

Unaccompanied Minors

City response and coordination update

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This is a developing story...

We will likely see 300-500 children by the end of the year

Leaders, advocates, City employees and members of the community must continue to help these children feel welcome here in San Francisco

We must stay engaged and adjust strategy as needed

Mayor's Leadership & Advocacy

Hosted a federal briefing at City Hall for community service providers, philanthropists and City leadership

– June 2014

Traveled to Sacramento to emphasize to State leadership the importance of coordinated legal representation

– July & August

Joined California Mayors across the state in writing a letter to our Federal government

– July

Liaison to State and Federal representation, as well as White House; Participation in national forums and international engagement

– Ongoing

Citywide Coordination

City department meetings to share information and ensure resources are made available that meet the specific needs of these children

City department meeting with legal service providers to identify needed resources, including social services and new funding

Local resource guide for new arrivals to supplement federal resource guide

Health Services

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Health Services

Participation in City workgroups

Health Commission Resolution committed to provide critical health care services

Current efforts:

- ❖ Systems coordination
- ❖ Service capacity via Primary Care & other specialty services

Health Services

Systems Coordination

- ❖ Resource Guide
- ❖ Behavioral Health Treatment Providers Meeting
- ❖ Development of a “First Encounter Check List” with DPH’s Maternal Child & Adolescent Health & Newcomers Health Program, First 5 SF, and Human Services Agency
- ❖ Service coordination with SFUSD’s Students Families & Community Support Services & Special Education Dept

Health Services

Primary Care & Other Specialty Care Services

Health Care services via Family Health Center, including Refugee Medical Clinic and linkages to:

- ❖ SFGH Teen & Young Adults Clinic
- ❖ Newcomers Health Program – for asylees to access Federal benefits, including comprehensive health screening

Maternal Child & Adolescent Health's Public Health Nurses:

- ❖ Prenatal & Postpartum Care
- ❖ Health Care Coordination for youth in foster care system

Human Services

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Deputy Director

Human Services

Child Protection Services

Provides investigation and intervention services to children and their families referred for alleged abuse and/or neglect

All children/youth, regardless of immigration status, who are found to be in need of protection as a result of abuse/neglect are eligible to receive services through the department

The department's Child abuse hotline at 800-856-5553 to make a report

Foster Care Services

Provides background clearance, training and home inspection services for all potential foster care givers.

The department's foster parent recruitment number is 415-558-2200

Education:

San Francisco Unified School District

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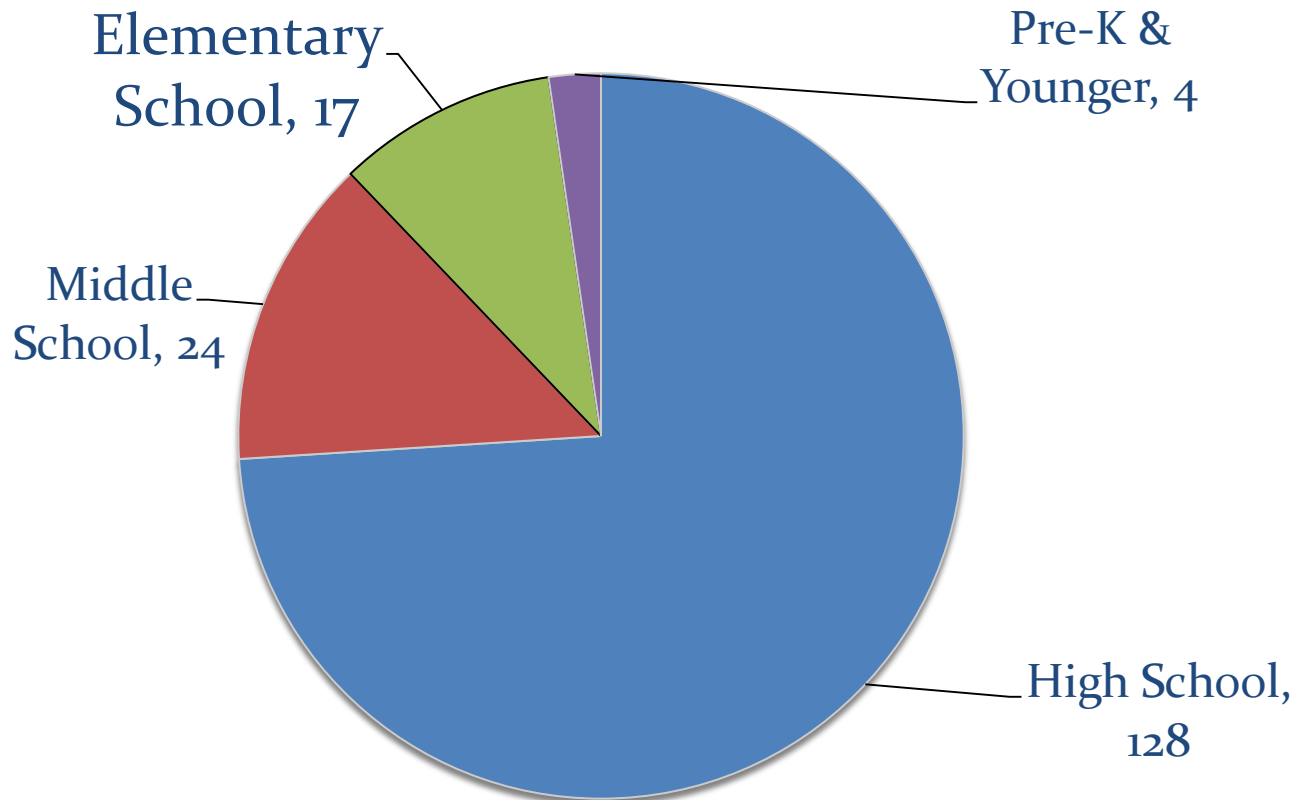
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Executive Director of Pupil Services

Number of Newcomer Students from Central America Entering SFUSD Each Year

