



IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION

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OUTLINE

- Overview the USC Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration
- Demographics on Orange County/Anaheim
- Lessons from Research

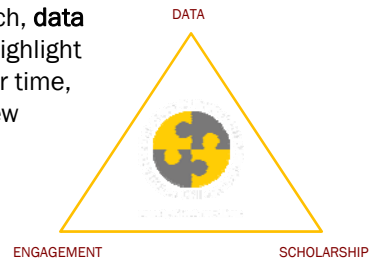


USC Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration

The mission of the Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration (CSII) is to:

1. Remake the narrative for understanding, and to shape the dialogue, on immigrant integration in America;
2. Identify and evaluate the mutual benefits of immigrant integration for the native-born and immigrants; and
3. Study the pace of the ongoing transformation in different locations, not only in the past and present but projected into the future.

CSII does this through: **scholarship** that draws on academic theory and rigorous research, **data** that provides information structured to highlight the process of immigrant integration over time, and **engagement** that seeks to create new dialogues with government, community organizers, business and civic leaders, immigrants and the voting public.



DEFINING IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION

Immigrant integration is

- **improved economic mobility** for,
- **enhanced civic participation** by, and
- **receiving society openness** to immigrants.



Integration requires an **intentional process** that incorporates the assets of immigrant populations into policies governing our cities, regions, and states.

Council on Immigrant Integration

A project with the California Community Foundation



Designed to organize, convene, and facilitate a council of stakeholders for the [California Community Foundation](#), the CCF Council on Immigrant Integration brings together a group of stakeholders from business, labor, community-based organizations and city planners/governmental agencies. It serves as a mechanism to build alliances across sectors and to form a working group to tackle policy development.

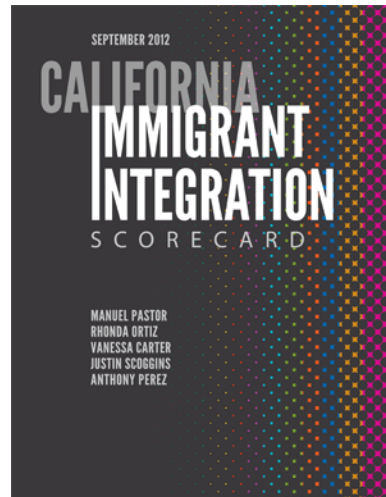
The goal of the Council is that members:

- Achieve a common understanding of immigrants' complex roles in local communities;
- Engage in candid discussions about the realities facing immigrants and receiving communities; and
- Reach consensus about mutual responsibilities and shared community goals that can ensure the continued social and economic well-being of the region.

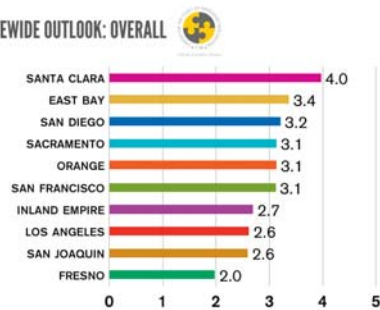
Publications

CALIFORNIA IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION SCORECARD

By Manuel Pastor, Rhonda Ortiz, Vanessa Carter, Justin Scoggins and Anthony Perez
September 2012



STATEWIDE OUTLOOK: OVERALL

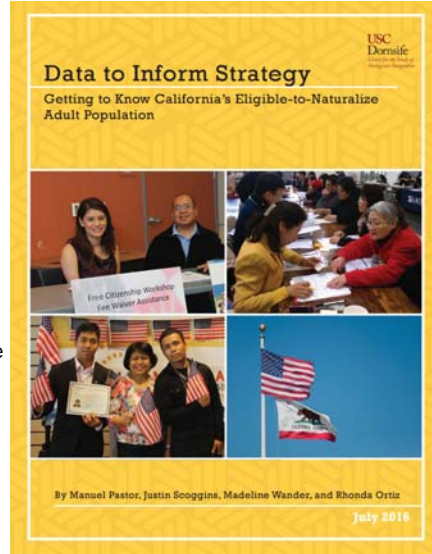


Publications

Data to Inform Strategy: Getting to Know California's Eligible-to-Naturalize Adult Population

Increasing naturalization among eligible immigrants in California—which is home to about one quarter of the nation's adult legal permanent residents (LPRs) who are eligible to naturalize—not only benefits those individuals, but also our state as a whole.

