

WELCOMING SAN DIEGO

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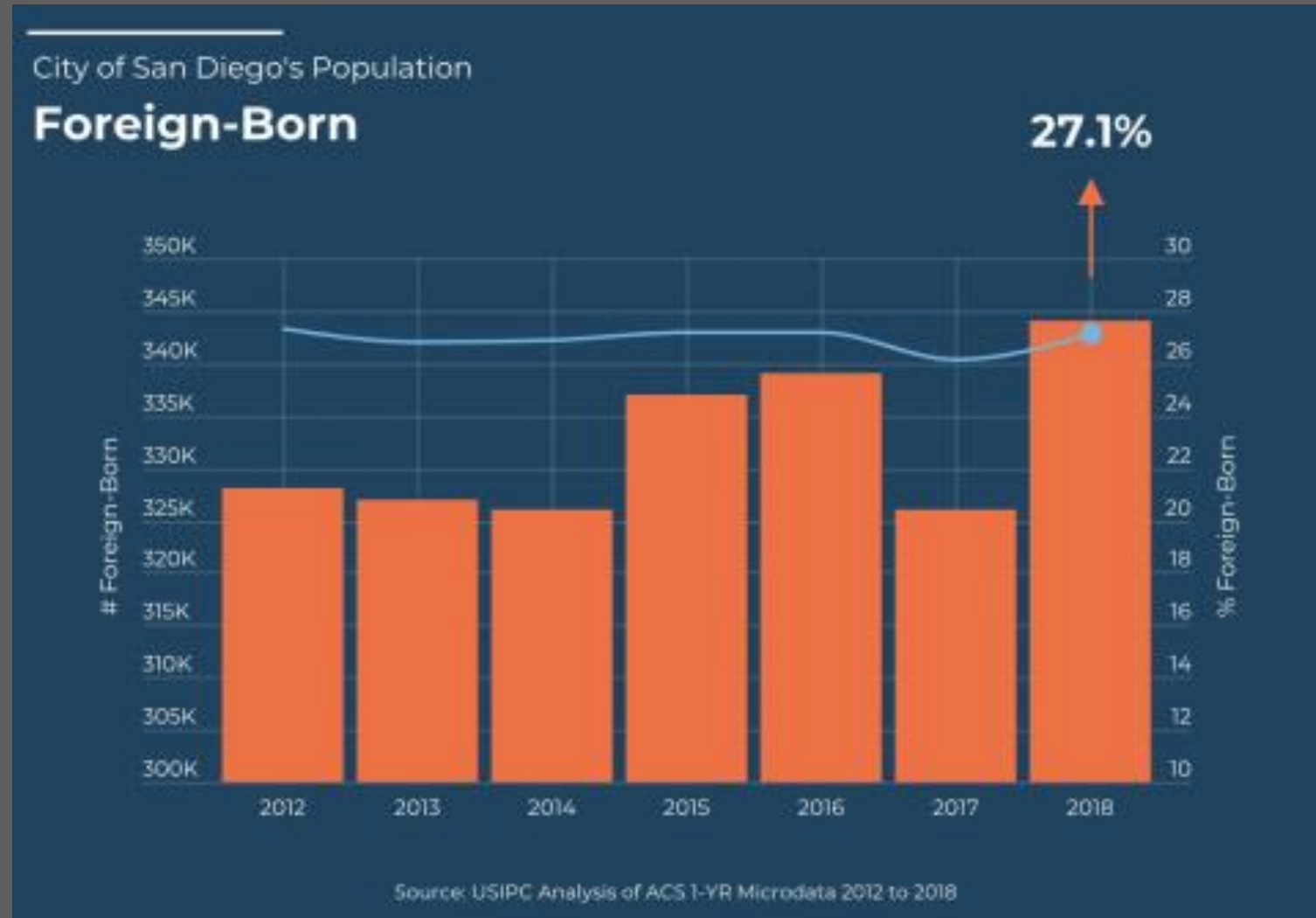
The City of
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Foreign-born Population in the City of San Diego

The foreign-born population in the City of San Diego is approximately **344,000**.

Approximately **154,000** San Diegans live in mixed-immigration status households.

