abroad of American parents.

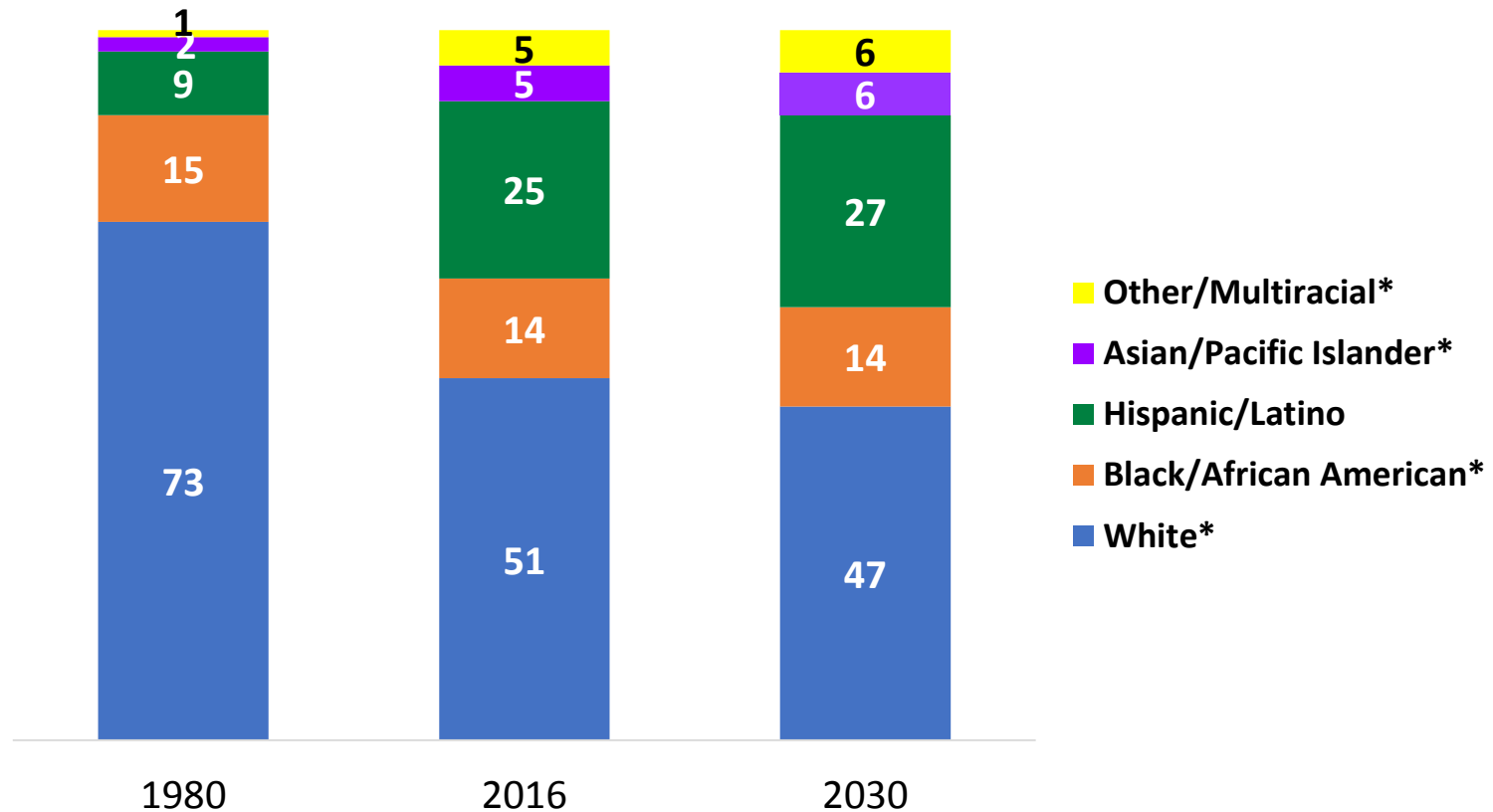
Number and Share of Children in Immigrant Families Have Increased Rapidly Since 1990



Source: PRB analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, decennial census, and ACS.

