



Statistical Portrait of the Foreign-Born Population in the United States, 2006

Table 24. Occupation by Region of Birth: 2006

Universe: 2006 resident population ages 16 and older who worked in the past five years

Occupation Group	Total		Region of Birth						
	Native born	Foreign born	Mexico	South and East Asia	Caribbean	Central America	South America	Middle East	All other
Management and business	19,810,954	2,585,075	290,232	913,406	205,831	103,023	200,085	144,053	728,445
Science and engineering	6,671,274	1,602,326	62,462	916,771	61,085	29,955	68,939	72,467	390,647
Legal, community and social services	4,086,773	360,843	45,132	90,941	52,204	17,816	29,198	15,243	110,309
Education, arts and media	12,030,027	1,339,608	152,021	404,896	115,205	53,084	117,958	77,237	419,207
Health care	10,149,875	1,757,166	130,711	642,742	307,672	65,215	106,075	62,764	441,987
Food preparation and serving	8,583,304	2,040,954	877,928	425,523	127,288	207,317	134,877	43,854	224,167
Cleaning and maintenance	5,336,119	2,152,953	1,068,040	157,675	185,689	337,200	193,332	15,778	195,239
Other services	8,660,228	1,334,101	260,153	363,946	183,442	100,385	110,594	42,189	273,392
Sales	18,601,423	2,550,333	509,902	752,945	248,909	153,497	200,471	173,530	511,079
Office and administrative support	23,399,711	2,599,414	510,849	712,222	309,787	172,829	241,370	86,427	565,930
Farming, fishing and forestry	887,087	563,291	495,376	15,061	5,413	31,613	3,518	388	11,922
Construction and extraction	9,005,683	2,655,745	1,599,783	104,441	142,761	346,460	179,959	24,663	257,678
Installation, repair and production	14,938,485	3,440,674	1,505,434	675,955	243,447	318,907	201,748	65,909	429,274
Transportation and material moving	9,701,055	1,826,658	787,230	211,795	213,964	182,426	122,309	56,201	252,733
Military	586,006	35,916	4,700	11,867	4,492	2,959	2,880	1,281	7,737
Unemployed	1,093,759	236,723	81,135	51,851	22,237	20,664	12,539	9,392	38,905
Total	153,541,763	27,081,780	8,381,088	6,452,037	2,429,426	2,143,350	1,925,852	891,376	4,858,651



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Table 24 cont. Occupation by Region of Birth: 2006

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Percent Distribution

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	Native born	Foreign born	Mexico	South and East Asia	Caribbean	Central America	South America	Middle East	All other
Management and business	12.9	9.5	3.5	14.2	8.5	4.8	10.4	16.2	15.0
Science and engineering	4.3	5.9	0.7	14.2	2.5	1.4	3.6	8.1	8.0
Legal, community and social services	2.7	1.3	0.5	1.4	2.1	0.8	1.5	1.7	2.3
Education, arts and media	7.8	4.9	1.8	6.3	4.7	2.5	6.1	8.7	8.6
Health care	6.6	6.5	1.6	10.0	12.7	3.0	5.5	7.0	9.1
Food preparation and serving	5.6	7.5	10.5	6.6	5.2	9.7	7.0	4.9	4.6
Cleaning and maintenance	3.5	7.9	12.7	2.4	7.6	15.7	10.0	1.8	4.0
Other services	5.6	4.9	3.1	5.6	7.6	4.7	5.7	4.7	5.6
Sales	12.1	9.4	6.1	11.7	10.2	7.2	10.4	19.5	10.5
Office and administrative support	15.2	9.6	6.1	11.0	12.8	8.1	12.5	9.7	11.6
Farming, fishing and forestry	0.6	2.1	5.9	0.2	0.2	1.5	0.2	0.0	0.2
Construction and extraction	5.9	9.8	19.1	1.6	5.9	16.2	9.3	2.8	5.3
Installation, repair and production	9.7	12.7	18.0	10.5	10.0	14.9	10.5	7.4	8.8
Transportation and material moving	6.3	6.7	9.4	3.3	8.8	8.5	6.4	6.3	5.2
Military	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Unemployed	0.7	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.9	1.0	0.7	1.1	0.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Note: Middle East consists of Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Israel/Palestine, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, Yemen, Algeria, Egypt, Morocco and Sudan.

Source: Pew Hispanic Center tabulations of 2006 American Community Survey (1% IPUMS)