Immigration Research Experts and Data Sources

Immigration reform is high on the legislative agenda of the 113th Congress. As the immigration debate unfolds, current and credible information is critical to productive policy discussions.

The Population Association of America (www.popassoc.org), is pleased to provide this list of national experts on a variety of immigration topics currently being discussed in Washington. All are available for consultation or questions.


Immigration in the United States by Population, Location and Origin

Experts:

**General**
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**The Unauthorized Population**
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- Dr. Randy Capps, Migration Policy Institute: rcapps@migrationpolicy.org, 202.266.1938
- Dr. Dowell Myers, University of Southern California: dowell@usc.edu, 213.740.7095
- Dr. Michael Rendall, University of Maryland: mrendall@umd.edu, 301.405.6393

**Foreign-Born Hispanics**
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**Foreign-Born from Mexico**
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**Immigration Policy/History**
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Data Sources:

**U.S. Census Bureau** [http://www.census.gov/newsroom/cspan/foreign-born.html](http://www.census.gov/newsroom/cspan/foreign-born.html)

**American Community Survey** [www.census.gov/population/foreign/data/acs.html](http://www.census.gov/population/foreign/data/acs.html)
The American Community Survey provides a wealth of information on the foreign-born population, including easily accessible tables of demographic, social and economic data. Data are available for the nation, states, congressional districts, counties and other localities. Click on American FactFinder (factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml).

**Current Population Survey Data on the Foreign-Born Population**
[www.census.gov/population/foreign/data/cps.html](http://www.census.gov/population/foreign/data/cps.html)
Detailed tables from the Current Population Survey show a wide range of characteristics of the foreign-born population in the U.S.: age, sex, marital status, employment status, occupation, industry, income, earnings, poverty status, household type, size and tenure, and metropolitan status. These characteristics are...
presented in four groups: nativity/U.S. citizenship status, year of entry into the U.S., world region of birth, and generational status.

*Current Population Survey Immigration/Emigration Supplement*  
www.census.gov/population/foreign/data/2008migration.html  
This supplement to the monthly Current Population Survey focuses on five topics: citizenship, year of entry, residence one year ago, residents and emigrants abroad, and monetary transfers.

*Additional Information on the Foreign-Born*  
www.census.gov/population/foreign/data  
Contact Angela Manso, 301.763.6100 or angela.m.manso@census.gov

**Foreign-Born Workers in the United States**

**Experts:**

- **Low-Skilled Immigrant Workers**  
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- **High-Skilled Immigrant Workers**  
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  » Dr. Lindsay Lowell, Georgetown University: lowellbl@georgetown.edu, 202.687.2258

**Data Sources:**

*Department of Homeland Security, Office of Immigration Studies*  
http://www.dhs.gov/office-immigration-statistics  
The Department of Homeland Security collects, processes and publishes much of the administrative data on immigration, including the number and characteristics of those obtaining legal permanent resident status, those admitted as refugees or granted asylum, those who are naturalizing, and non-immigrant admissions. In addition, since 2002, the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System has provided data on foreign students studying in the United States. Statistics on visa issuance are provided by the U.S. Department of State. Contact the Office of Legislative Affairs for more information: 202.447.5890.

**How Are Immigrants Doing? A Look at Children and the Second Generation**

**Experts:**

- **Health**  
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- **Children of Immigrants/Second Generation**  
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  » Dr. Ruben Rumbaut, University of California at Irvine: rrumbaut@uci.edu, 949.856.2573

**Data Sources:**

*The New Immigrant Survey*  
http://nis.princeton.edu/  
This survey provides data on the education, employment and assimilation of recent legal immigrants to the U.S. and their children. It is based on nationally representative samples of the administrative records (compiled by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service) pertaining to immigrants newly admitted to permanent residence.