Immigrant Children are Leading a Racial/Ethnic Transformation of the U.S. Population

Percent Distribution of the U.S. Population Under Age 18 by Race/Ethnicity, 1980, 2016, and 2030

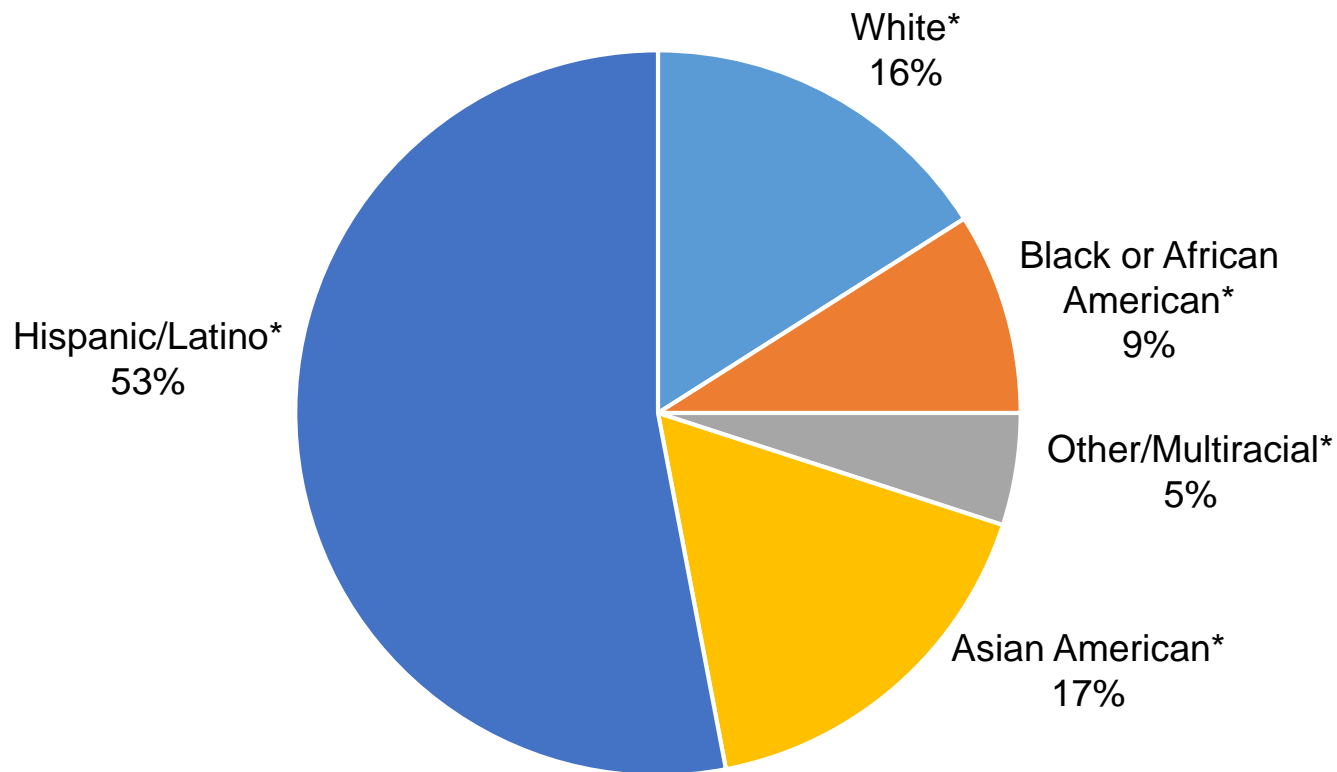


*Non-Hispanic.

Source: PRB analysis of data from U.S. Census Bureau.

