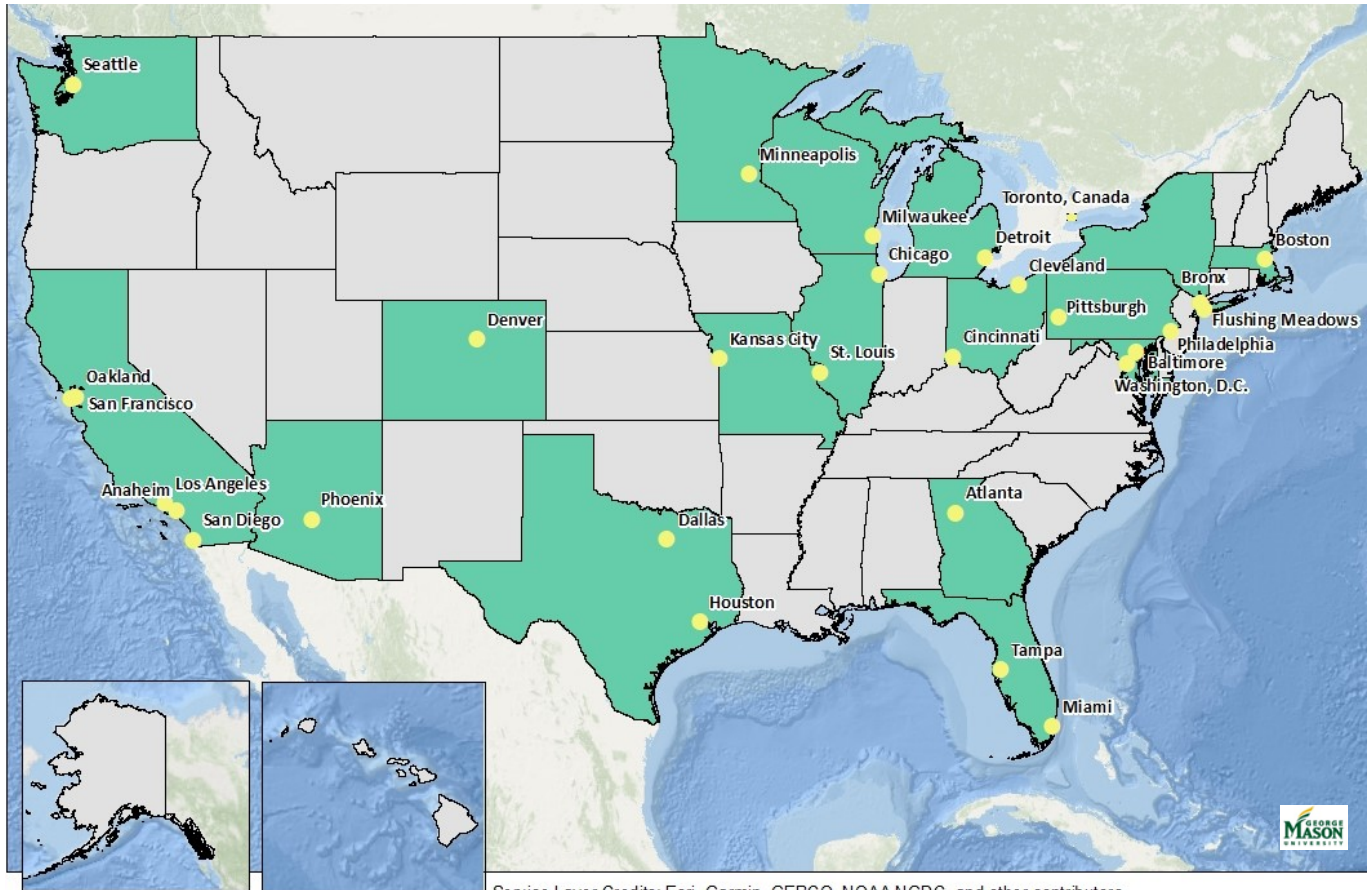


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Figure 1. MLB Team Locations



2022 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

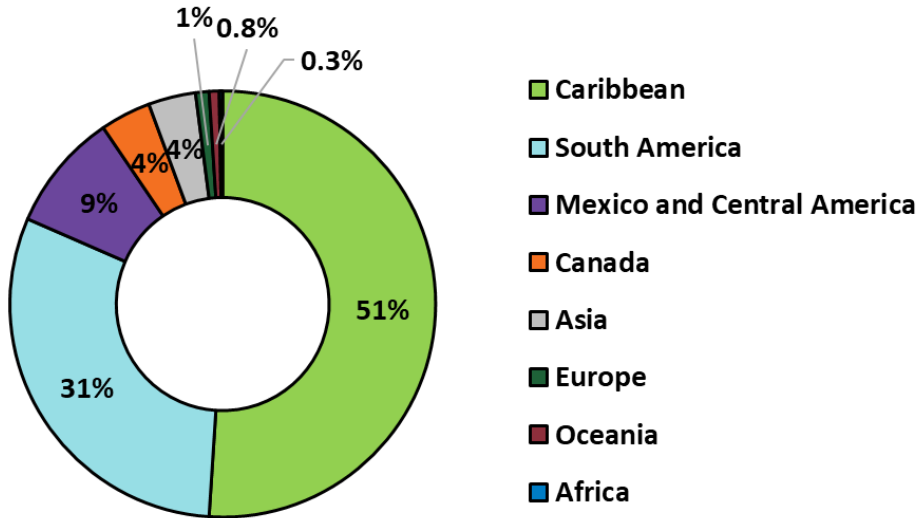
- **1,454:** Number of players in the MLB
- **390:** Approximate number of foreign-born players (27% of the league’s population)
- **21:** Number of countries foreign-born players represent
- **28:** Approximate number of players born in a U.S. Territory (2% of the league’s population)
- **30:** Number of teams in the MLB

