

## More than one in five children in the United States has at least one immigrant parent.

- More than half of children of immigrants are Hispanic.
- In 1970, one in twenty Americans was of Hispanic origin; in 2010, one in six is.
- Children of immigrants account for almost the entire growth in the population of children between 1990 and 2008.
- Children of immigrants have lower rates of preschool enrollment than children of natives, but by ages 5 to 8, they have slightly higher rates of public school enrollment than children of natives.
- By age 8, half of children of immigrants are bilingual.
- The vast majority (93 percent) of children of immigrants are U.S. citizens.
- Children of immigrants are disproportionately poor or low-income—about half live in low-income households vs. 37 percent of children of natives.

- Use of public benefits is low—children of immigrants are less likely than those of natives to participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.
- Children of immigrants are more likely than those of natives to live in two-parent families—84 vs. 71 percent.

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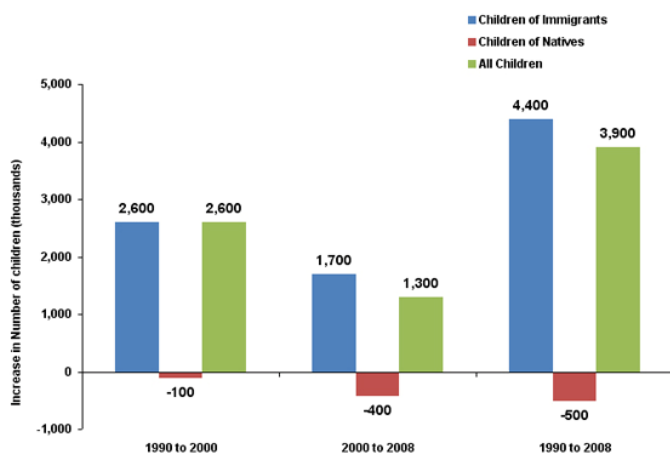
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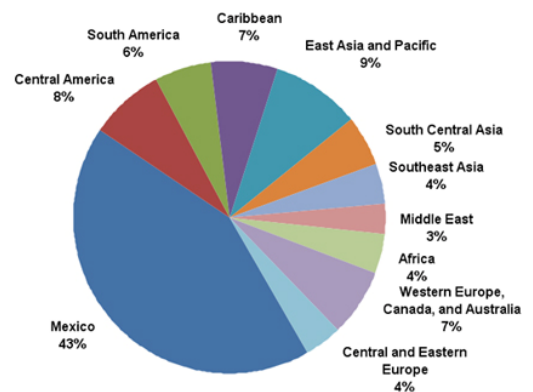
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## Growth in Number of Children of Immigrants and Children of Natives, 1990 to 2008



Source: Urban Institute tabulations from the IPUMS datasets drawn from the 1990 and 2000 U.S. Census of Population and Housing and the 2007 and 2008 American Community Surveys.

## Children of Immigrants by Parents' Origin, 2007–2008



8.7 Million Children of Immigrants

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