

# Immigrants and Communities in Texas

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# General Highlights of Texas

- Great diversity—not one Texas.
- Greater diversification of Texas economy since oil bust of early 1980s.
- While Texas has remained a leader in agriculture nationwide, it does not hold the same dominant position within the state's industrial structure.
- Texas is now essentially a minority-majority state.

# Demographic Trends

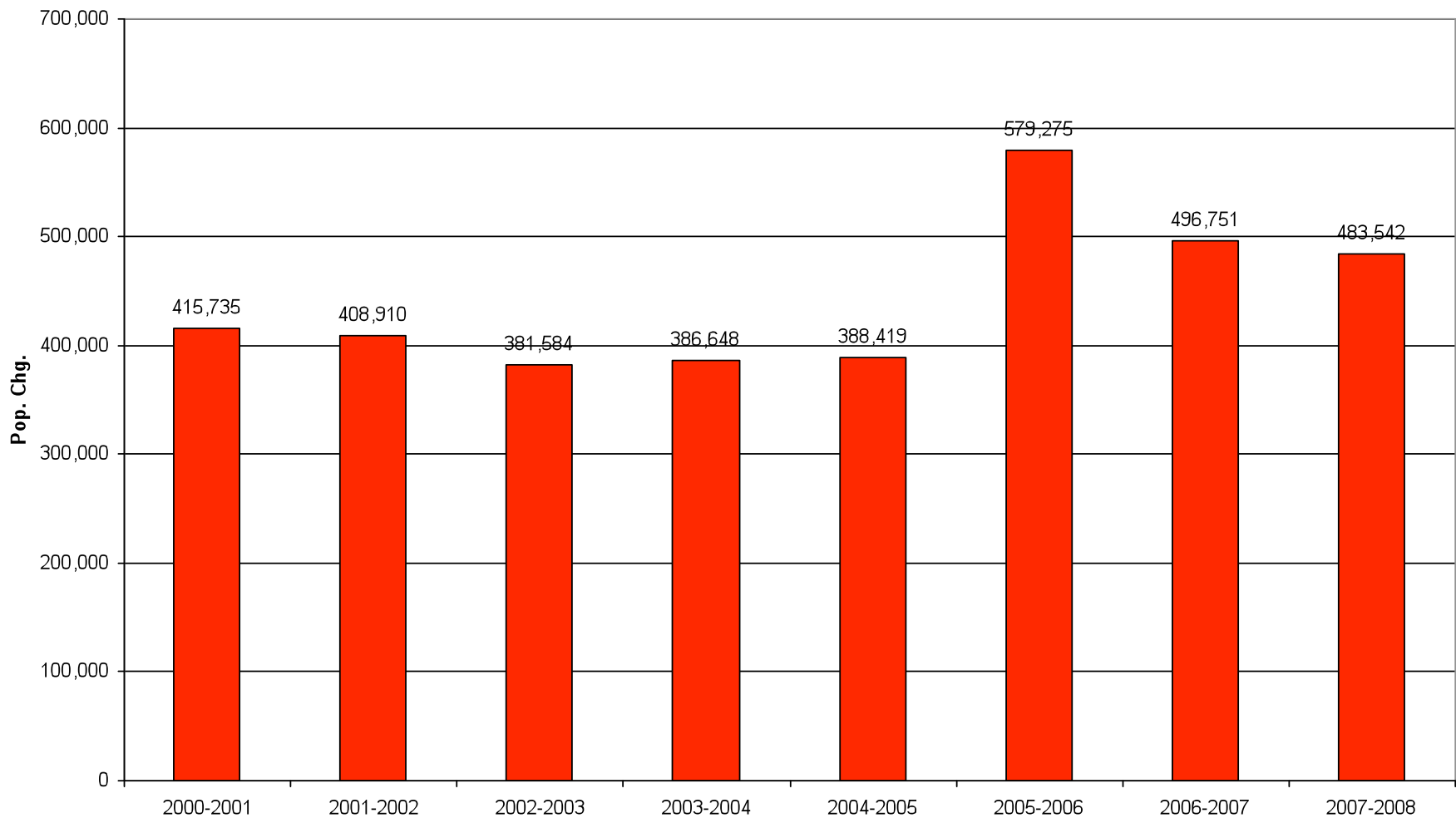
## Annual Population Change and Components of Population Change

