

Hispanic Construction Fatal Work Injuries in the United States and Texas

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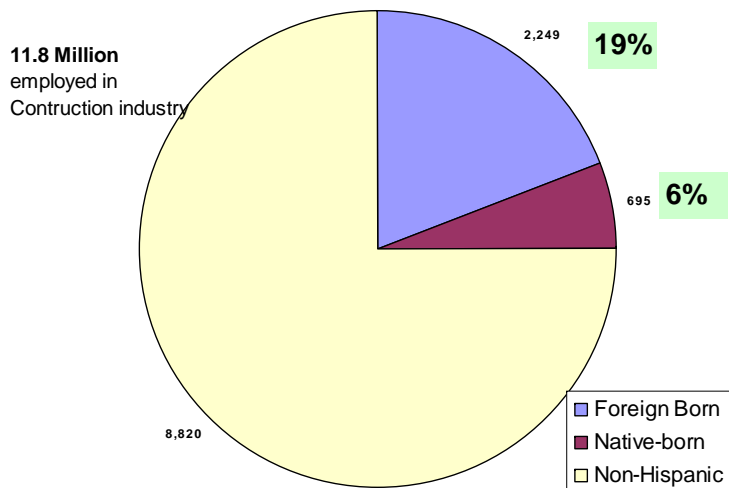
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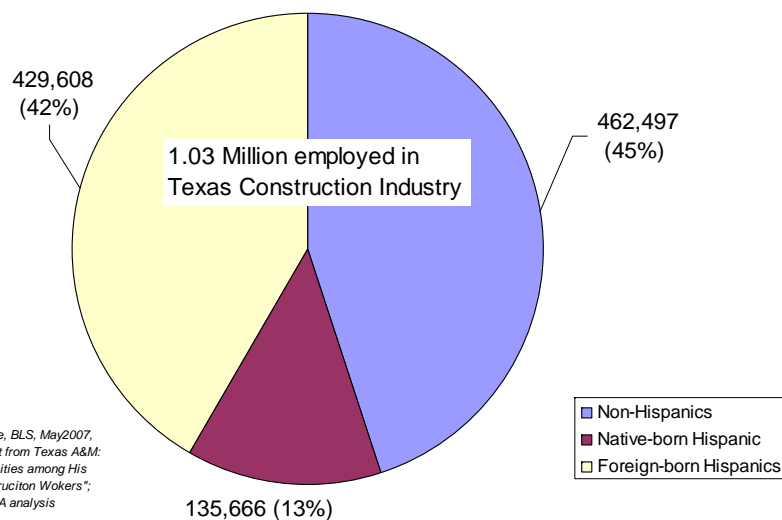
US and Texas Hispanic Construction Industry

US Construction Industry Employment, 2006 (000)



Source: Pew

Texas Construction Industry, May, 2006



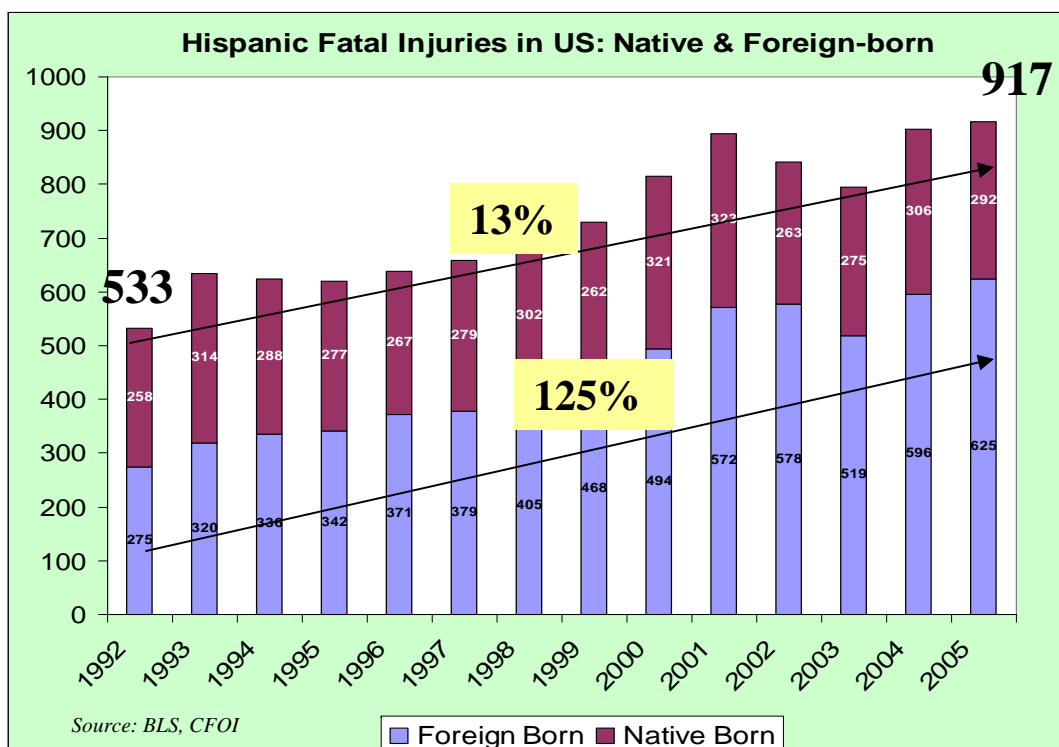
Source: BLS, May 2007, Report from Texas A&M, "Fatalities among His Construction Workers"; USHCA analysis