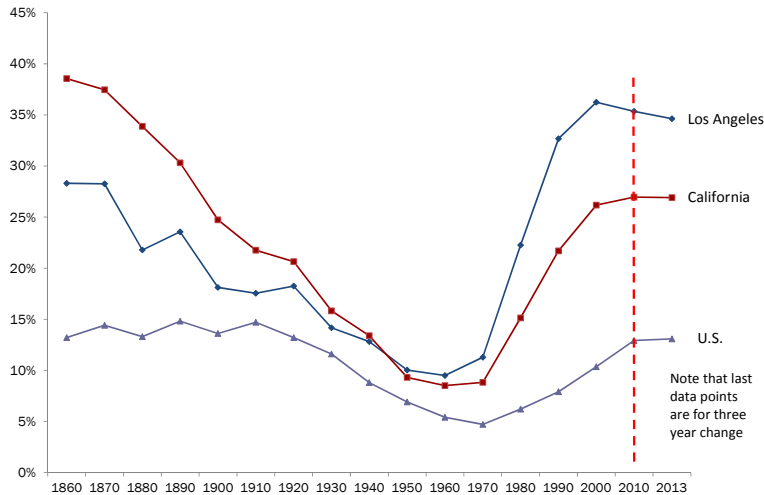
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Immigration Trends at the State & National Level

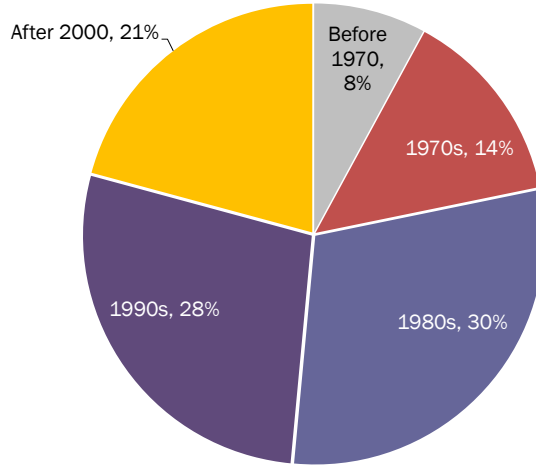
Annual immigration flows are stabilizing.

Immigrant Share of the Population
United States, California, and Los Angeles, 1860-2013