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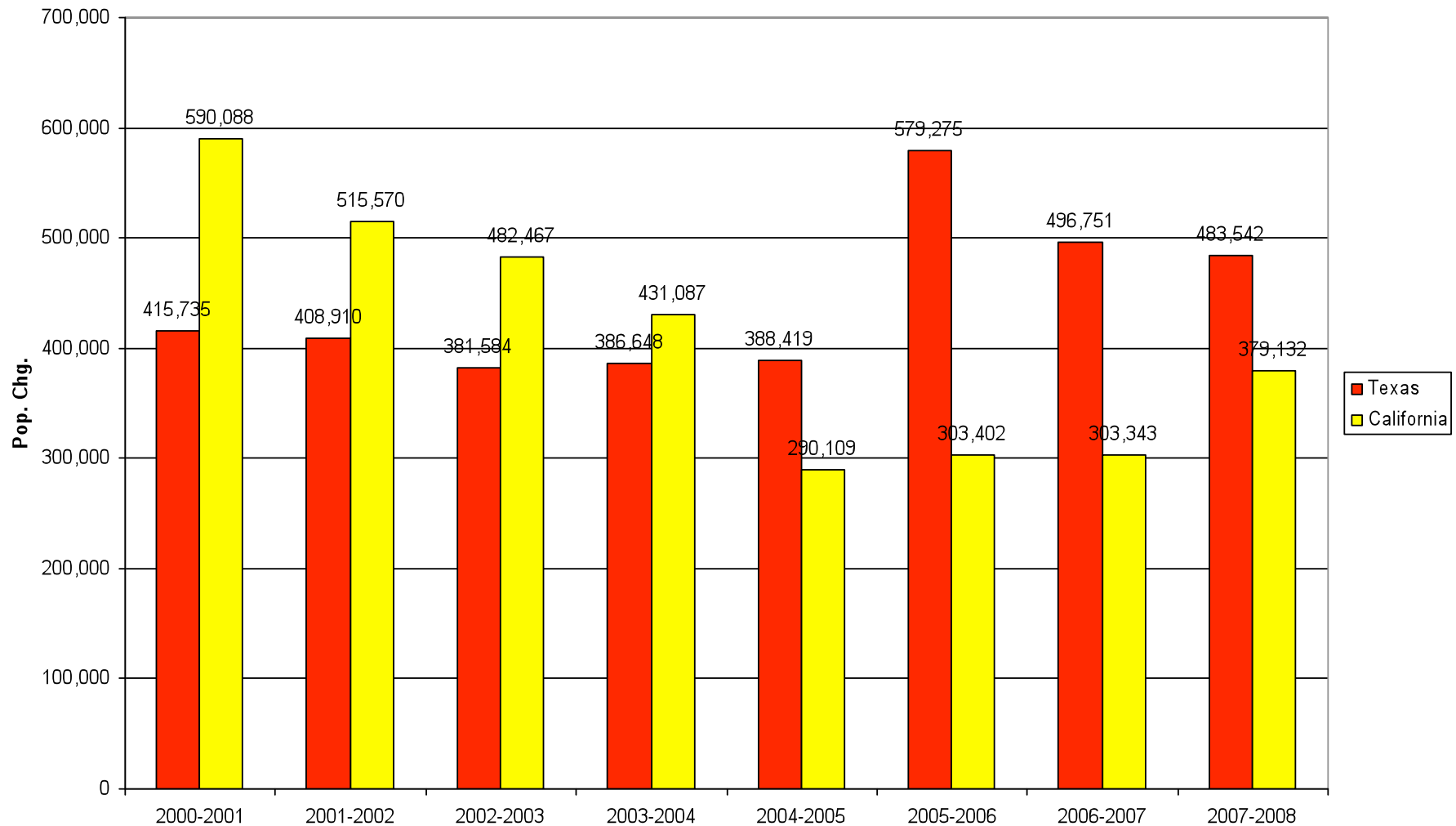
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# Annual Absolute Change in Texas Population, 2000-2001 to 2007-2008