- ❑ In US, Construction industry accounts for 8% of all jobs
- ❑ In 2006, US Construction employment grew by 559,000 with Hispanics holding 2 out of every 3 construction jobs *(Pew Center, May 2007)*
- ❑ In US, Hispanics account for 25% of all construction workers
- ❑ Foreign-born Hispanics account for 76% of all Hispanic construction workers *(source: Pew center)*
- ❑ In Texas, Hispanics account for 58% of all construction workers *(Source: Texan A&M Study, USHCA analysis)*
- ❑ Foreign-born Hispanics construction workers increased by 335,000 in 2006 *(Pew Center, May 2007)*

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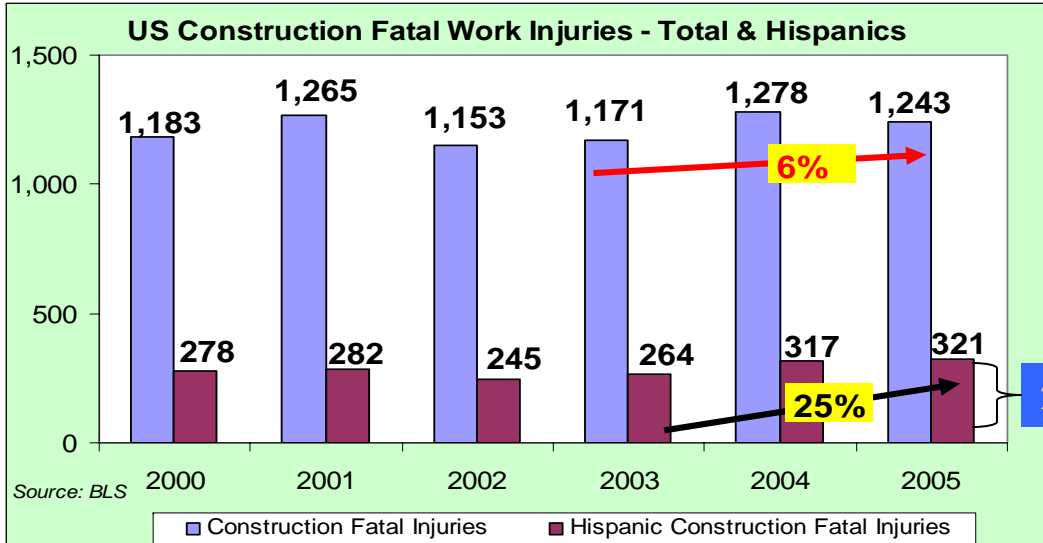
Hispanic Work Fatal Injuries in the US (All Industries)