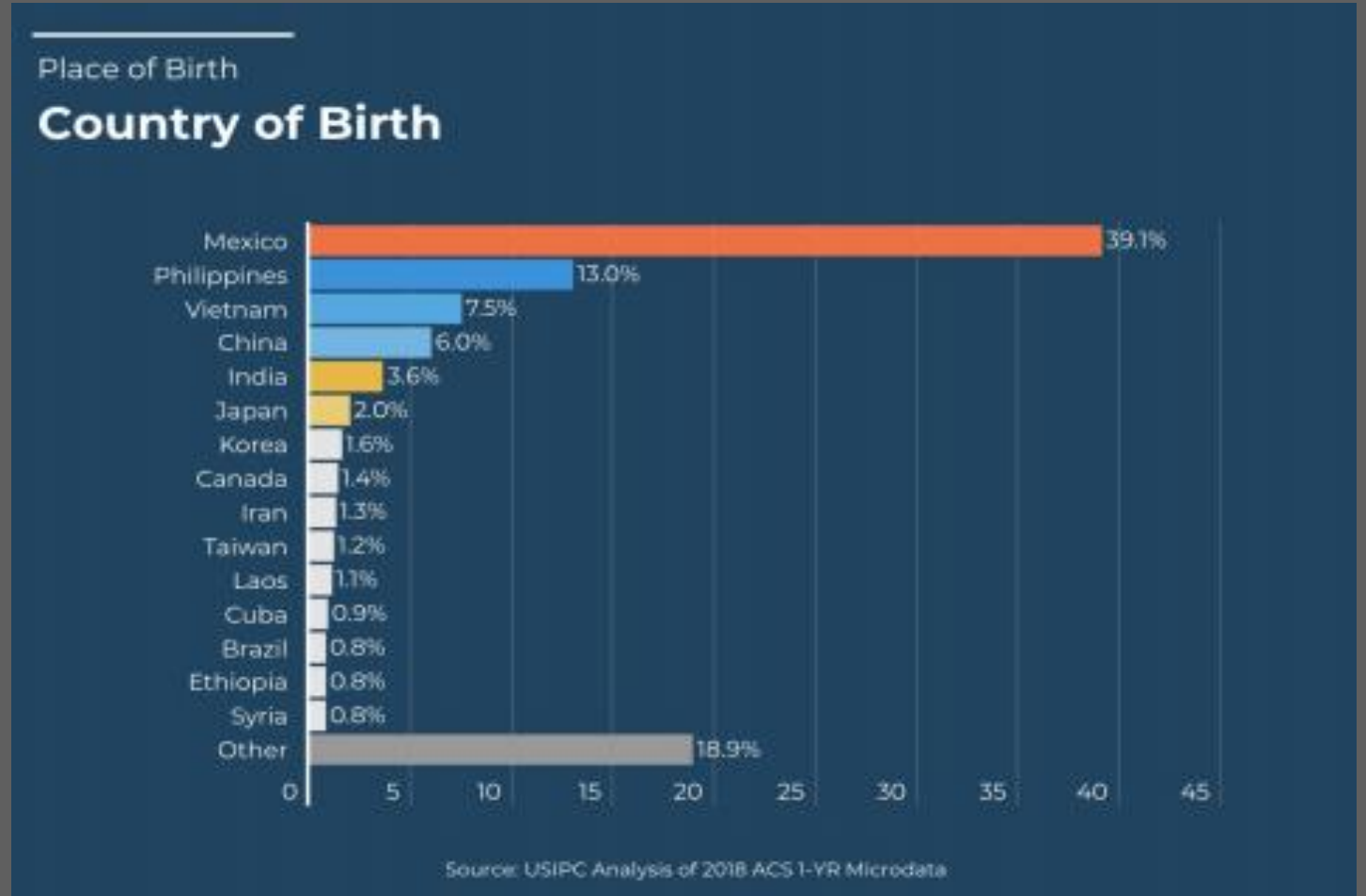


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Country of Birth

The foreign-born population in the City of San Diego comes from at least **115 countries** and territories.

With respect to region of birth, 43.7% of this population was born in Latin America, 42.9% was born in Asia, and 6.3% was born in Europe.