About 70 Percent of Children in Immigrant Families are Latino or Asian American

Distribution of Children in Immigrant Families, by Race/Ethnicity, 2016

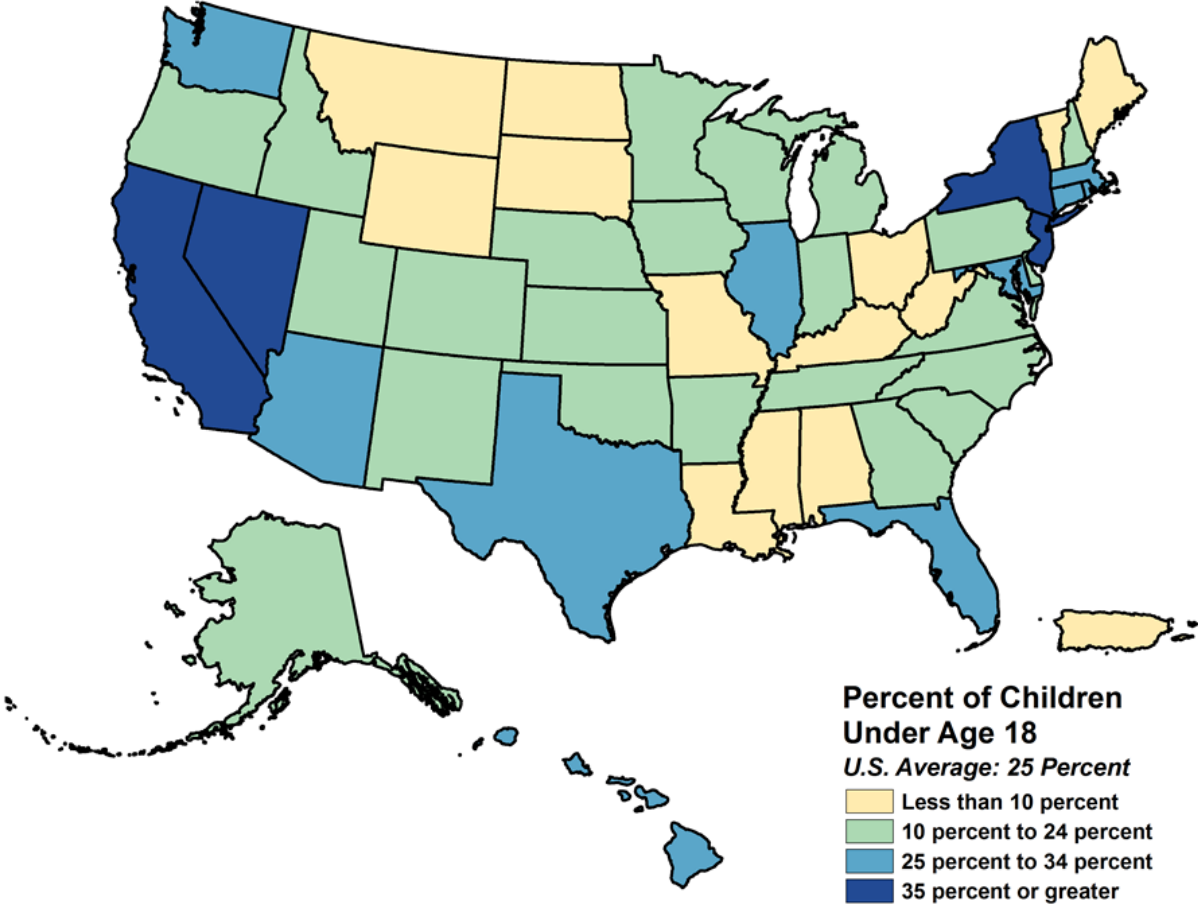


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Source: PRB analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, ACS.

