

# Immigrants Drive the EL PASO ECONOMY

El Paso is home to over 200,000 immigrants (25.9 percent of the metro population). The immigrant population in El Paso represents 5 percent of the entire immigrant population in the state of Texas.<sup>1</sup>

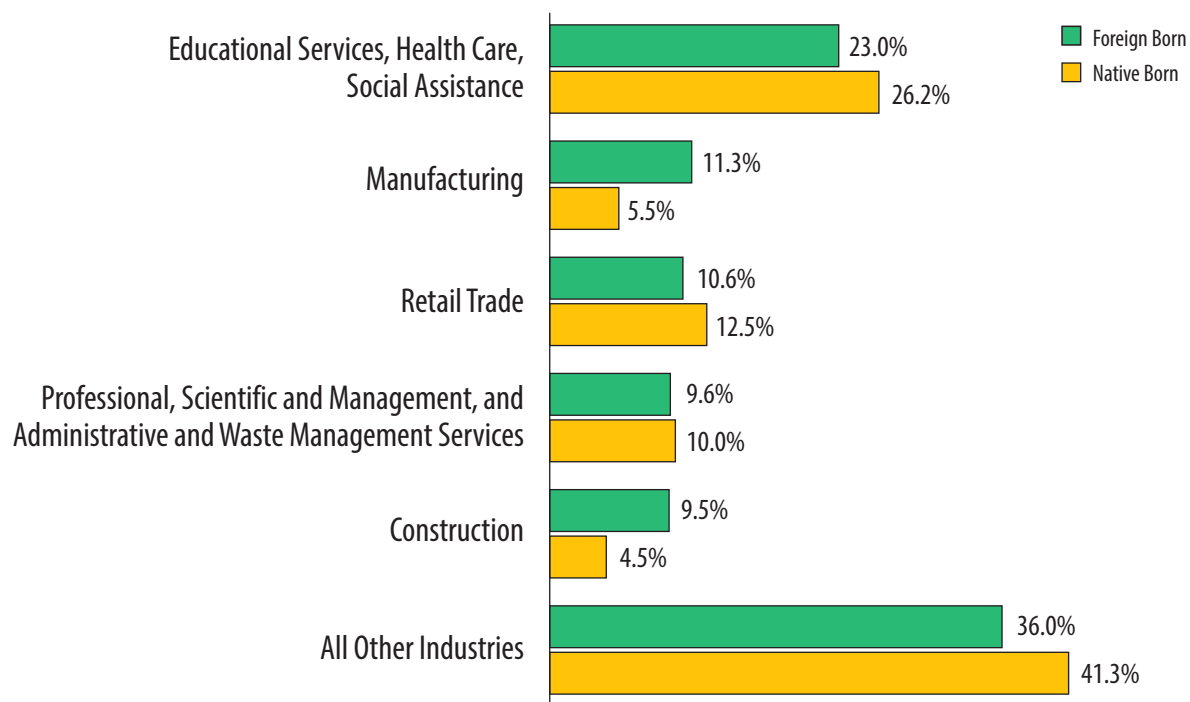
Immigrants have played a leading role in El Paso's economic success and make up 29.4 percent of the total metro labor force. El Paso immigrants work in a wide range of jobs, most heavily

concentrated in education, health care and social services.<sup>2</sup>

Immigrants also power the El Paso economy as job creators, small business owners and entrepreneurs, and are self-employed at a higher rate (10.2 percent) than the Native-born population (4.1 percent).<sup>3</sup>

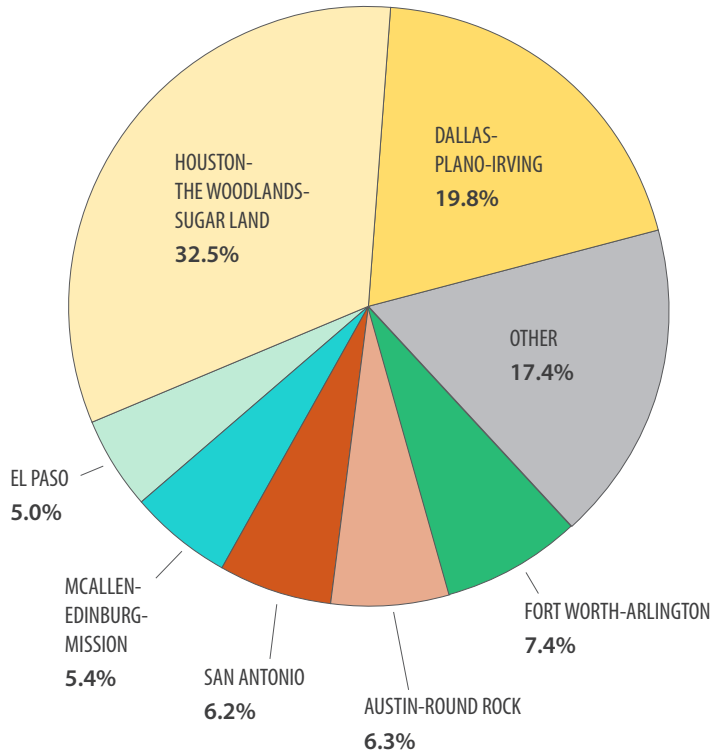
*\*This fact sheet refers to Texas immigrants as any foreign-born resident regardless of immigration or U.S. citizenship status. El Paso data in this report is for the El Paso Metro Area.*

## Where El Paso Immigrants Work Top 5 Industries by Foreign-Born Participation



Source: U.S. Census Bureau<sup>4</sup>

## WHERE TEXAS IMMIGRANTS LIVE (METRO AREAS)



Source: U.S. Census Bureau<sup>5</sup>

### Endnotes

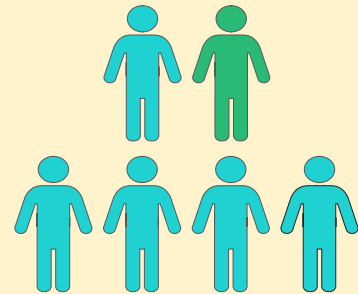
- 1 U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table S0501.
- 2 U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table S0501.
- 3 U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table S0501.
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- 6 Ibid.
- 7 CPPP calculated the estimated range of potential direct purchasing power using PUMS foreign-born income data, 1-Year Estimate, 2015 American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau multiplied by the average annual expenditure rates from the 2015 Consumer Expenditure Survey, Table 1800. CPPP calculated the expenditure rates by dividing average annual expenditures by the average pre-tax incomes for the South (low end of range) and for the U.S. (high end of the range). The estimate includes average spending on housing, food, transportation, healthcare, and all other personal expenditures. For the full list of expenditure categories, see Consumer Expenditure Survey Table 1800. Texas immigrants earned nearly \$119 billion in wage, salary, and self-employment income in 2015.

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## POPULATION

# 1 OUT OF 6 TEXANS

is an immigrant.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau<sup>6</sup>

## PURCHASING POWER



Texas immigrants' direct purchasing power in 2015 was nearly  
**\$100 BILLION**

Source: Center for Public Policy Priorities analysis<sup>7</sup>

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