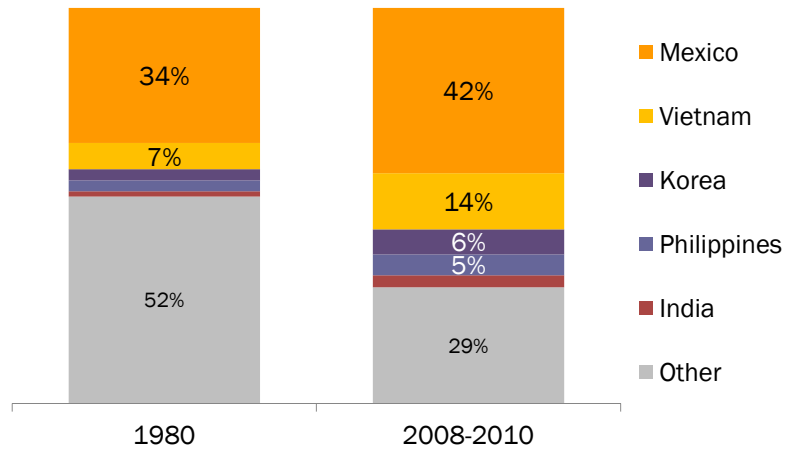
Immigrants are Settling

Immigrants by Recency of Arrival
Orange County, 2008-2010



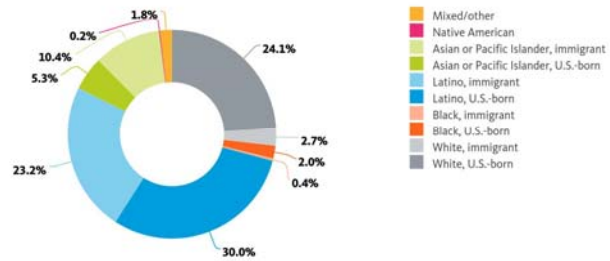
The Diversity of Immigrants

Immigrants by Country of Origin
Orange County



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Race and ethnicity by nativity: Anaheim City, CA, 2014

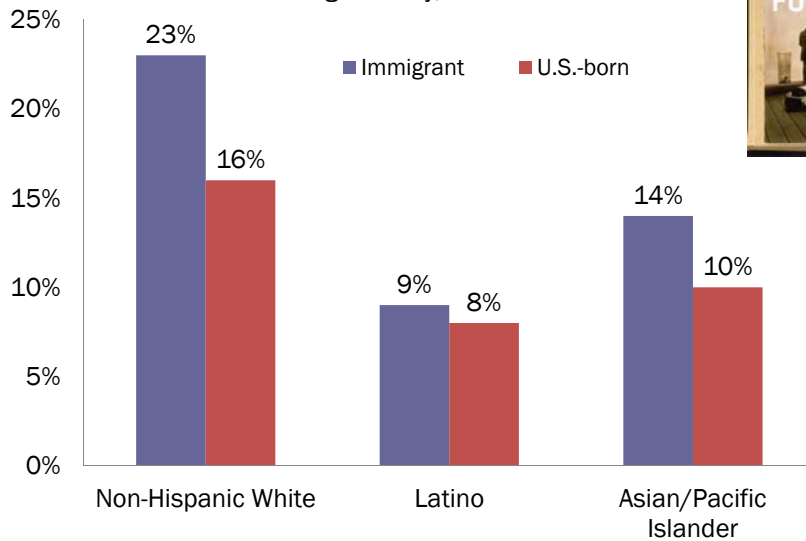


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PolicyLink/PERE National Equity Atlas, www.nationalequityatlas.org

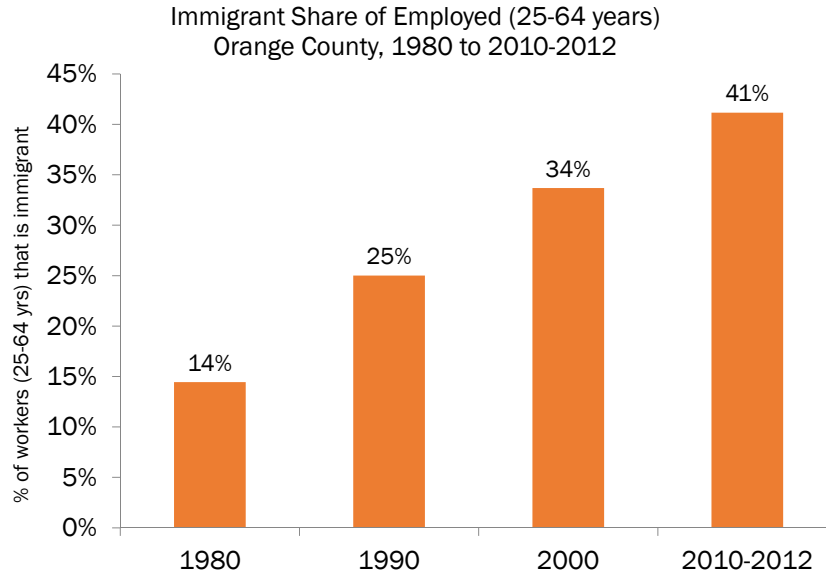
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Employment

Self-Employment Rates by Race/Ethnicity and Status
Orange County, 2008-2010



Employment



Immigrants in Orange County

Almost **one-third** of Orange County residents are immigrants. **Almost half** are citizens.

