

Filipino Immigrants in the U.S.

Size & Distribution:

- 1.7 million foreign born from the Philippines residing in the United States in 2008
 - Since 1990 Filipinos are the 2nd largest immigrant group in U.S. after Mexicans
 - Filipinos account for 4.4% of all US immigrant population as of 2008
- In 2008 California had the largest number of Filipino immigrants (787,422 or 46.7%) followed by:
 - Hawaii (99,659, or 5.9%) New Jersey (89,098, or 5.3%)
New York (83,194, or 4.9%) Illinois (77,505, or 4.6%)
Texas (70,819, or 4.2 %).
- As of 2008 Filipinos accounted for a significant share of all immigrants in Western states:
 - Hawaii (43.5%) Alaska (31.9%) Nevada (12.1%)
California (8%) North Dakota (7%) Washington (6.4%)
Virginia (5.4%) New Jersey (5.2%)
- From 2000-2008 the Filipino immigrant population grew by over 25,000 people in California, Nevada, and Texas:
 - CA: (+122,000; 665,000 to 787,000) NV: (+28,000; 31,000 to 59,000)
TX: (+25,000; 46,000 to 71,000)
- More than one-third of all Filipino immigrants resided in three metropolitan areas:
 - Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, CA: (278,809, or 16.5%)
San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, CA: (59,102, or 9.4%)
New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-PA: (153,367, or 9.1 %)
 - Accounting for 35.1 % of the 1.7 million Filipino immigrants in the U.S.
- There were 2.9 million members of the Filipino diaspora residing in the U.S. in 2008 including 1.4 million native-born US citizens of Filipino ancestry:
 - Philippines born: (54.8%)
United States or in US territories born: (43.5%)
Elsewhere: (1.7%)

Demographic & Socioeconomic Overview:

- Over one-quarter of all Filipino foreign born in the United States arrived in 2000 or later.
- Almost two-thirds of Filipino immigrants in 2008 were adults of working age:
 - Working Age Adults: (62%) Minors: (58%) Seniors: (32.2%)
- Filipino immigrant women outnumbered men in 2008:
 - Women: (58.8%) Men: (41.2%)

Source of all information except remittances:

“Filipino Immigrants in the United States.” [Migration Policy Institute](#)
“Revisions to Remittance Trends 2007.” [The World Bank](#)

- Filipino immigrants were much more likely than other immigrant groups to be naturalized US citizens:
 - Filipino foreign born 63.1% were naturalized
 - Overall foreign-born population 43.0% were naturalized
- Less than one-third of Filipino immigrants in 2008 were limited English proficient:
 - 14.5% reported “English only” 55.5% reported “English very well”
 - 30% reported “English not very well” compared to 52.1% among all foreign born
- Over three-quarters of Filipino foreign-born adults had some college education or higher:
 - Filipino born adults with bachelor’s degree or higher: 50.7%
 - All foreign born adults: 27.1%
 - All native born adults: 27.8%
- Filipino immigrant women were more likely to participate in the civilian labor force than foreign-born women overall:
 - Filipino-born women: (76.5 %) Foreign-born women overall (57.1 %)
 - Nearly one-fourth employed Filipino-born women reported working as a registered nurse in 2008
- Filipino-born men were less likely to be in the civilian labor force:
 - Filipino-born men: (69.9%) Foreign-born men overall (80.5%)
 - Almost one-third of employed Filipino-born men worked in health-care support or in construction, extraction, and transportation
- Filipino immigrants were less likely to live in poverty than other immigrant groups:
 - Filipino immigrants: 14% All immigrants: 37.9 Native born: 28.7%
- Filipino immigrants have comparable rates of homeownership and health insurance:
 - Filipino immigrants owning home: 70.5% Native-born citizen: 72.6%
 - Filipinos are also more likely to have a mortgage
 - Filipino immigrant uninsured: 11.1% Native-born citizen: 12.9%
- 87,000 Filipino immigrants have served in U.S. Armed Forces:
 - Active duty: 12,000 Veterans: 75,000
- Philippines fifth-largest recipient of remittance flows
 - Reported \$17 billion in 2007 and continuing to grow
 - According to 2005 World Bank Report 80% of Filipino respondents used banks to remit

Legal & Unauthorized Filipino Immigrant Population

- Filipino foreign born are 45% of all LPR’s in U.S. in 2008
 - More than half of them admitted as immediate relatives of U.S. citizens
 - Made 37% of all eligible to naturalize
- Filipinos account for 2% of all undocumented immigrants in U.S.

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