There are Wide State Differences in the Share of Children in Immigrant Families

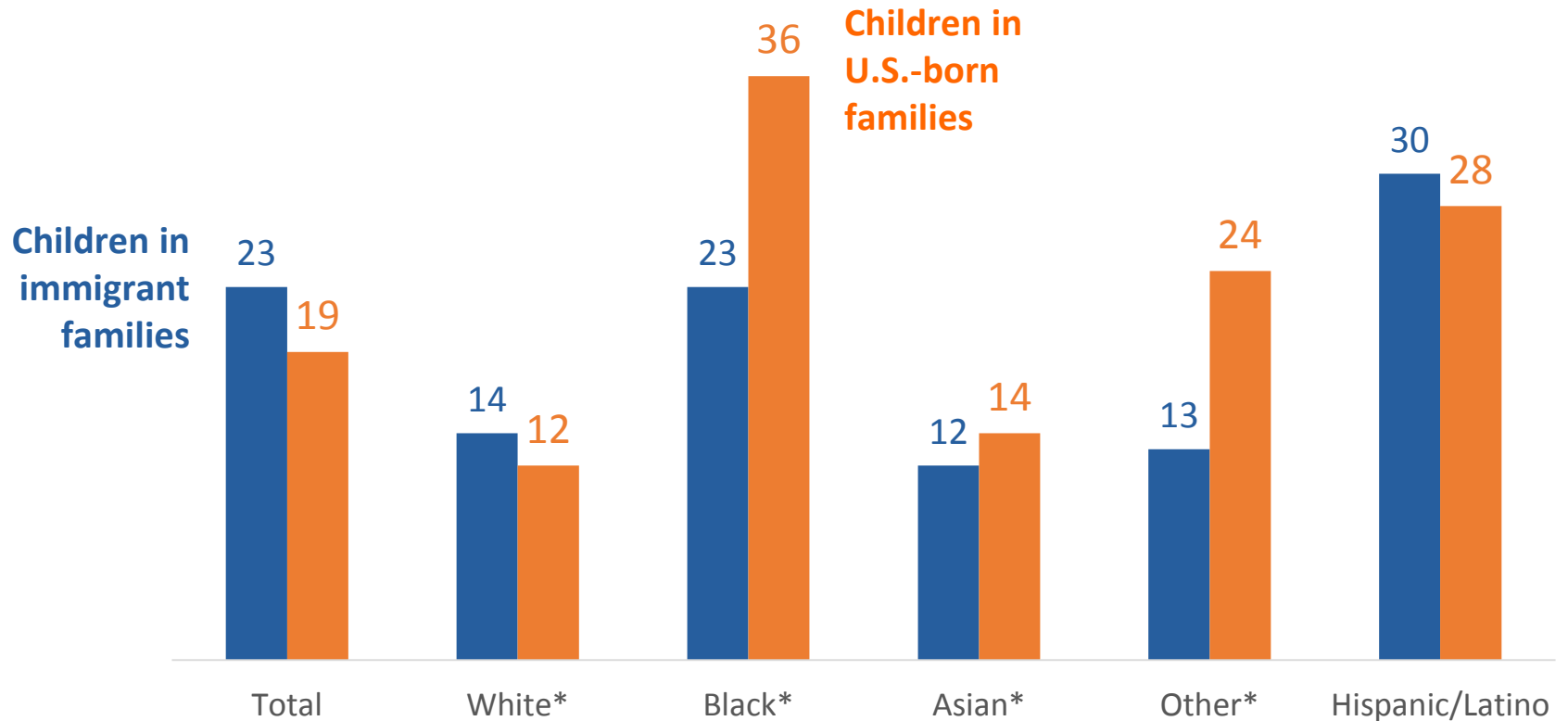
Percent of Children Living in Immigrant Families, 2016



Source: PRB analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2016 American Community Survey.

Immigrant Children Are Diverse With Unique Policy Needs

Poverty Rates for Children by Immigrant Status and Race/ethnicity (%), 2016



*Non-Hispanic

Source: PRB analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, ACS.