53% of children in Orange County have at least one immigrant parent.

Together, immigrants and their children make up about **2 in 5 residents** in Orange County.



SO IF IT'S SO IMPORTANT . . .

What do we do?



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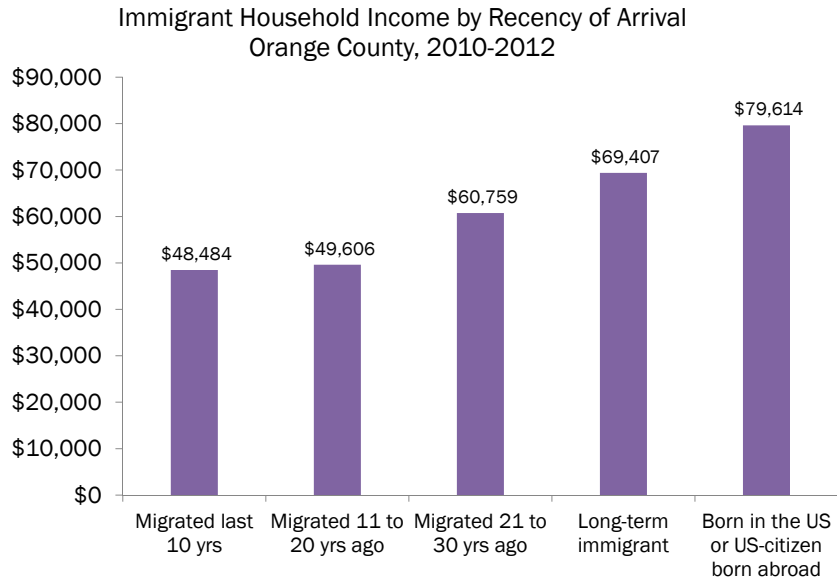
THE GOOD NEWS: INTEGRATION OCCURRING ALREADY

Immigrants advance economically and socially with more experience in the US already

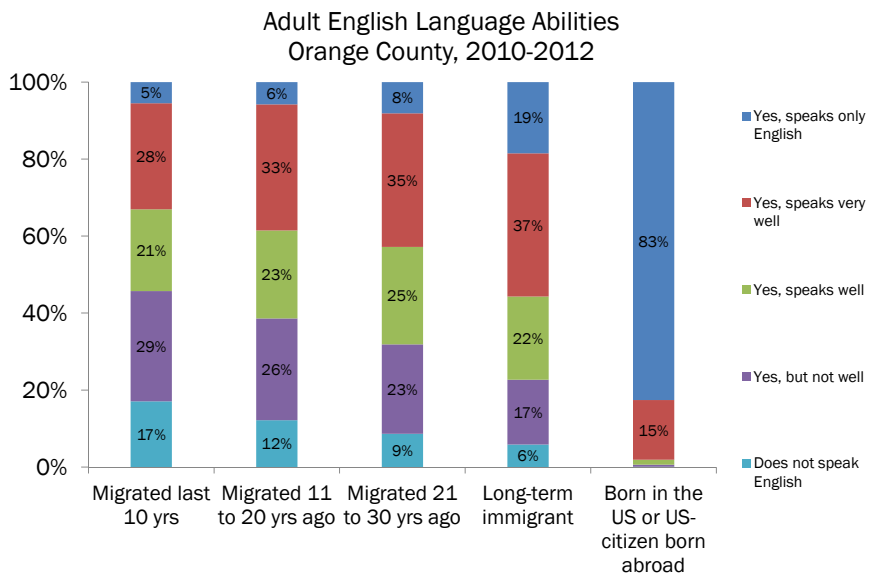
- Longer time in the US = higher socio-economic status and greater English language ability