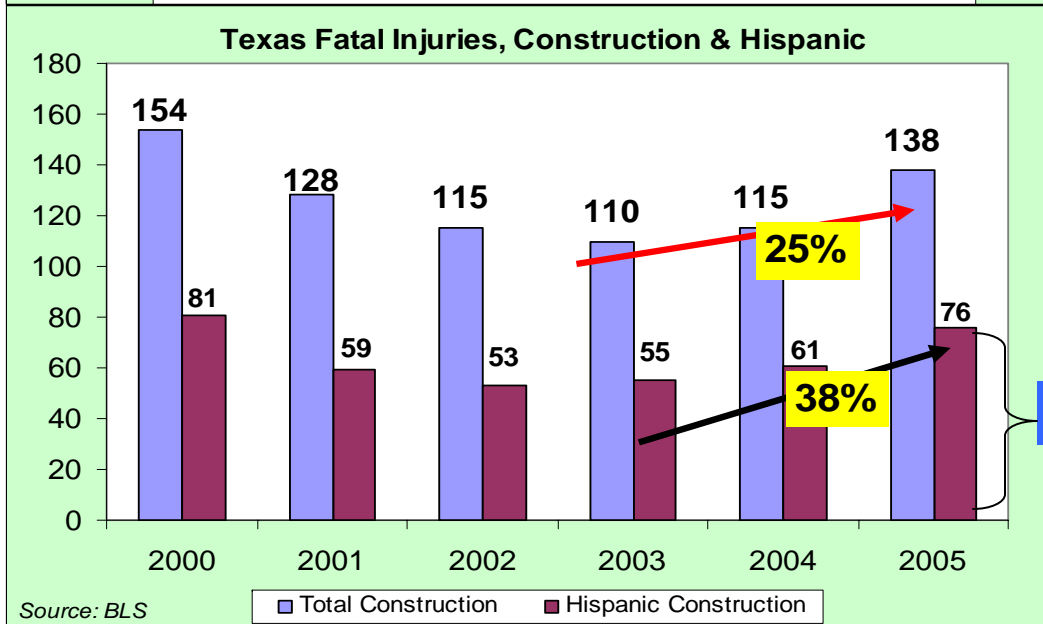
- In US, Hispanic fatal injuries increased by 72% from 533 to 917
- Native-born Hispanic fatal work injuries from 258 to 293 (13% Increase)
- Foreign-born Hispanic fatal work injuries increased from 275 to 625 (125% increase)
- Foreign-born Hispanics accounted for 66% of Hispanic fatal injuries in US in 2005
- Foreign-born Hispanic twice as likely to die than native-born Hispanic



Construction Fatal Injuries: US & Texas



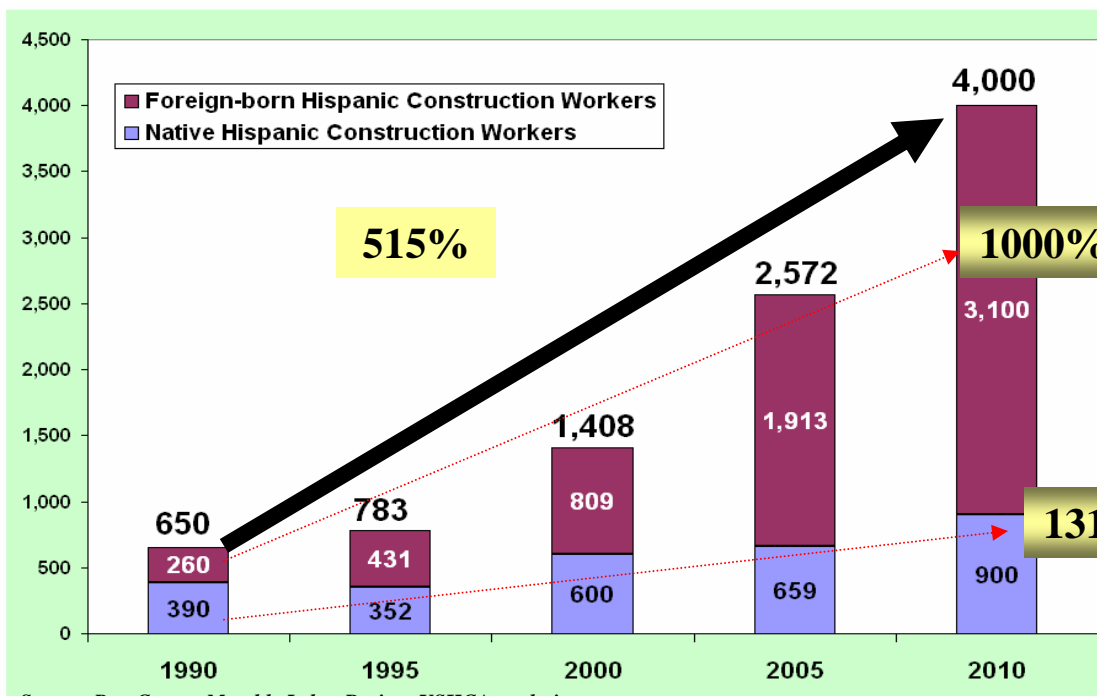
- In US, Hispanic fatal injuries accounted for 26% of total US fatal injuries in the construction industry in 2005
- Between 2003 and 2005, US construction fatal injuries increased by 6% while Hispanics fatal injuries increased 25%



