

## Definitions of immigrant students and language spoken at home in PISA

PISA distinguishes among four types of immigration background:

- **First-generation immigrant students** are foreign-born students whose parents were also foreign-born.
- **Second-generation immigrant students** are students who were born in the country of assessment, but whose parents are foreign-born.
- **Students with an immigrant background** include both first- and second-generation immigrant students. In this report, they are also referred to as “immigrant students”.
- **Students without an immigrant background** were born in the country of assessment or have at least one parent who was born in that country/economy. In this report, they are also referred to as “non-immigrant students”.

PISA also differentiates among students according to the language they speak at home most of the time:

- **Immigrant students who do not speak the language of assessment at home** are students who, when at home, speak most frequently a language that is different from the language of assessment. These students might sometimes speak the language of assessment at home too.