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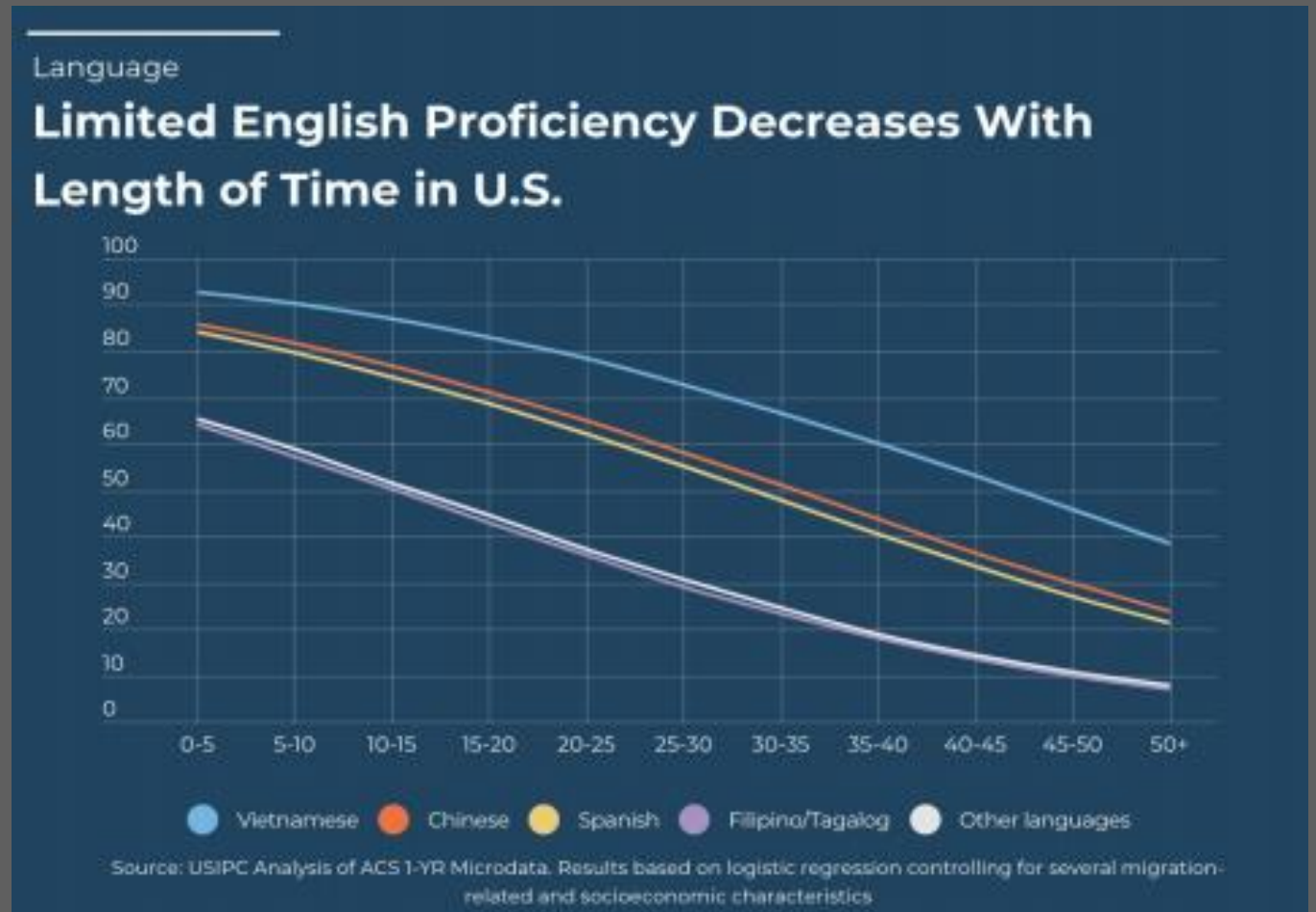
Languages

The foreign-born population in the City of San Diego speaks at least **70 different languages and dialects**.

The main languages spoken are:

- Spanish
- Filipino/Tagalog
- Chinese, including Mandarin and Cantonese
- Vietnamese

Approximately half (50.9%) of the foreign-born population in the City of San Diego are Limited English proficient (LEP).



Welcoming San Diego

OVERVIEW AND MISSION

Welcoming San Diego is a City of San Diego initiative created to advance the civic, social and economic integration of immigrants and refugees. We envision a vibrant, inclusive and resilient region that attracts families and businesses from around the world and where all San Diegans can flourish.