School Year	El Salvador	Guatemala	Honduras	TOTALS
2010-11	107	29	12	148
2011-12	51	27	24	102
2012-13	95	66	49	210
2013-14	130	108	113	351
2014-15 (As of 9.10.14)	68	50	87	205

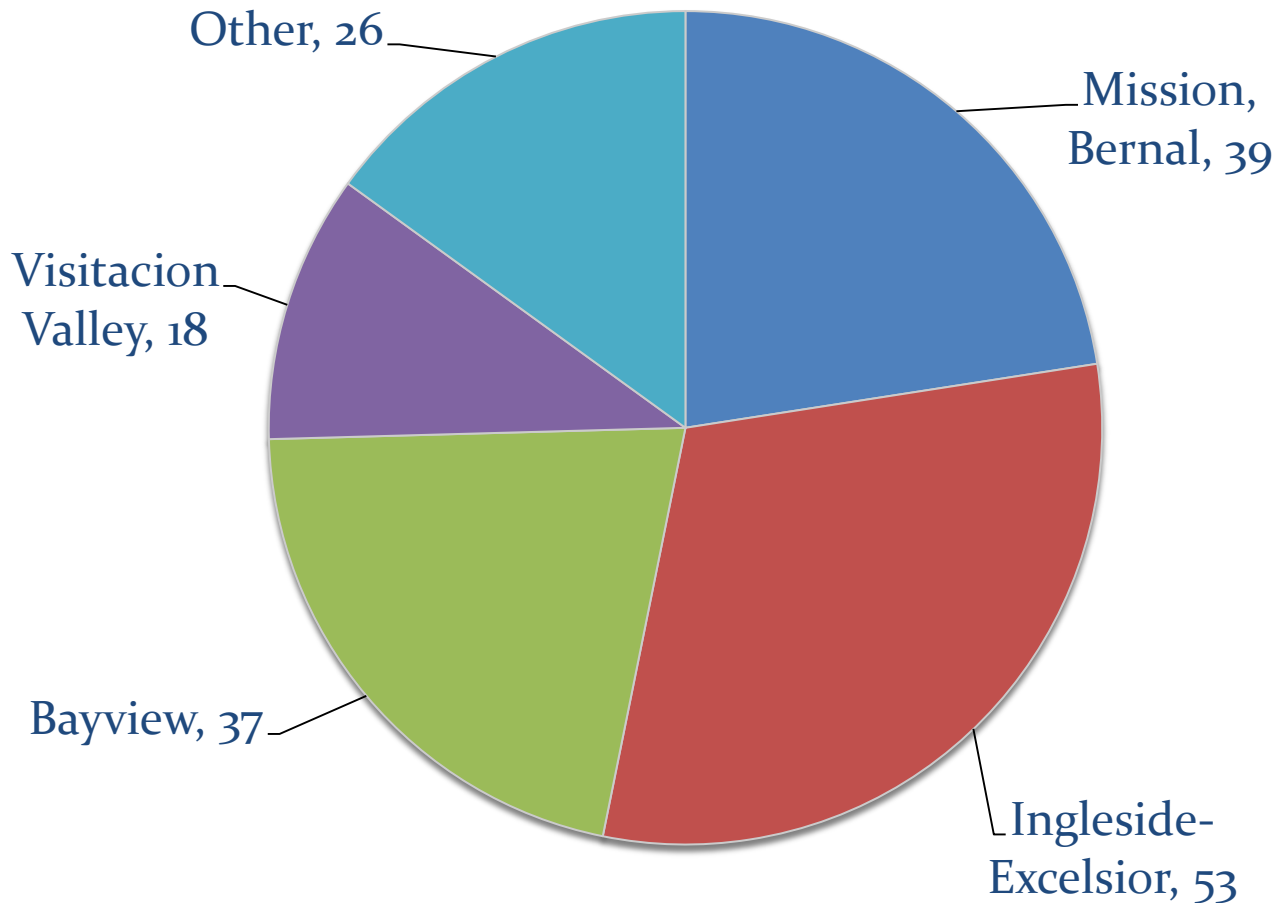
Unaccompanied Immigrant Children with San Francisco Sponsors by School Level

