

Immigrants were more likely to be in the workforce than native-born citizens

Labor force participation rate, by birth country. Following a Great Recession spike, the unemployment rate for both native- and foreign-born workers generally declined through the 2010s before rising even higher in 2020 during the pandemic. The June 2019 foreign-born unemployment rate was 2.7 percent. The native-born unemployment rate was 4.1 percent. Rates for both groups fell back to below 4 percent in June 2022 and 2023 before rising in the ensuing year.

