

Population Massachusetts, Nondocumented, Local French & Acadian

There are now estimated to be more (possibly double) undocumented immigrants living in Massachusetts than there are residents who identify as French or French-Canadian American in some census categories. Many longtime French-American and Acadian families feel their historical presence and cultural contributions are increasingly overlooked. To them, the issue is immigration laws, local identity, and whether the interests of established communities are being respected equally.

Undocumented Immigrant Population: 250,000-400,000

vs. French & Native French Canadian Population: 200,000

Total Foreign Population: 1.34 Million