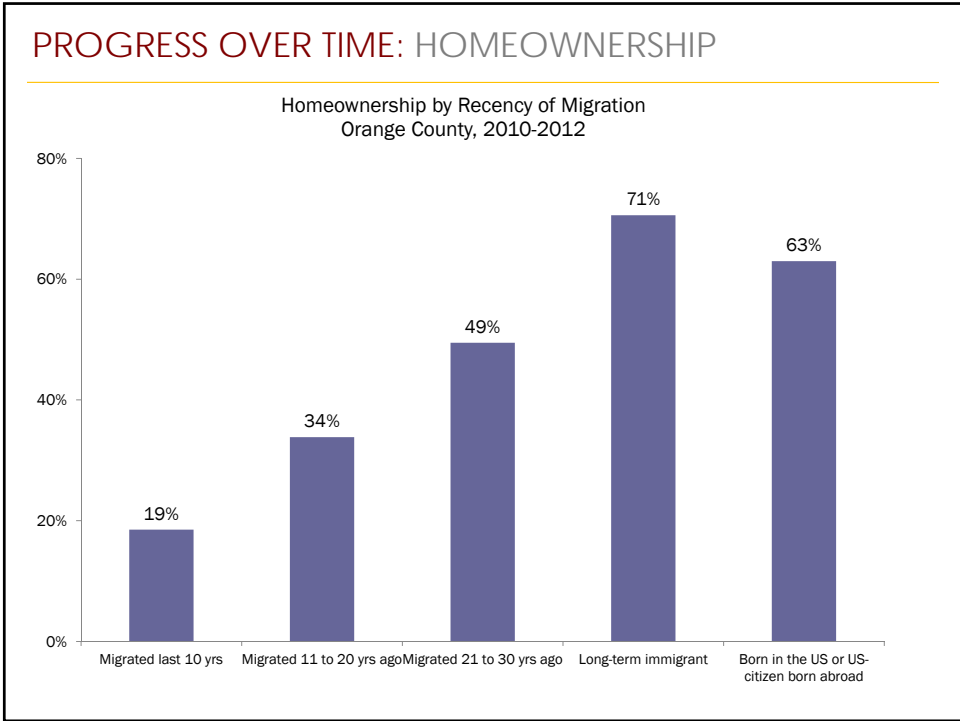


PROGRESS OVER TIME: INCOME



PROGRESS OVER TIME: LANGUAGE

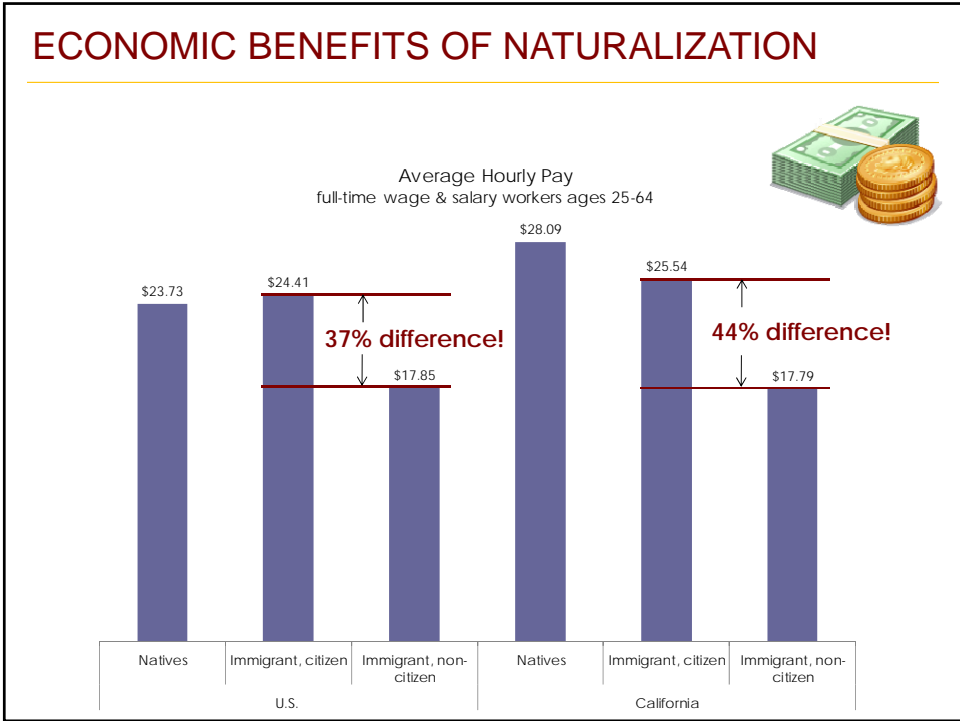




BENEFITS OF NATURALIZATION



- Research has demonstrated that **naturalization** can **improve** incomes and enhance **civic participation**
- Impact on **earnings** from attaining citizenship falls somewhere between **8 percent** and **11 percent**
- **Boost in earnings** associated with naturalization, with **additional gains** over **subsequent years**



NATURALIZATION AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Both before and after legalization: **Naturalization**

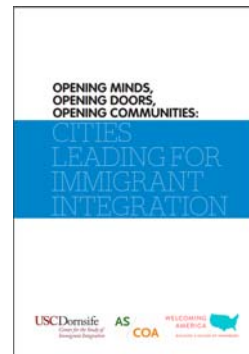
Naturalization can build a better and more inclusive America:

- Encouraging **participation** in institutions
- Facilitating investments in **second generation**

The image shows the cover of a report titled "Rock the (NATURALIZED) Vote: The Size and Location of the Recently Naturalized Voting Age Citizen Population" by Manuel Pastor and Jared Sanchez. The report is published by the Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration (CSII) in October 2012. The cover features a photograph of three people holding American flags.

City Office for Immigrant Affairs

- Created a framework to describe city initiatives throughout the U.S. to help municipal entities for immigrant integration learn from each other and encourage new ones to form and succeed.
- To make the case for welcoming immigrants.
- To contribute to a developing field of study.