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Welcoming San Diego Strategic Plan

Strategic Plan on Immigrant and Refugee Integration

Summary of Recommendations

- I. Cross Sector
- II. Economic Opportunity
- III. Education
- IV. Inclusive Access
- V. Civic Engagement
- VI. Safe and Connected Communities



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Summary of Recommendations

Cross-Sector:

- Create the Office for Immigrant Advancement (OIA)
- Increase and diversify financing models
- Highlight stories of immigrants
- Leverage data and implement evaluation measures to improve policies and practices

Economic Opportunity:

- Facilitate career advancement
- Support immigrant-owned businesses
- Promote financial literacy
- Ensure housing stability and reduce barriers toward homeownership

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Education:

- Remove barriers to existing education programs
- Enhance multicultural curriculum in K-12 education
- Increase professional development and deepen partnerships between school districts and immigrant community organizations

Inclusive Access:

- Expand language access
- Advance civil rights
- Increase mobility and use of public transportation

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Civic Engagement:

- Increase civic participation
- Create infrastructure to build and sustain civic engagement and increase naturalizations
- Develop immigrant and refugee leaders

Safe and Connected Communities:

- Foster trust and communication between public safety
- Increase capacity of law enforcement to serve multilingual and multicultural communities
- Facilitate community-building among native-born and foreign-born residents

Global Cities and Immigrant Integration

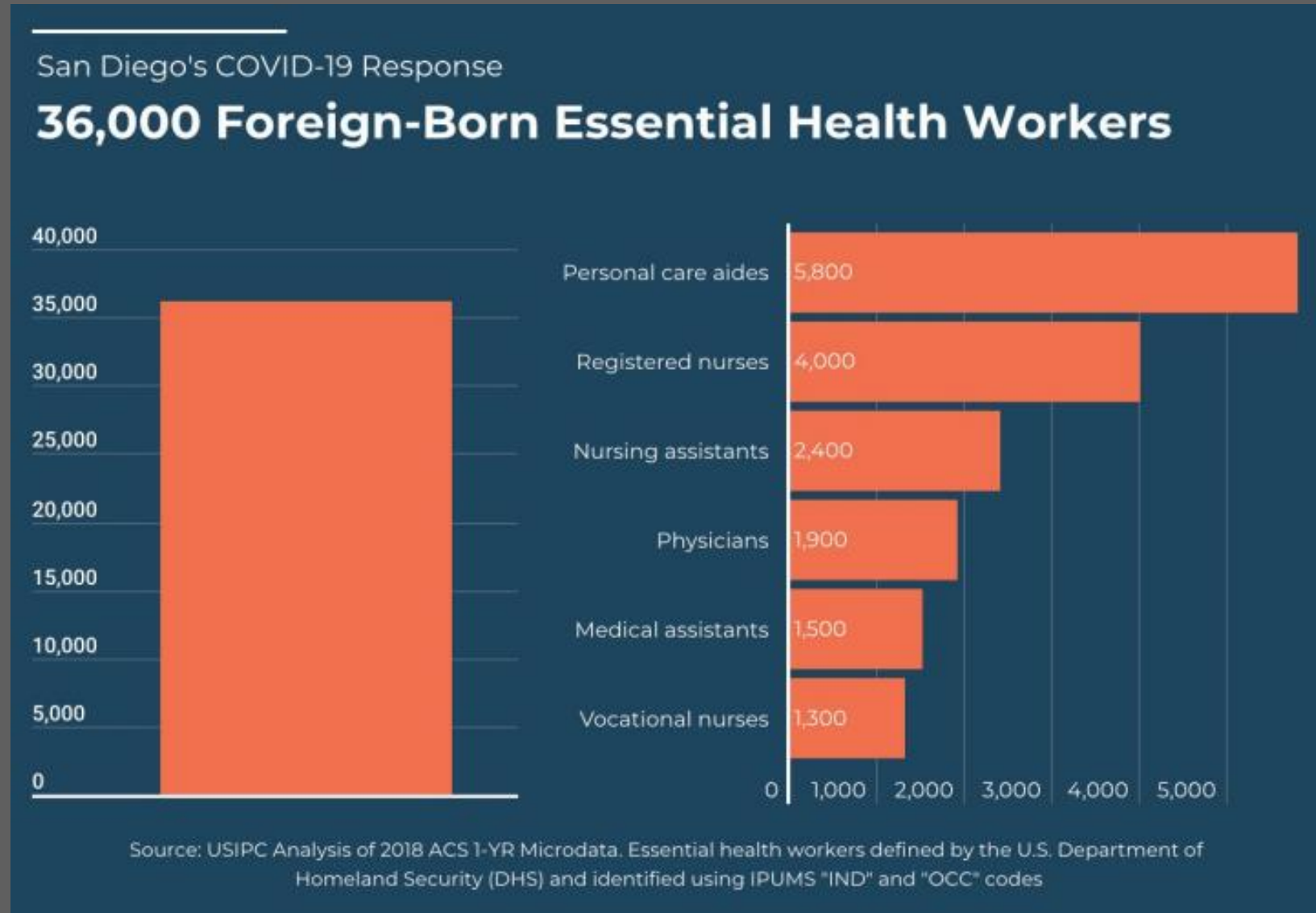
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- Guidance in navigating resources and services
- Establishing new Initiatives and promoting existing regional programs
- Supporting immigrant integration
- Policy advocacy