# Annual Absolute Population Change in Texas and California, 2000-2001 and 2007-2008



## A Tale of Two States: Changes in Components of Absolute Population Change.

Period	TEXAS			CALIFORNIA				
	Nat.	Net	Net	Nat.	Net	Net		
			Incr.	Imm.	Migr.	Incr.	Imm.	Migr.
2000-2001	51	39	10	51	56	- 7		
2001-2002	50	40	10	58	64	-21		
2002-2003	60	35	4	60	60	-20		
2003-2004	60	33	7	70	63	-33		
2004-2005	59	28	13	102	80	-82		
2005-2006	41	22	38	107	88	-95		
2006-2007	50	22	28	110	78	-88		
2007-2008	52	19	29	86	52	-38		

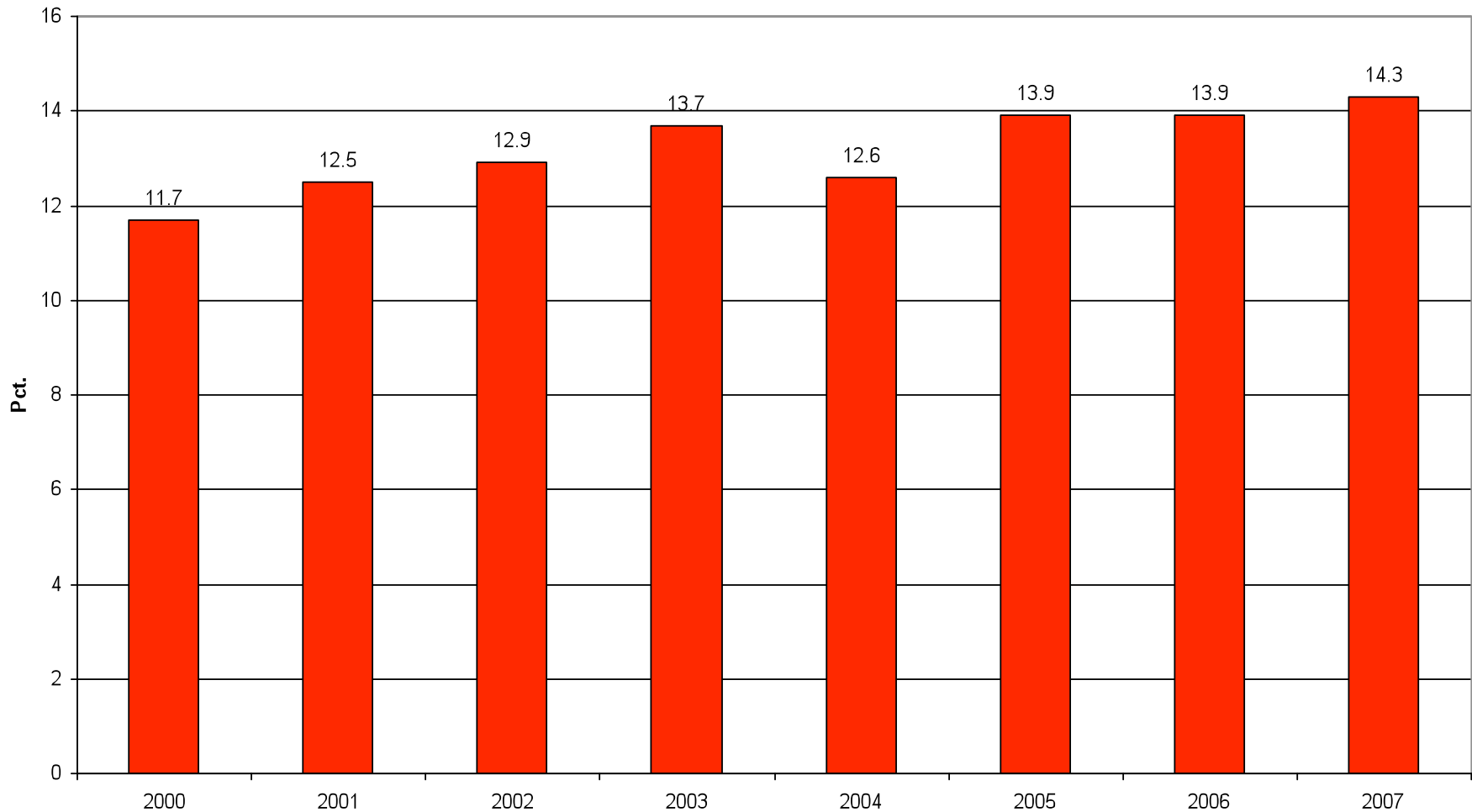
Hints from the American Community Survey  
(2001-2008)