FINDINGS: CHARACTERISTICS OF OFFICES

- 10 Common Characteristics of Offices:
 1. They have a mayoral champion.
 2. They help cities welcome immigrants and encourage receptivity.
 3. They make the economic case for immigrants.
 4. They develop, streamline, and consolidate services.
 5. They coordinate city efforts.



FINDINGS: CHARACTERISTICS OF OFFICES

- 6. They work with law enforcement.
- 7. They make immigrant integration everyone's business.
- 8. They promote civic engagement.
- 9. They promote immigrant integration policies.
- 10. They offer leadership to their region.



FINDINGS: CHARACTERISTICS OF OFFICES

- Cities are diverse so there is no one size fits all model
 - **Defusing** tensions by new immigrants in new gateways.
 - **Attracting** immigrants to revitalize older cities.
 - **Integrating** long-standing immigrant community through services and policy making.



FINDINGS: CREATING AND SUSTAINING A SUCCESSFUL OFFICE

■ Best practices and recommendations

1. Begin with mayoral commitment.
2. Build institutional sustainability.
3. Collaborate with unlikely allies.
4. Secure technical assistance from partners.
5. Track and evaluate success and impact.



FINDINGS: CREATING AND SUSTAINING A SUCCESSFUL OFFICE

6. Partner with research organizations.
7. Bring together services and engagement.
8. Develop policies, not just projects.
9. Apply racial justice lens.
10. Work together and scale up.



THANKS!

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For more reports and data, visit <http://csii.usc.edu>