

## New Americans in the Mount Rushmore State

The Economic Power of Immigrants, Latinos, and Asians in South Dakota.

### ***Immigrants and their children are growing shares of South Dakota's population.***

- **The foreign-born share** of South Dakota's population rose from 1.1% in [1990](#) [1], to 1.8% in [2000](#) [1], to 1.9% in [2008](#) [2], according to the U.S. Census Bureau. South Dakota was home to 14,894 immigrants in [2008](#) [2].
- **45.5% of immigrants (or 6,773 people) in South Dakota were naturalized U.S. citizens** in [2008](#) [2]—meaning that they are eligible to vote.
- **1.3% (or 5,789) of registered voters** in South Dakota were “New Americans”—naturalized citizens or the U.S.-born children of immigrants who were raised during the current era of immigration from Latin America and Asia which began in 1965—according to an analysis of 2006 Census Bureau data by [Rob Paral & Associates](#) [3].

### ***Nearly 26,000 South Dakotans are Latino or Asian.***

- The **Latino share of South Dakota's population** grew from 0.8% in [1990](#) [4] to 1.4% in [2000](#) [4], to 2.4% (or 19,301 people) in [2008](#) [2]. The **Asian share of the population** grew 0.4% in [1990](#) [5], to 0.6% in [2000](#) [5], to 0.8% (or 6,434 people) in [2008](#) [2], according to the U.S. Census Bureau.
- In South Dakota, **nearly seven-in-ten (or 70% of) children in immigrant families were U.S. citizens** in [2007](#) [6], according to the Center for Social and Demographic Analysis at the University of Albany.

### ***Latino and Asian entrepreneurs and consumers add hundreds of millions of dollars and hundreds of jobs to South Dakota's economy.***

- **The 2009 purchasing power of Latinos in South Dakota totaled \$477.1 million**—an increase of 990.8% since 1990. **Asian buying power totaled \$205.5 million**—an increase of 614.3% since 1990, according to the [Selig Center for Economic Growth](#) [7] at the University of Georgia.
- South Dakota's 355 **Latino-owned** [8] **businesses** had sales and receipts of \$121.9 million and employed 660 people in 2002, the last year for which data is available. The state's 300 **Asian-owned** [9] **businesses** had sales and receipts of \$87.6 million and employed 582 people in 2002, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's Survey of Business Owners.

### ***Immigrants contribute to South Dakota's economy as workers.***

- Immigrants comprised **2.2% of the state's workforce** in [2008](#) [10] (or 9,950 workers),

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