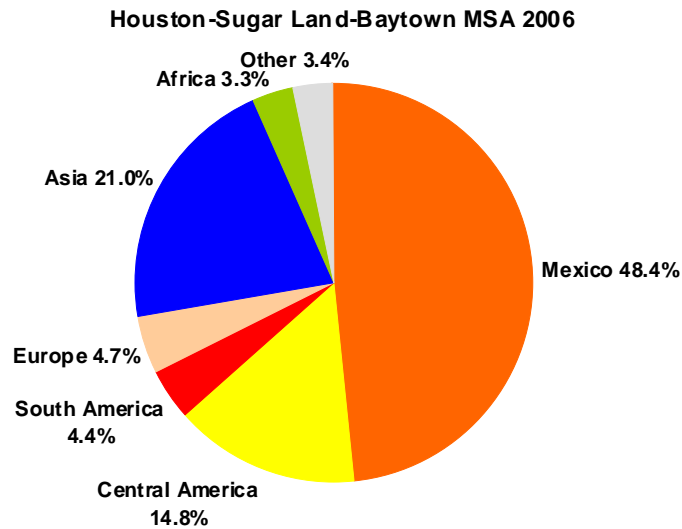


# Foreign-Born Population

More than one-fifth of metropolitan Houston residents were born abroad.

## Place of Birth of Foreign-Born Population



Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2006 American Community Survey

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- In 2006, according to the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS), the Houston Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) contained an estimated 1.19 million residents born outside the United States. This figure represents 21.5 percent of all residents, up slightly from 2000. (The Houston MSA includes Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, San Jacinto and Waller counties.)
- Residents born in the Western Hemisphere south of the U.S.-Mexico border account for 70.9 percent of the Houston MSA's foreign-born population. Mexico alone accounts for nearly half of all foreign-born Houston residents (586,000; derived by applying 2006 ACS ratios to the Census Bureau's official population estimate for July 1, 2006). El Salvador was the birthplace of the next largest of this group (93,000), followed by Honduras (43,000), Guatemala (28,000) and Colombia (24,000).
- More than one in five foreign-born Houstonians — an estimated 254,000 persons — were born in Asia. Asian nations that are the birthplaces of the largest numbers of Houstonians are Vietnam (61,000), India (50,000), China (43,000), Philippines (30,000), Pakistan (18,000), Korea (8,000) and Iran (7,000).
- Canada is the birthplace of 15,000 Houstonians.