## Selected Migration of Workers to Texas in the Previous Year, 2001-2007

Period		Calif.	Florida	Louis.	Mexico
2000-2001	28,742	14,622	16,278	43,012	
2001-2002	28,114	11,085	16,185	41,340	
2002-2003	32,655	10,477	7,281	29,972	
2003-2004	35,075	16,547	19,569	33,025	
2004-2005	50,692	19,413	42,093	46,032	
2005-2006	56,035	25,648	64,154	44,067	
2006-2007	49,434	26,504	23,877	41,432	

# Latino Immigrants in the Texas Workforce

# Latino Immigrants as a Percentage of Texas Workers, 2000 to 2007



Source: ACS 2000 to 2007.

# Latino Immigrants Occupations in Texas

- Given the numbers of Latino immigrants in the Texas workforce, they are 1.5 times more likely to be represented in these occupations
- There are at least 10,000 Latino immigrants in the occupation
- The occupation is designated a Latino immigrant occupation for at least 4 years during the 2000-2007 period
- Data from 2000 to 2007 American Community Surveys (ACS) for Texas

# Largest Latino Immigrant Occupations

## Top 5 (Ratio):

Brickmasons, blockmasons, & stonemasons

Drywall installers, ceiling tile installers, & tapers

Carpet, floor, & tile installers and finishers

Painters, construction and maintenance

Roofers

## Top 5 (Number of Workers):

Cooks

Janitors and building cleaners

Maids and housekeeping cleaners

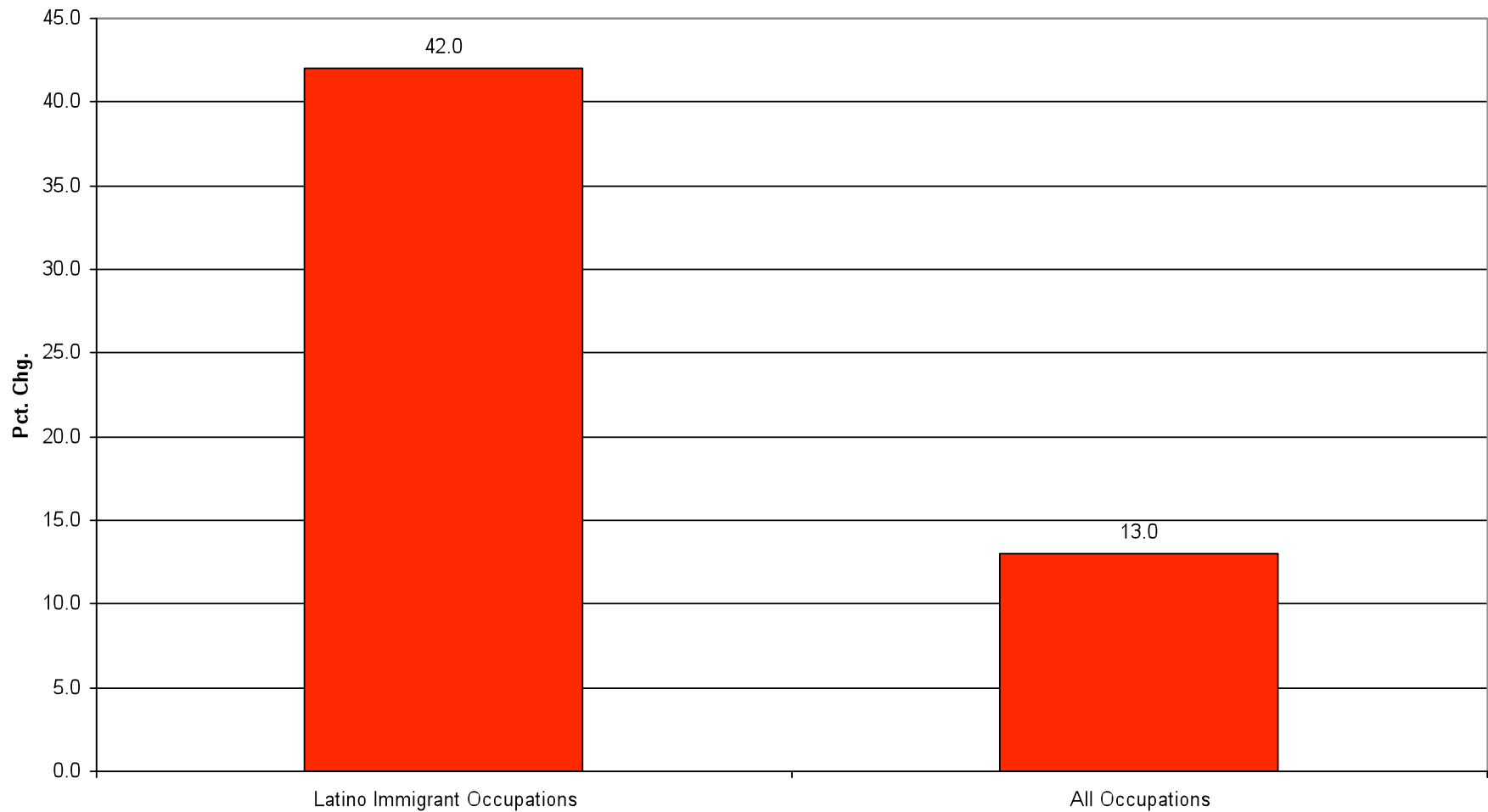
Carpenters

Construction laborers

# Latino Immigrant Occupations

- 28 Latino Immigrant Occupations
- Approximately half of Latino immigrant workers employed in these jobs
- Variations in likelihood to be in Latino Immigrant Occupation
  - Foreign-born Latino 2.75
  - Native-born Latino 1.06
  - Black 0.97
  - Other 0.63
  - White 0.54

# Percentage Change in Jobs in Latino Immigrant Occupations and Jobs in All Occupations in Texas, 2000-2007



Source: ACS 2000-2007.

# A Demographic Harbinger

This year for the first time, Latino children now represent the majority of first-graders enrolled in the state of Texas.

# What Else is Going on in Texas?

- Walls and Fences
- Raids, Arrests, and Detention
- Local Immigration Ordinances
- Bills Introduced in State Legislation
- Public Sentiment

