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CULTURE & DEMOGRAPHY

***A Transformation in Mexican Migration to the United States.* By Rogelio Saenz. Carsey School of Public Policy. National Issue Brief #86. July 14, 2015. 6 p.**

<http://scholars.unh.edu/carsey/247/>

Using data from the 2008 and 2013 American Community Surveys, this brief compares the profiles of Mexican migrants over a ten-year period. "Migration from Mexico to the United States fell from 1.9 million in 2003-2007 to 819,000 in 2008-2012, a drop of 57%." California experienced a drop in the number of Mexican migrants during the same period, from 532,851 to 206,075. "Mexicans migrating today tend to have higher socioeconomic status than earlier migrants; more women and older individuals are migrating; and states that sustained the greatest declines in construction employment are experiencing low levels of migration."

ECONOMY

The State of the Nation's Housing 2015. Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University. June 16, 2015. 44 p.

http://www.jchs.harvard.edu/research/state_nations_housing

This report discusses the post-Recession housing market. The decline in demand for single-family dwellings continues while renters struggle to afford housing in high-cost metro areas. “Despite the slowdown in 2014, the housing market recovery could regain steam in 2015 if continued employment growth helps to lift household incomes. But the lingering effects of the housing crash and Great Recession continue to impede the recovery. Millions of owners still have little or no equity in their homes and/or damaged credit histories, dampening demand in both the first-time buyer and trade-up markets. Although members of the millennial generation are starting to find their footing in the job market and helping to propel rental demand, many of these young adults are saddled with rent burdens and student loan payments that will slow their transition to homeownership.”

EDUCATION

Child Welfare—Early Education Partnerships to Expand Protective Factors for Children with Child Welfare Involvement. Children’s Bureau. June 2015. 29 p.

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/earlyeducation.pdf>

The federal Children’s Bureau agency summarizes the types of projects that came out of their 2011 funding opportunity, supporting “collaborative initiatives between child welfare and early childhood systems to maximize enrollment, attendance and support of infants and young children who are in foster care into comprehensive, high-quality early care and education programs.” Highlights include Los Angeles’ Child Welfare-Early Education Partners Infrastructure Project (LACWEEP), a system linking Head Start children in Long Beach that could not be served to other high quality early childcare providers.

California’s Postsecondary Educational Institutions: More Guidance Is Needed to Increase Compliance with Federal Crime Reporting Requirements. California State Auditor. July 2015. 79 p.

<http://www.bsa.ca.gov/reports/summary/2015-032>

“Since ... 2002, we have conducted five audits of a selection of California’s institutions. Because of the similarity of the issues we identified in this report and in our four previous reports, we believe that California’s institutions’ compliance with the Clery Act could improve with additional guidance from the systemwide offices for the State’s public institutions and from a state entity that provides guidance to all institutions. Without additional guidance at the state level, California’s institutions may continue to report inaccurate crime statistics and fail to adequately disclose policies in their annual security reports—misinforming users of the reports and increasing the institutions’ risk of incurring federal financial penalties.”

EMPLOYMENT

California Employment Report. California Center for Jobs & the Economy. June 24, 2015. 11 p.

<http://www.centerforjobs.org/job-reports/june-2015/>

“California Employment Development Department’s ... latest release shows on a seasonally adjusted basis, total employment grew by 59,100 from April, while the number of unemployed increased by 12,800. California’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased from 6.3% in April to 6.4% in May. The unadjusted rate decreased from 7.2% in May 2014 to 6.2% in May 2015.... Both California and the US saw increases in the labor force participation rates, a factor that played a role in the unemployment rate increase as more people moved back into the jobs market. While this is only a one-month occurrence that

has yet to prove a trend, if it continues, it would be indicative of wage and hour increases causing people to re-enter the labor force.”

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

***Pathways Report: Policy Options for Regulating Marijuana in California.* Blue Ribbon Commission on Marijuana Policy. Safe and Smart Policy. July 22, 2015. 104 p.**
<https://www.safeandsmartpolicy.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/BRCPathwaysReport.pdf>

“Four states and the District of Columbia have voted to legalize recreational marijuana use, and each offers important lessons.... But there are circumstances that are unique to our state that must be thoughtfully analyzed before we move forward with any legalization effort.... With public opinion polls showing that a narrow majority of likely voters are supportive of the concept of legalization ... now is the time to think through how such a system could be designed and implemented.... This Commission report provides guidelines and offers analysis of key issues to be considered by policymakers and voters as they contemplate the legalization and regulation of cannabis in California.”

HEALTH

“Reasons Why Physicians and Advanced Practice Clinicians Work While Sick: A Mixed-Methods Analysis.” By Julia E. Szymczak, et al. *JAMA Pediatrics*. Published online July 6, 2015. 15 p.
<http://archpedi.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleid=2344551>

A survey was administered to 459 physicians and other medical professionals at a large children's hospital on the subject of working while exhibiting symptoms of infection. Most medical professionals (95.3%) believed working while sick put their patients at risk. However, 83% reported having worked while sick at least one time in the past year, and 9% reported working while sick at least five times. Their justification included staffing concerns, reluctance to let down their patients, and fear of ostracism among their colleagues. The report discusses likely sociological and personnel factors in hospitals that may contribute to the problem of working while sick.

HUMAN SERVICES

***Many Eligible Children Don't Participate in School Nutrition Programs.* By Jessica A. Carson. Carsey Research. Summer 2015. 4 p.**
<http://scholars.unh.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1245&context=carsey>

“Children living in households with incomes below 185% of the federal income poverty guidelines (below \$44,097 for a family of four in 2013) are eligible to receive free or reduced-price meals at school. Overall, 63.5% of income-eligible households with school-age children (age 5 to 17) participate in the National School Lunch Program, and 52.0% participate in the School Breakfast Program.... Regionally, rates of participation in the lunch program are similar across the Northeast, Midwest, South, and West. By contrast, participation in the breakfast program is slightly higher in the South than in the Northeast or Midwest, though similar to rates in the West.”

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

Guidebook on Best Practices for Airport Cybersecurity. By Randall J. Murphy, et al. Airport Cooperative Research Program. July 2015. 162 p.

http://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/acrp/acrp_rpt_140.pdf

This guidebook “provides resources for airport managers and information technology (IT) staff to reduce or mitigate inherent risks of cyberattacks on technology based systems. Traditional IT infrastructure such as servers, desktops, and network devices are covered along with increasingly sophisticated and interconnected industrial control systems, such as baggage handling, temperature control, and airfield lighting systems.”

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