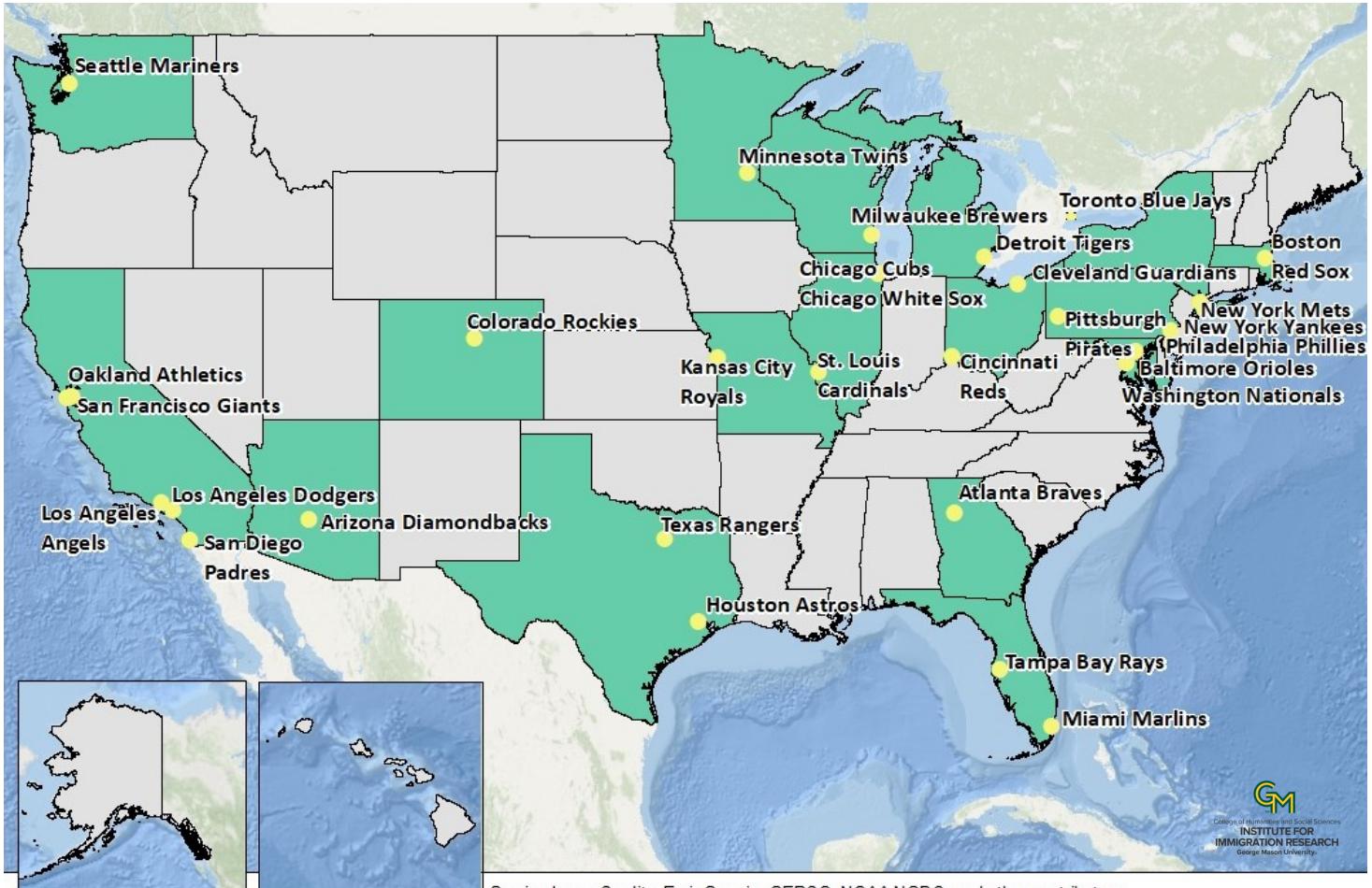


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**Figure 1. MLB Team Locations**



### 2024 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

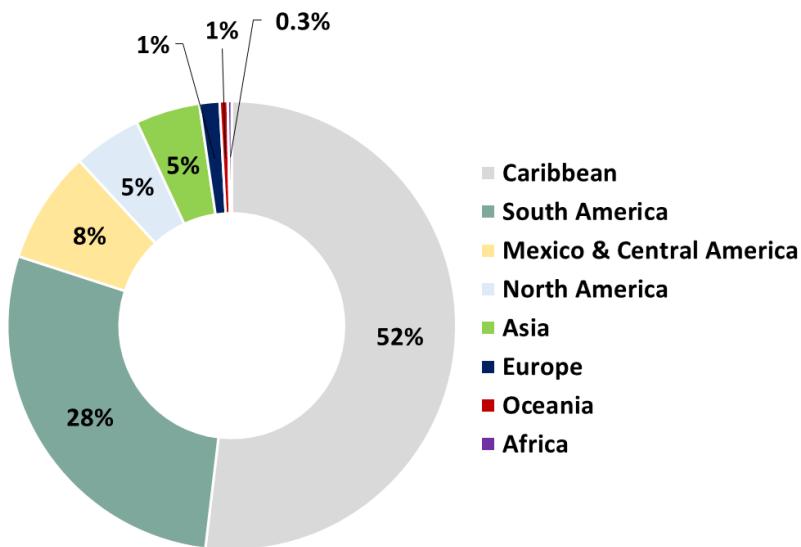
- **30:** Number of teams in the MLB
- **1,407** Number of players
- **345:** Number of foreign-born players (25% of the league's population)
- **23:** Number of countries foreign-born players represent
- **27:** Number of players born in a U.S. Territory (2% of the league's population)

Analysis in this fact sheet is based on source data from the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2022 distributed through IPUMS-USA, University of Minnesota, [www.ipums.org](http://www.ipums.org) as well as source data from the individual team rosters (<https://www.baseball-reference.com/leagues/majors/2024.shtml>). Team rosters were accessed on September 10, 2024 and October 14, 2024 and reflect the players who were on each team on that date. This fact sheet was produced by Dr. Marissa Kiss.