(January – June 2014, Office of Refugee Resettlement)



Unaccompanied Immigrant Children with San Francisco Sponsors by Neighborhood

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K-12 Newcomer Pathways

Elementary

- Chinese Education Center
- Mission Education Center

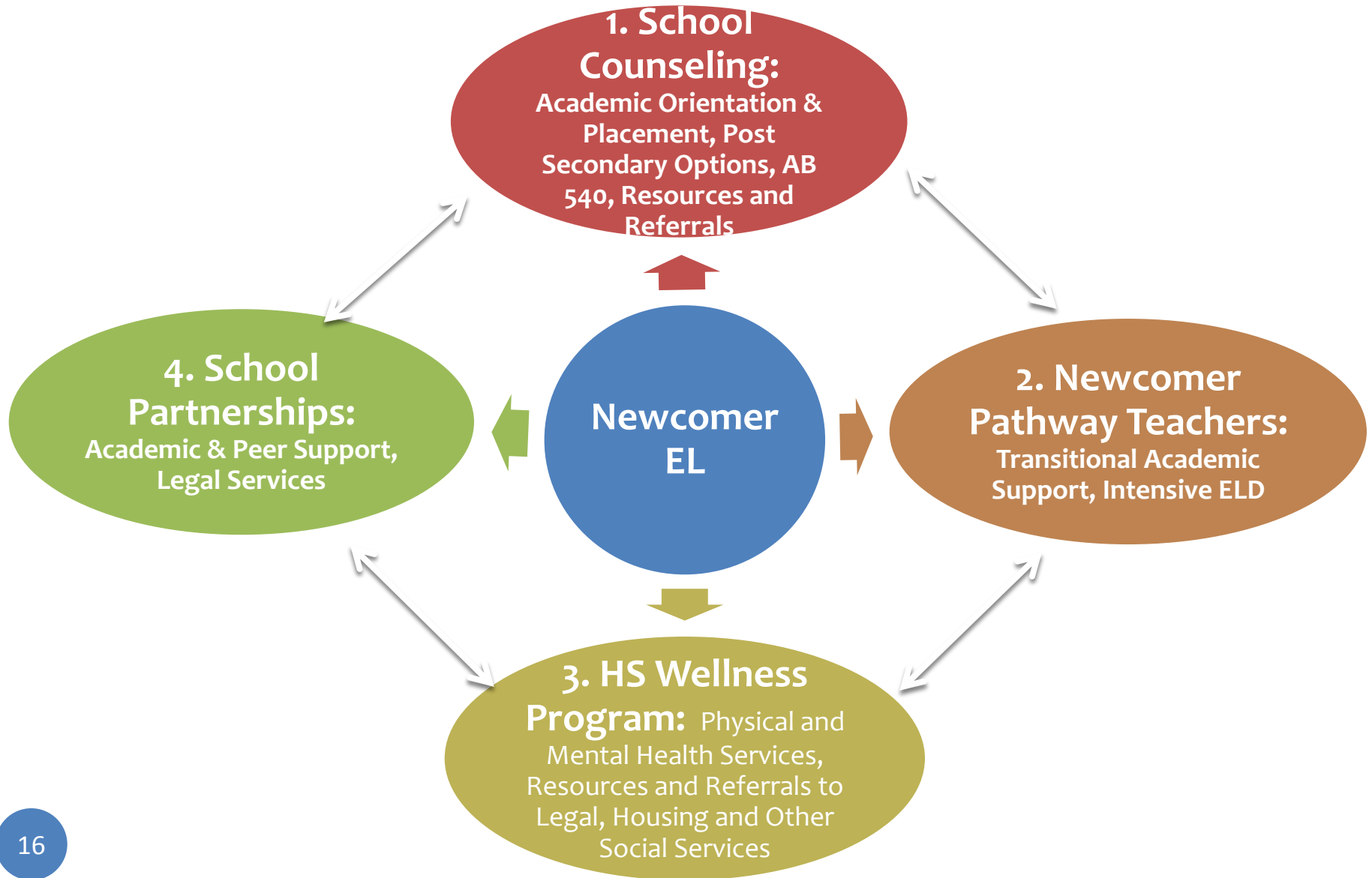
Middle

- Everett
- Francisco
- Marina
- Visitacion Valley

High

- Galileo
- Lincoln
- Marshall
- Mission
- SF International
- Washington

SFUSD System of Support for High School Newcomers



Families & Youth in Transition (FYIT) “homeless” Program

Who is Considered Homeless?

The McKinney-Vento Act defines transition (homeless) students, as those who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and may reside:

- ❖ In a shelter (family, domestic violence, youth shelter, or transitional living facility)
- ❖ In a motel, hotel, or weekly rate housing (single room occupancy hotel)
- ❖ Temporarily (not permanent) in a house or apartment with more than one family because of unemployment, foreclosure, physical and mental issues
- ❖ In an abandoned building, a car, campground, or on the street
- ❖ In temporary foster care with an adult who is not your parent or guardian

What are our Students' Educational Rights?

Under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act, your preschool and school-aged children have the following rights to:

- ❖ Immediate enrollment in school without any form of documents which includes birth certificates, proof of residency, transcripts, and immunizations records
- ❖ Continue in the school they were attending before they became in transition (homeless)
- ❖ Receive transportation to school
- ❖ Participate in all programs and activities for which the students are eligible
- ❖ Contact the district liaison to resolve any disputes that arise during the enrollment process
- ❖ Challenge decisions made by the schools or districts, if they do not agree with the recommendations

What Services are offered to SFUSD's Homeless and/or Transition Students?

- ❖ Assist with school enrollment & transportation
- ❖ Advocate on the behalf of transition (homeless) students
- ❖ Handle educational disputes
- ❖ Offer tutoring
- ❖ Free breakfast and lunch meals
- ❖ Provide school uniforms, backpacks, and school supplies
- ❖ Make referrals to other agencies for assistance
- ❖ For more information visit: <http://www.healthiersf.org/>

Preparation thus far...in the classroom

- ❖ Staff gathered available data to better project anticipated Unaccompanied Immigrant Children enrollment in SFUSD.
- ❖ District increased number of Newcomer seats at the high school level. Added 50 seats at Marshall HS and 15-25 seats at other HS Newcomer Pathways.
- ❖ Multilingual Pathways Department (MPD) TSAs have been working closely with Newcomer teachers to support their efforts to effectively provide instruction to Unaccompanied Immigrant Children, many of whom are Students with Interrupted Formal Education (SIFE).

