Children living with at least one foreign-born parent in the United States increased by 5.1 percentage points over the 1990s to 18.1 percent in 2000. Nationally, the percentage of children whose parents immigrated to the U.S. in the previous five years increased to 3.0 percent by 2000.

Among the regions, the West had the largest increase in the percentage of children living with at least one foreign-born parent. Maine was the only state to have a decrease. Several western states had increases ranging between 7 and 14 percentage points.

West Virginia had less than 2 percent of its children living with at least one foreign-born parent. In contrast, 44.3 percent of children in California in 2000 had a foreign-born parent.

Most states saw little change in the percentage of children living with at least one recently immigrated parent. While Arizona, Colorado, and Nevada experienced increases in the percentage of children living with at least one recently immigrant parent over the decade, the percentage in California fell 1.8 points.

Almost half of all children in New Mexico and California lived with a parent speaking a language other than English at home in 2000. This was true for 3.7 percent of children in West Virginia.

The percentage of children living with at least one parent who speaks a language other than English at home increased from 17.8 percent in 1990 to 23.0 percent in 2000. The pattern of change among the states was similar for the percentage of children with at least one parent with difficulty speaking English.

Louisiana and Maine were the only two states to experience decreases in both the percentage of children living with at least one parent who speaks another language at home and parents having difficulty speaking English.

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