Using the American Community Survey to Get Data on Children in Immigrant Families

■ Benefits

- Large sample; access to reliable data for many states and population subgroups
- Timely (2016 ACS 1-year estimates now available)

■ Challenges

- Need statistical software to access data from Public Use Microdata Samples
- Data not available for small geographic areas
- Limited information about children who are not living with parents / children in complex living arrangements

Defining Children in Immigrant Families

Children in Immigrant Families

- Child born outside the U.S. and lives with at least one parent
- Child born in U.S.; one parent born outside – married-couple family
- Child born in U.S.; one parent born outside – single-parent family
- Child born in U.S.; both parents born outside – married-couple family
- Child born outside the U.S. and does not live with either parent

Children in U.S.-Born Families

- Child and parent(s) born in the U.S.
- Child born in the U.S. and does not live with either parent

KIDS COUNT Data Center as a Resource

- Data available for the 50 states, DC, Puerto Rico, and large cities
- Data are generally available from 2000 to the present
- Includes more than 20 indicators for children in immigrant families
- <http://datacenter.kidscount.org>

KIDS COUNT Data Center as a Resource

Child population by nativity

Children in immigrant families

Children in immigrant families by parent's region of origin

Children in immigrant families who are U.S. citizens

Children in immigrant families in which resident parents are not U.S. citizens

Children in immigrant families in which resident parents have been in the country five years or less

Children whose parents lack secure parental employment by family nativity

Children in low-income working families by family nativity

Children with all available parents in the labor force by family nativity

Children with all available parents not in the labor force by family nativity

Median family income among households with children by family nativity

Children living in households that are owned by family nativity

Children living in households with a high housing cost burden by family nativity

Children living in crowded households by family nativity

Children living below the poverty threshold by family nativity

Children living in low-income families (below 200 percent of the poverty threshold) by family nativity

Children whose parents all have less than a high school degree by family nativity

Children who have difficulty speaking English by family nativity

Children in married-couple families by family nativity

Children in single-parent families by family nativity

Children living in linguistically isolated households by family nativity

Children in immigrant families in which resident parents have difficulty speaking English

Children in immigrant families in which resident parents have less than a 9th grade education

Race For Results



This 2017 KIDS COUNT policy report focuses on the intersection of children, opportunity, race and immigration.

<http://www.aecf.org/resources/2017-race-for-results/>

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“Stock” Data Sources for Estimating the Size and Characteristics of the Foreign-Born Population in the United States

CITIZENS	NONCITIZENS				
	Legal permanent residents	Nonimmigrants	Unauthorized	Refugees	Asylees

Citizens v. noncitizens:

- Most nationally-representative federal surveys ask: “Are you a U.S. citizen?”
- American Community Survey, Current Population Survey, Decennial Census

Legal permanent resident population:

- No survey data available
- Stock estimates generated by OIS based on administrative data

Nonimmigrant population:

- No survey data available
- Stock estimates generated by OIS based on administrative data

Unauthorized population:

- No survey data available
- Stock estimates generated by OIS, Pew Research, MPI, CIS, others, based on a combination of census and administrative data