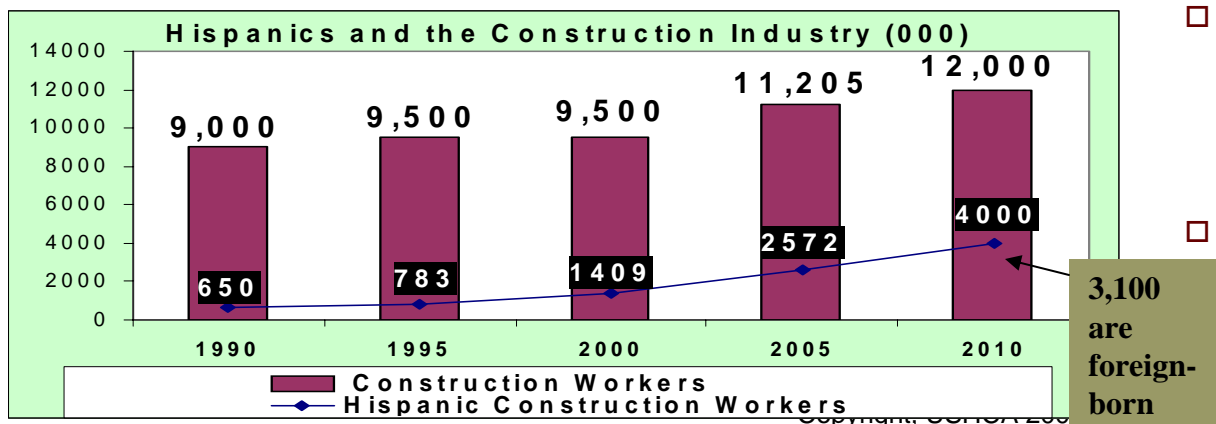
- In Texas, Hispanic construction fatal injuries accounted for over 55% of total construction fatal injuries in 2005
- Texas fatal injuries increased by 25% while Hispanic fatal injuries increased by 38% from 2003 to 2005
- Texas fatal injuries are increasing versus US rate



US Hispanic Construction Workers (000), 1990 to 2010



Source: Pew Center, Monthly Labor Review, USHCA analysis



- Hispanic construction workers grow from 650,000 in 1990 to 4 million by 2010 (over 500%)
- Native-born Hispanic construction workers grows from 390K to 900K (131%)
- Foreign-born Hispanic construction workers grows from 250K to 3.1M (1000% increase)
- Foreign-born Hispanic construction workers are increasing by 250K annually
- Per Congressional Research service, 30% of Undocumented immigrants are in Construction industry
- By 2010, Hispanics will comprise 33% of US construction workers or 4 Million of which 3.1 million will be foreign-born



Summary

- Hispanics are a vital component to the US and Texas Construction Industry representing 25% and 55% of construction workforce, respectively
- Fatal Work Injuries are at an all time high in the Construction Industry (20%) but are higher for Hispanics nationally (26%) and higher still in Texas (38%)
 - Foreign-born Hispanic fatal injuries greater than Native-born Hispanics in construction industry
- Hispanics are disproportionately dying in greater numbers than non-Hispanics in Construction Industry:
 - Lack of training
 - Cultural differences
 - Language barriers
 - Lack of company commitment to invest in Spanish based training