# Raids, Arrests and Detention

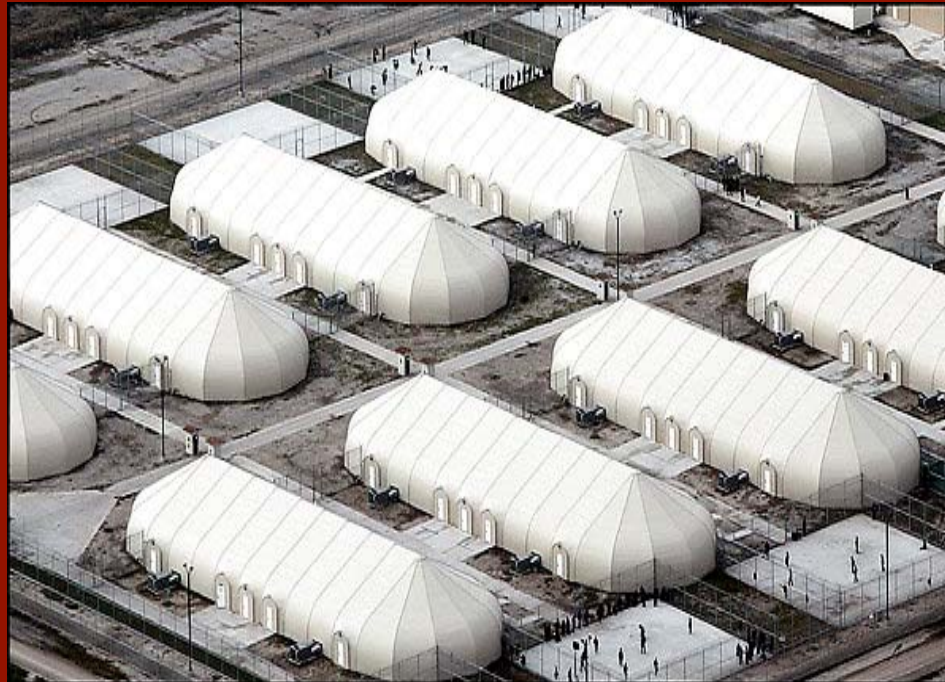
- 160 arrested in Immigration Raid at a Houston Plant (Action Rags) – June 2008
- 20 arrested in Shipley's Do-nuts Raid – April 2008
- “Ice agent removes man, 31, during church service”
- Texas is leader in number of immigrant detention centers

# The T. Don Hutto Family Detention Center



Source: <http://subtopia.blogspot.com/2007/02/circus-of-detention.html>

# Tent City in Raymondville, TX: Largest Detention Center in U.S.



# Local Immigration Ordinances in Texas

- Pro Immigrant
  - Austin
    - Statement that the City was opposed to the Minutemen and other groups like them
  - El Paso
    - Statement opposing the construction of the wall

- Anti immigrant

- Farmer's Branch

- City council passed ordinance unanimously making English the official language, approving fines for businesses that hire undocumented immigrants and fines landlords of as much as \$500 for every day they are found in violation of the law.

- Ordinance also allows local authorities to screen suspects in police custody to see if they are in the country illegally.

- Friendswood
  - Proposed ballot initiative to bar undocumented immigrants from renting or employment.

# Bills Introduced in State Legislation

- To punish employers for hiring unauthorized workers.
- Challenge the U.S. citizenship of immigrants' U.S-born children.
- Reverse a Texas law that allows undocumented college students to pay in-state tuition.
- Require public schools to maintain records on students' immigration status.
- Impose a fee on money wired to Latin America.
- Require identification from voters at the polls.
- Prohibit parole for illegal immigrants.
- Create a state criminal trespassing charge for illegal immigrants enforced by local police.

- Most will not make it out of committee
- Viable bills include:
  - SB 1785 Relating to the regulation of driver's licenses and personal identification certificates by the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas, including enforcement measures against fictitious or fraudulently obtained licenses or certificates; providing a criminal penalty.

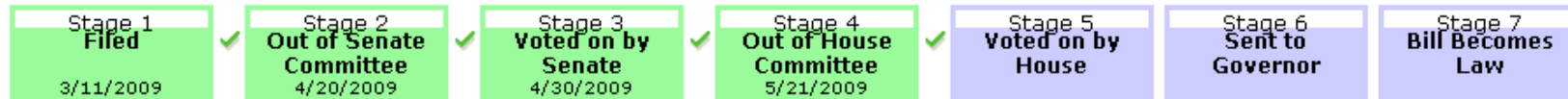
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**Bill:** SB 1785

**Legislative Session:** 81(R)

**Author:** Carona



**Legend**

- Indicates bill passed stage
- Indicates bill has not reached stage
- Indicates bill failed to complete stage

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- Stage 1 Bill filed by Carona on 3/11/2009.
- Stage 2 Bill reported out of Senate committee on Transportation & Homeland Security with vote of 8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Present Not Voting, 1 Absent.
- Stage 3 Bill passed the Senate.
- Stage 4 Bill reported out of House committee on Public Safety with vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Present Not Voting, 4 Absent.
- Stage 5 Not reached.
- Stage 6 Not reached.
- Stage 7 Not reached.