Please note that the terms “immigrant” and “foreign born” are used interchangeably throughout this fact sheet. Foreign born refers to individuals who are not a U.S. citizen at birth or who were born outside the U.S., Puerto Rico or other U.S. territories and whose parents are not U.S. citizens. The foreign born may include naturalized U.S. citizens, Legal Permanent Residents, temporary residents, refugees and asylees, and others. Additionally, native born includes those who are U.S. citizens at birth, those born in the United States, Puerto Rico, or other U.S. territories, and those born abroad to a parent who is a U.S. citizen.

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**Figure 2. World Region of Birth among Foreign-born MLB Players**



- More than three-fourths (**80%**) of foreign-born MLB players were born in the Caribbean or South America. This percentage is slightly lower compared to the 2023 season (81%).
- Compared to last year, there was an increase in players born in **Europe** who played in the league.

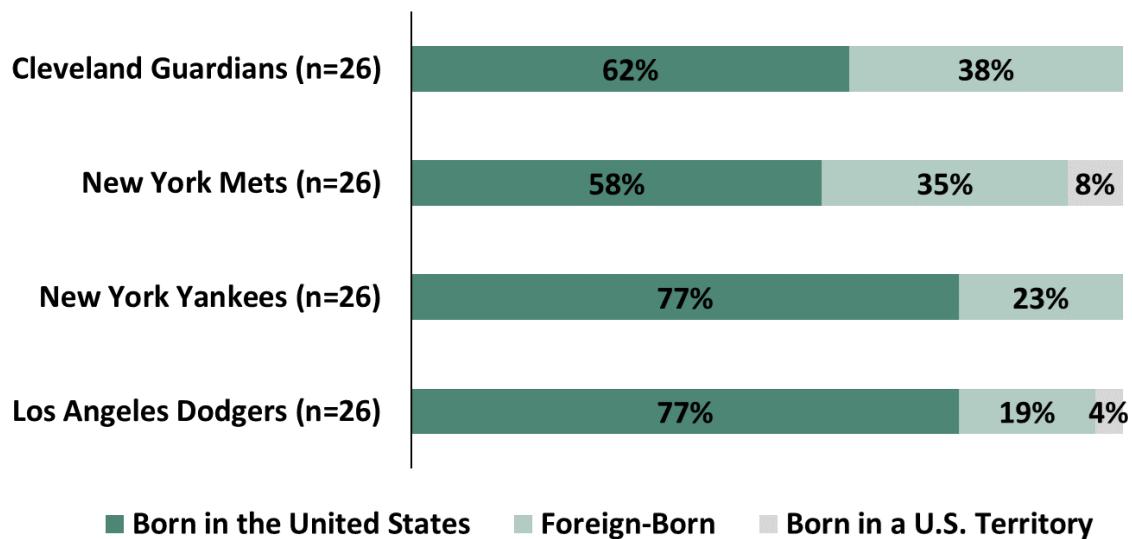
**Figure 3. Detailed Country of Birth among Foreign-born MLB Players**

Country		Percent
Africa	South Africa	0.29%
Asia	Japan	3.5%
	South Korea	0.9%
	Taiwan	0.3%
Caribbean	Dominican Republic	40.3%
	Cuba	9.6%
	Curaçao, Aruba, and Bahamas	0.9%
Europe	Germany	0.6%
	Portugal	0.3%
	Great Britain and Italy	0.6%
Mexico and Central America	Mexico	4.6%
	Panama	2.3%
	Nicaragua and Honduras	1.2%
North America	Canada	4.9%
Oceania	Australia	0.6%
South America	Venezuela	24.9%
	Colombia	2.3%
	Brazil and Peru	0.9%
Total (N=345)		100.0%

- In 2024, **three-fourths** (75%) of foreign-born MLB players were born in **the Dominican Republic, Venezuela, or Cuba**.
- In 2022, immigrants from these three countries comprised only **7%** of the entire foreign-born population in the United States.
- In 2022, the top five countries of birth among all immigrants in the United States include **Mexico** (23%), **India** (6%), **China** (5%), **Philippines** (4%), and **El Salvador** (3%).

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**Figure 4. Birthplace among Players on 2024 MLB Playoff Teams**



- During the 2024 MLB playoffs, among players who are currently on the active roster, **29%** of MLB players were foreign-born.
- The New York Mets were the most international team in the playoffs with more than two-fifths of their players either being born abroad or in a U.S. Territory.

**Figure 5. Countries of Birth among 2024 MLB Playoff Teams**

New York Mets	Los Angeles Dodgers	New York Yankees	Cleveland Guardians
Dominican Republic	Dominican Republic	Dominican Republic	Dominican Republic
Venezuela	Venezuela	Venezuela	Venezuela
Cuba	Cuba	Bahamas	Canada
Japan	Japan		
Colombia			

- Foreign-born MLB players who played in the 2024 playoffs were born in **seven different countries**. Players from Venezuela comprised the largest share of foreign-born players in the 2024 playoffs followed by the Dominican Republic, Canada, Japan, Cuba, and the Bahamas and Colombia.
- Similar to the 2024 regular season, slightly more than **three-fourths (77%)** of foreign-born players who played in the playoffs were born in the **Dominican Republic, Venezuela, or Cuba**.



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