Analysis in this fact sheet is based on source data from the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2020 distributed through IPUMS-USA, University of Minnesota, www.ipums.org as well as source data from the individual team rosters (www.basketball-reference.com/teams/). Team rosters were accessed in October 2022 and reflect the players who were on each team on that date.

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 **eighty percent (82%)** of foreign-born MLB players were born in the Caribbean or South America.

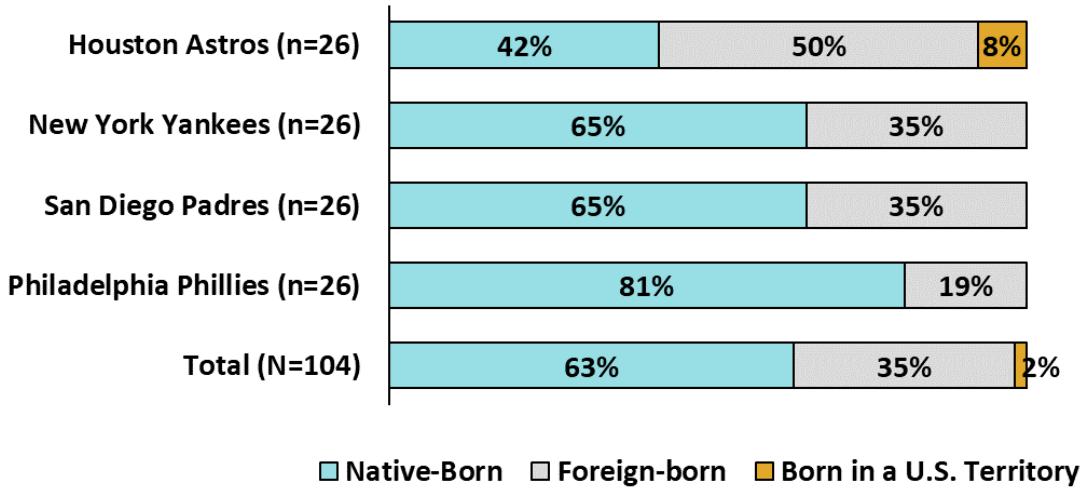
Figure 3. Detailed Country of Birth among Foreign-born MLB Players

	Country	Percent
Africa	South Africa	0.3%
	Japan	1.8%
Asia	South Korea	1.5%
	Taiwan	0.3%
	Dominican Republic	41.0%
Caribbean	Cuba	7.7%
	Curacao, Aruba, and Bahamas	2.3%
	Germany	0.8%
Europe	Netherlands	0.3%
	Mexico	5.9%
Mexico and Central America	Panama	2.3%
	Nicaragua and Honduras	0.8%
	Canada	3.8%
North America	Australia	0.8%
	Venezuela	26.7%
Oceania	Colombia	3.3%
	Brazil and Peru	0.5%
	Total (N=390)	100.0%

- In 2022, **three-fourths, (75%)** of MLB players were born in **the Dominican Republic, Venezuela, or Cuba.**
- In 2020, immigrants from these three countries comprised only **7%** of the foreign-born population in the United States.
- In 2020, the top five countries of birth among immigrants in the United States include **Mexico (24%), India (6%), China (5%), Philippines (4%), and Vietnam (3%).**

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Figure 4. Birthplace among 2022 MLB Playoff Teams



- During the 2022 MLB playoffs, **35%** of MLB players were foreign-born.
- The Houston Astros were the most international team with more than half of their players either being born abroad or in a U.S. Territory.

Figure 5. Country of Birth among 2022 MLB Playoff Teams

San Diego Padres	Houston Astros	New York Yankees	Philadelphia Phillies
Dominican Republic	Dominican Republic	Dominican Republic	Dominican Republic
Venezuela	Venezuela	Venezuela	Venezuela
Cuba	Cuba	Cuba	Panama
Curaçao	Honduras	Nicaragua	
Colombia	Mexico		
Japan			
South Korea			

- Foreign-born MLB players who played in the 2022 playoffs were born in **12 different countries**.
- Similar to the 2022 regular season, slightly more than **three-fourths (76%)** of foreign-born players who played in the playoffs were born in **the Dominican Republic, Venezuela, or Cuba**.

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