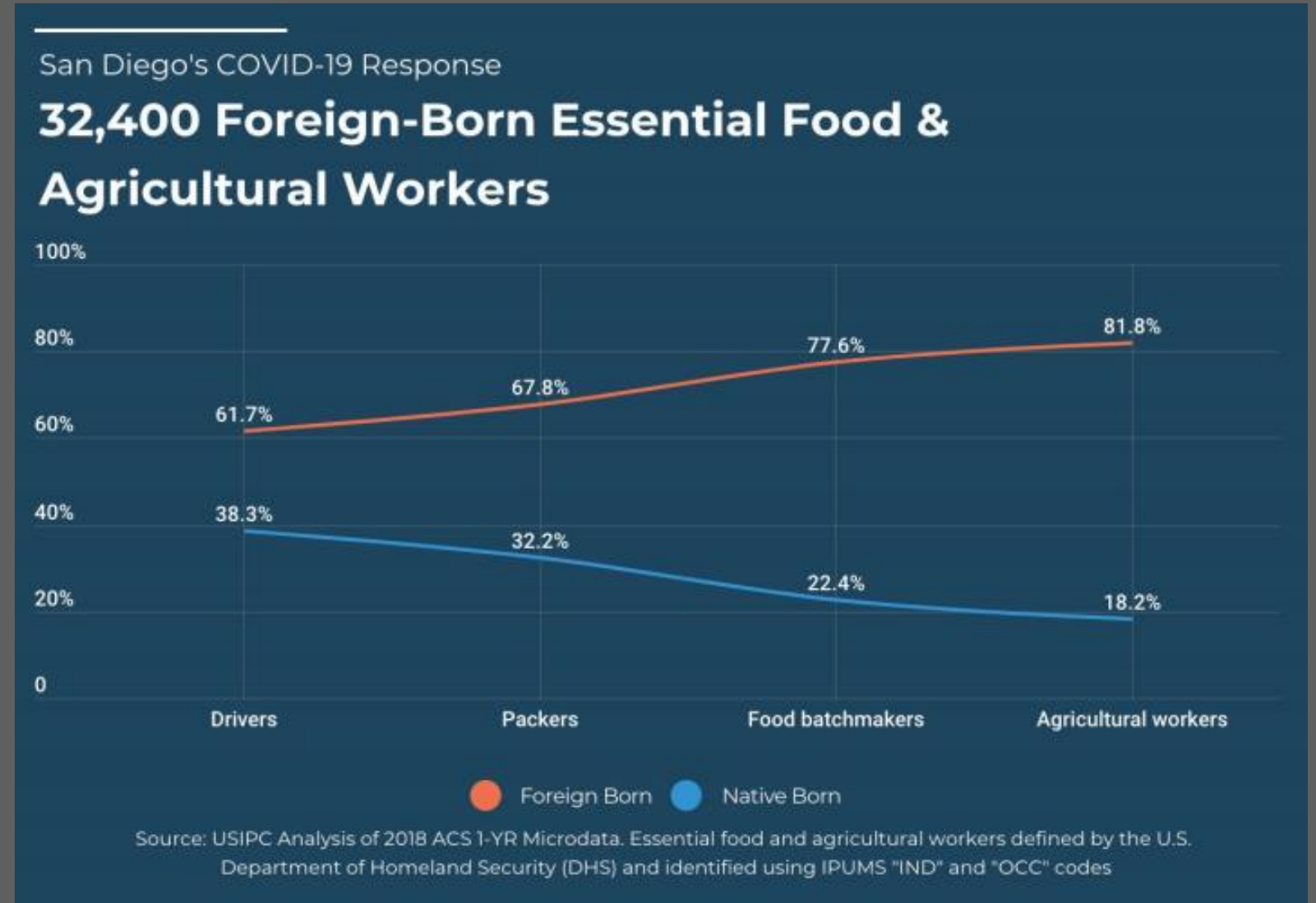
Immigrants at the Frontlines of the COVID-19 Pandemic

There are just over 36,000 foreign-born essential health workers in the City of San Diego.



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There are 32,400 foreign-born essential food and agricultural workers in San Diego.



THANK YOU

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