Latinos in Saratoga County

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Immigrant economic contribution is greater than the share of state population

- Immigrant share of population: 21%
- Immigrant share of working-age population: 26%
- Immigrant share of labor force: 26%
- Immigrant share of GDP for New York: 22%

Source: FPI analysis of 2005 ACS PUMS. Working age is 16-64 years old.
Immigrant economic contribution represents nearly a quarter of the New York State economy.

New York State GDP in 2006: $1.02 trillion

- 22.4% Foreign-born
  - $229 billion
- 77.6% U.S.-born
  - $791 billion

Source: FPI calculation based on Bureau of Economic Analysis estimate of Gross Domestic Product by State and ACS PUMS. See Working for a Better Life, Appendix B, for details.
3 distinct stories of immigration in New York State

New York City
3.0 million immigrants

Downstate Suburbs
Nassau
Suffolk
Westchester
Rockland
Putnam.

Sources: American Community Survey 2005 and New York City Department Of City Planning corrected figures, as accepted by the Census Bureau.
New York City

Immigration Fuels Growth and Builds the Middle Class
Immigrant contributions make up almost half of the New York City economy.

Sources: FPI analysis of ACS PUMS, and New York City Department of City Planning.

Working age is 16-64 years old.
Downstate Suburbs

Growing, and Growing More Diverse
Immigrant contribution to the downstate suburbs

- Immigrant share of population: 18%
- Immigrant share of working-age population: 23%
- Immigrant share of labor force: 23%
- Immigrant share of wage & salary income: 20%

Source: FPI analysis of 2005 ACS PUMS. Working age is 16-64 years old.
Day laborers attract a lot of attention, but day laborers are less than a half of one percent of immigrants, and a small portion even of undocumented immigrants.

Based on Valenzuela & Meléndez estimate of 6,000-8,000 day laborers hired through shape-up sites in the entire New York metropolitan area, including New York City and suburbs in New York and New Jersey. See Working for a Better Life for further details.
A good number of construction workers, maids, and grounds maintenance workers are immigrants.

*But*...

The **top occupation** of immigrants in the downstate suburbs is registered nurse (29% of RNs are foreign born)

41% of all physicians and surgeons are foreign-born

22% of accountants are foreign-born

Source: FPI analysis of 2005 ACS PUMS.
Upstate New York

Immigrants Play a Key Role in Fields
Important to Future Growth
Immigrant contribution to the upstate economy

- Immigrant share of population: 5.1%
- Immigrant share of working-age population: 5.9%
- Immigrant share of labor force: 5.3%
- Immigrant share of wage & salary income: 5.8%

Source: FPI analysis of 2005 ACS PUMS. Working age is 16-64 years old.
Immigrants are especially important to four sectors that are critical to upstate growth & culture.

**Health Care**
35% of doctors

**Higher Education**
20% of professors

**Research & Development**
20% of computer software engineers

**Farming**
80% of seasonal farm workers

Source: FPI analysis of 2005 ACS PUMS.
Immigrants in upstate New York live in families at the same income levels as U.S.-born residents.

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<th>Share of individuals in families with income</th>
<th>in immigrant families</th>
<th>in U.S.-born families</th>
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Source: FPI analysis CPS March supplements covering years 2001-2005. Data is from a 5-year pool, with incomes in 2005 dollars (CPIU). Immigrant families are those in which any adult was foreign-born. Distribution weighted by family size. Results given are the midpoint of a 90 percent confidence interval, with standard deviations derived by bootstrapping at 100 resamplings. See Working for a Better Life for details.
What would you **guess** are the **top 10 countries** Immigrants to upstate NY come from?

1. Canada
2. India
3. Germany
4. Mexico
5. Italy
6. China
7. Korea
8. Jamaica
9. Poland
10. Bosnia and Herzegovina

Source: FPI analysis of 2005 ACS PUMS.
Undocumented immigrants, too, are a very mixed group.