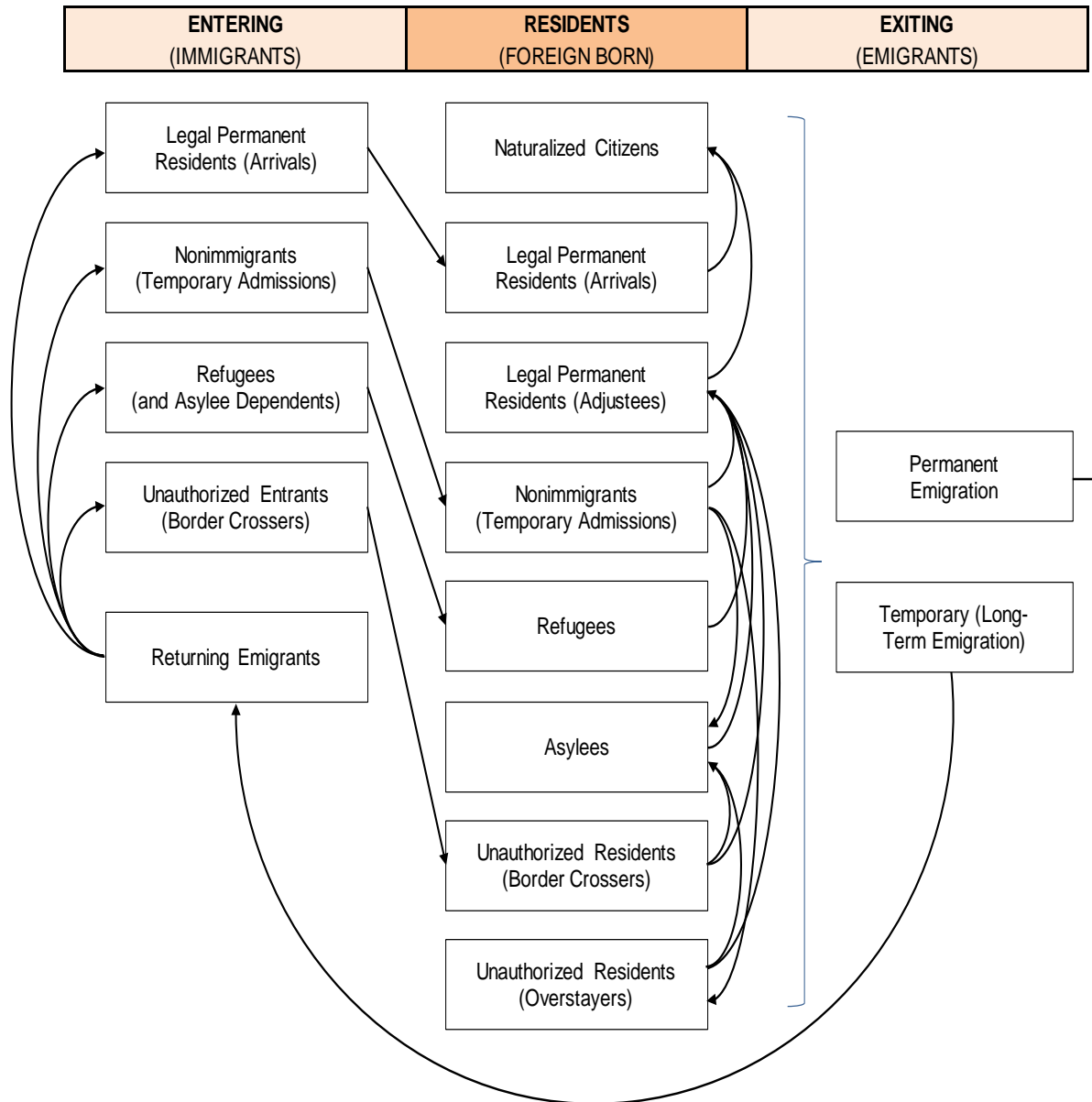
Refugee/asylee population:

- No survey data available
- Stock estimates by State Department’s Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (?)

Data gaps

- Recent arrivals, dual/multiple citizenship, return migrants, coverage
- Second generation/children of immigrants – at local level

“Flow” Data Sources Documenting the Arrival of Immigrants, Their Change of Migrant Status, and the Departure of Emigrants in the United States



What we measure reasonably well:

- Number of legal arrivals (LPRs, nonimmigrants, refugees)
- Number of adjustments to LPR status
- Number of naturalizations by LPRs
- Number of nonimmigrant departures (limited)
- Number of asylee adjustments

What we don't measure/don't measure well:

- Status change (limited information)
- Unauthorized flow (estimates)
- Number of unauthorized entrants v. unauthorized overstayers
- Number of emigrants (permanent or long-term temporary)
- Number of returning emigrants

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