Preparation thus far...support services

- ❖ Cross department working group evaluated district's Newcomer System of Support
- ❖ District has hired a social worker based in School Health to coordinate critical legal and social services for Unaccompanied Immigrant Children and provide professional development for Newcomer support staff
- ❖ Staff have been collaborating with other City Departments and school partners to coordinate legal, housing and other social services
- ❖ Three grant proposals have been submitted to private foundations to partially fund the program coordinator position and provide professional learning communities for Newcomer teachers and support staff in each of the Newcomer Pathways

Legal Services

Brian Cheu

Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development
Director of Community Development

Legal Services

- ❖ City, philanthropic and (eventual) state funding will be used to leverage legal services for unaccompanied minors, at both a local and regional level
- ❖ City funding will prioritize representation for children and their families residing in San Francisco
- ❖ The City will issue an RFP in October, which will include coordination, pro bono engagement, and full scope representation

Immigrant & Language Services

Adrienne Pon

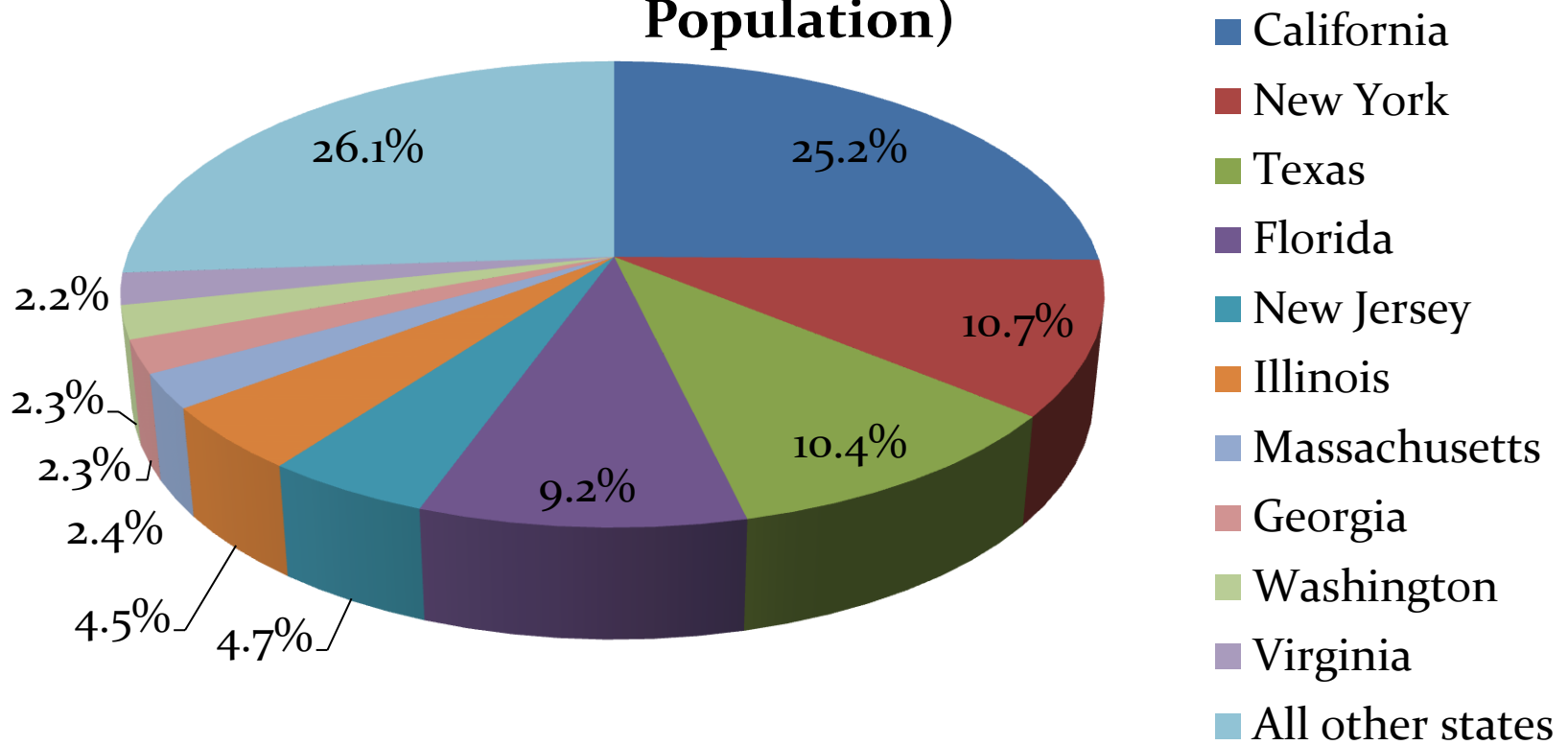
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Immigrant & Language Services