45,000 undocumented immigrants live in upstate NY, including Rockland & Putnam.

Source: Prepared for FPI by Jeffrey S. Passel, Pew Hispanic Center, 2007. Based on Pew Hispanic Center data from March 2000-2006, CPS with legal status assigned. Rockland and Putnam counties are included in upstate rather than downstate suburbs for this analysis. For more information, see Working for a Better Life, Appendix A.
Undocumented workers play a particularly large role in upstate New York farming, working tough jobs at low wages.

Of 41,000 seasonal farm workers, it is estimated that roughly two thirds are undocumented.

2,000-2,500 foreign farm workers come legally to work in New York on H2A visas.

Of 19,000 year-round farm workers, a much smaller portion are undocumented.

Source: Prepared for FPI by Max Pfeffer, professor of development sociology, Cornell University, based on the Census of Agriculture and studies of undocumented farm workers in New York State. See Working for a Better Life for details.
But what about **Latinos** in Saratoga County?

Four interesting factoids:

1. *Immigrants and Latinos* constitute only small fractions of the Saratoga County population.

2. Most *immigrants* in Saratoga County are *NOT* **Latinos** – less than 15 percent of Saratoga immigrants came from Latin America. Forty percent of immigrants are from Europe.

3. Most **Latinos** in Saratoga County are *NOT* *immigrants* – less than 1,000 of the 4,000 Latinos living in Saratoga County were born outside the United States.

4. Most **Latinos** in Saratoga County are *NOT* **Mexicans**.
Saratoga County Basic Population Statistics

• Total Population 215,473
  – Immigrants 9,257 (4%)
  – Latinos 4,133 (2%)

• Total Households 82,185
  – Latinos 921 (1%)

Source: 2006 American Community Survey
Most immigrants in Saratoga County come from Europe or Asia.

Source: 2006 American Community Survey
Most Latinos in Saratoga County are not immigrants. Three out of four Latinos were born in the US or citizens by birth. In the 2000 census, 90 percent of Latinos were citizens.

Most Latinos in Saratoga County are not Mexicans.

Source: 2006 American Community Survey
Of the 26 counties for which we have 2006 ACS data, Saratoga had the smallest Latino population relative to the total population, but ranked 7th in growth since 1990.

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<th>2006 Share</th>
<th>1990 to 2006 Percent Change</th>
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<td>26.51%</td>
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<td>Bronx County</td>
<td>693,884</td>
<td>50.97%</td>
<td>32.65%</td>
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Median income for Latino families is slightly lower than the rest of the population in Saratoga County.

Source: 2006 American Community Survey
Education: 13 percent of Latinos have less than a high school education but 18 percent have at least a bachelor’s degree.

Source: 2006 American Community Survey
Latinos in Saratoga County are more likely to have less than a high school diploma and less likely to have completed college than the population as a whole.

Source: 2006 American Community Survey
Poverty and home ownership rates

- According to the 2000 Census, Latinos in Saratoga County had a poverty rate double the rate of non-Latinos
  - Latino Poverty rate = 11.9 percent
  - Non-Latino Poverty rate = 5.6 percent
- Almost three out of four Saratoga households are homeowners (72%). The homeownership rate for Latinos is half this – 36%. Latinos make up only one percent of all households in Saratoga but represent 2.6 percent of the renters. (2006 ACS)
Economic impact

A 2004 Long Island study\(^1\) found that

- Long Island’s Hispanic population contributed an average of $614 more per resident than it received in local expenditures on education, health care and corrections.

- The buying power of the 330,000 Hispanics living on Long Island in 2004 amounted to $4.4 billion with an economic impact of nearly $5.7 billion and creating more than 52,000 jobs.

Unfortunately, we do not have the data to do a similar study for Saratoga County. However, if the per person impacts are similar, we can estimate that Latinos in Saratoga County represent $55 million in buying power and an economic impact of $72 million.

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