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The Role of Immigrants in the U.S. Labor Market: An Update

The [Congressional Budget Office](#) (CBO) recently released a report (updating a [previous report from November 2005](#)) regarding the significant role immigrants play in the US labor market.

[The Role of Immigrants in the U.S. Labor Market](#) underscores not only the diversity of the foreign-born labor force in the United States, but also the myriad roles that immigrant workers play in the U.S. economy. The report, which analyzes data from the Current Population Survey, finds that 15.5 percent of the U.S. labor force was foreign-born in 2009, up slightly from 14.5 percent in 2004. Moreover, immigrant workers and their native-born counterparts differ significantly in terms of occupation and education, as well as where in the country they live.

In keeping with CBO's mandate to provide objective, nonpartisan analysis, the report makes no recommendations, but does provide a detailed insight into the diversity of the US labor market.

For more information, read the full report: [he Role of Immigrants in the U.S. Labor Market](#).