- SB 2584 -- relating to the reporting of certain felons incarcerated in Texas jails to federal authorities
- Status: left pending in committee

- SB 362 -- Relating to requiring a voter to present proof of identification.
- Status: making its way through the system

History Text Actions Companions Amendments Authors Sponsors Captions **Bill Stages**

**Bill:** SB 362      **Legislative Session:** 81(R)      **Author:** Fraser

Stage 1 <b>Filed</b> 12/15/2008	✓	Stage 2 <b>Out of Senate Committee</b> 3/11/2009	✓	Stage 3 <b>Voted on by Senate</b> 3/18/2009	✓	Stage 4 <b>Out of House Committee</b> 5/11/2009	✓	Stage 5 <b>Voted on by House</b>	Stage 6 <b>Sent to Governor</b>	Stage 7 <b>Bill Becomes Law</b>
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# Public Sentiment

- Immigration articles are the most commented upon articles in the Houston Chronicle
- The most commented stories from yesterday's (May 21, 2009) Houston Chronicle:
  1. Plan for jailed immigrants worries Houston police chief (326)
  2. FBI foils plot to bomb New York temple (116)
  3. Popular San Angelo mayor quits over immigrant boyfriend (109)
  4. Pay your credit card bills on time? It may cost you (83)
  5. Texas program honored for helping immigrants fit in (60)

Antonchigurh wrote:

When is Houston ever going to have a real police chief?

**5/20/2009 10:38:50 PM**

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AdiosFrejolesGhost wrote:

Heaven forbid we upset "immigrants". Words have such sway to influence a conversation. Actually, immigrants have nothing to fear from the government. Immigrants, by definition, went through a legal process and were granted permission to come to the United States. Now, illegal aliens, those in the country without permission, might be upset if their immigration status is checked after they commit crimes other than crossing the border without proper documentation. The illegal apologists love to cite illegal presence is the worst their minions have done. Illegal presence is when one overstays their visa which means the legally entered the USA. Enforcement through attrition. It will work. Just try it.

**5/20/2009 10:24:26 PM**

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volunteerchild wrote:

if the law had been enforced to begin with, this worry would not be happening. If he is so stressed worry on law enforcement then why does he do the occupation he has chosen?

**5/20/2009 10:33:38 PM**

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thecando1 wrote:

If the "Chief" is so worried about checking the legality of someone's immigration status, then tell me how the \*&^\$ is he going to catch the Mexican drug cartel's hitmen, drug mules, and gang members. Oh thats right, lets not make the Pro immigration, pro free services, education, and non-tax paying illegal immigrants mad.

How anti-american can a police chief get ???

**5/20/2009 10:30:14 PM**

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- TxTeacher wrote:

- Another sob story on the "poor immigrants" trying to assimilate. Why are there not any other nationalities represented at this center if they are trying to help ALL immigrants?? Could they not find any Asian, European, African, Middle Eastern immigrants at this center? Hmmmmmmmmmm.....Could it be because those other immigrants are doing it the right way, by following the law of the land? They are learning English at an early age and JOINING this culture and becoming a part of society? I certainly don't want to be called 'racist' by pointing out just one particular group, but it is very obvious which angle the Chron is shooting for in this article.
- **5/21/2009 10:58:51 AM**

- [vtruth06](#) wrote:
- First of all, didn't the article say that the program was funded by private donors and grants? Didn't see anything about state money in the article.  
Second of all, it says Ms Guerra was attending the University of Houston until she got pregnant. I think that means that she also speaks English, as I don't think UH offers its degrees in Spanish.  
Third, who are you to tell anyone what language they can speak in their own home? Are you a Communist? Before you start to rant about how they are "illegal", show me where the article says anything about status. Did you use your immigration decode ring? Brown, Speaking Spanish, Yep... Its an "illegal" ...  
Fourth, who says you speak for all Americans? I am a US Citizen and I welcome a pathway to citizenship for these immigrants.
- **5/21/2009 10:43:37 AM**

Thank You