- ❖ Culturally Competent Language Services & Community Interpreter training
- ❖ Translated Resource Guide and information on UAC page of OCEIA website
- ❖ Daily Multilingual Community Outreach & Education: Sanctuary City, Immigrant and Language Rights, Healthy SF, 311, City ID Card and other City Programs
- ❖ Coordination with 311
- ❖ Coordination with DreamSF/DACA, Pathways to Citizenship and Language Access CBO grantees
- ❖ Immigrant Rights Commission

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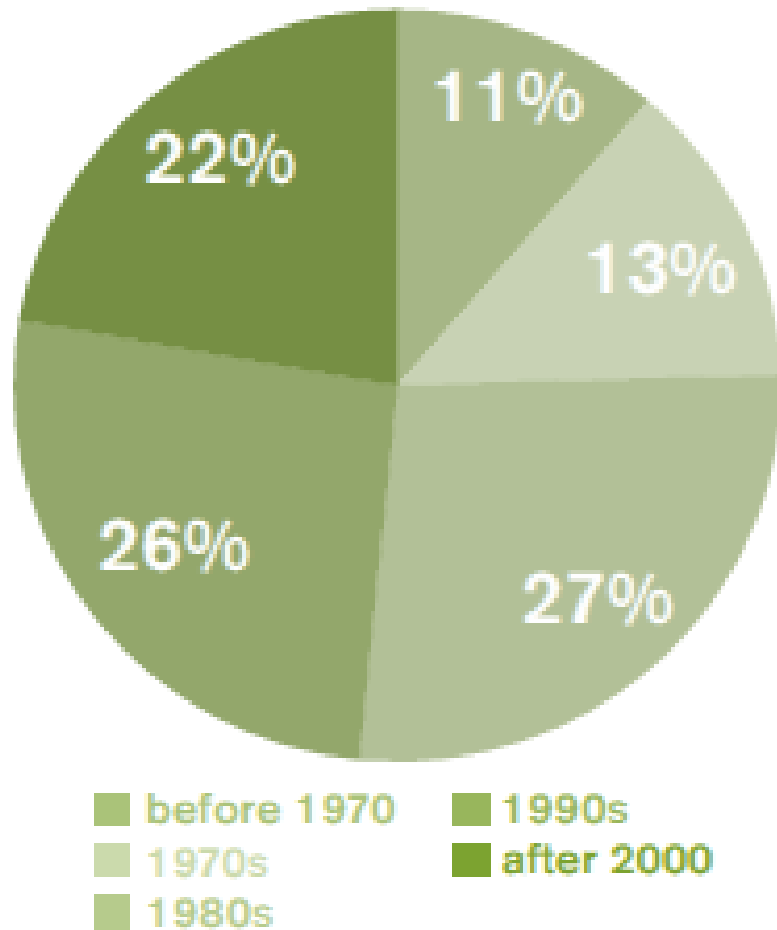
FOREIGN BORN POPULATION BY STATE (Percentage of National Foreign-Born Population)



Source: Migration Policy Institute, using U.S. Census Bureau ACS 2011 data

Immigrant & Language Services

IMMIGRANTS BY REGENCY OF ARRIVAL 2008-2010



About 75% of all immigrants in San Francisco have arrived since 1980, with 22% arriving in the last decade

The proportion of linguistic isolation in SF immigrant headed households in which no one under age 14 speaks English at all or very well is the highest of any region in California (35%)

Questions?