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# 700,000 Fil-Ams may get housing rescue

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any of its survey and census programs” are not asked).  
“We expect that unauthorized migrants were included among people who indicated that the United States was their usual place of residence on the survey date.”  
For Philippine-born US residents, the median selected monthly owner costs with a mortgage was pegged at \$2,344. This is higher by nearly a thousand to the median \$1,464 for the estimated total 301 million people in the US.  
The median selected monthly owner costs without a mortgage for Philippine-born US residents included in the ACS was also higher at \$475 compared with the US-wide median of \$407.  
Based on the ACS, some 405,017 Filipinos-born residents in the US own their own houses of the total 587,052 housing units recorded for this population segment.  
While the ACS didn't reveal if Filipinos shelling out more than 30 percent of their income to mortgage are facing foreclosure, its data reveal nearly three-quarters of a million of Filipinos are paying above their earning.  
Still, anecdotal data of Filipinos smack in the center of the housing crisis in the US have been reported by news agencies.  
On the other hand, many Filipinos (53.2

percent or 925,412) were recorded by ACS to have been spending less than 30 percent of their income for cost of owning a house in the past 12 months.  
ACS data cited that the median household income in the 12 months up to January this year of Philippine-born US residents at \$78,050, higher than the US-wide \$50,740 household income.  
ACS data reveals there are 587,052 households for these residents, with 81.2 percent categorized as family households. The owner-occupied housing units are higher at 69 percent than renter-occupied units for a total 587,052 occupied housing units.  
The family median income was listed as \$83,254, again higher than the \$61,173 median family income of a total 75.12 million families in the US.  
The per capita income of Philippine-born individuals was estimated at \$34,167 each two years ago.  
Things are different now as the crisis that started in the sub-prime mortgage market has eroded the US financial base.  
The World Bank has described this crisis as “the epicenter of the financial turbulence in the US.”  
There is “now widespread recognition that unless the decline in housing prices and the accompanying quality of credit are arrested,

nonperforming loans in US banks could rise to levels last seen during the banking crisis in Sweden in 1991 (13 percent of assets) or Japan during the 1990s (35 percent of assets), with much larger fiscal deficits and government borrowing than anticipated at present.”  
The WB said the American federal program that “will share with lenders the cost of modifying mortgages for people facing hardship (either delinquent at their payments or at risk of falling behind schedule) by reducing the mortgage payment (to 38 percent of the borrower's income or less) and cut the annual interest rate to as low as 2 percent.”  
The US is now implementing a \$275-billion rescue package for the housing sector.  
Still, the bank said these “efforts come against a grim background.”  
“US housing prices have fallen 27 percent from their peak in July 2006, reducing home values and housing wealth by about \$3.5 trillion.”  
The ACS report cited the Philippine community as the third-highest number of foreign-born living in the US in 2007.  
Of the total estimated 38.1 million foreign-born living in the US, 11.7 million are from Mexico while 1.9 million from China. Indian-born people living in the US is the fourth largest at 1.5 million. ■

# Illegal immigrants having more kids in US

*They're nearly twice as likely to live in poverty, study says*

**WASHINGTON** — Growing numbers of children of illegal immigrants are being born in the United States, and they are nearly twice as likely to live in poverty than those with American-born parents, a report says.  
The study released by the Pew Hispanic Center highlights a growing dilemma in the immigration debate: Illegal immigrants' children born in the US are American citizens, yet they struggle in poverty and uncertainty along with parents who fear deportation, toil largely in low-wage jobs and face layoffs in an ailing economy.  
The analysis by Pew, a nonpartisan research organization, found that estimated 11.9 million illegal immigrants made up 5.4 percent of the US work force, primarily in lower-paying farming, construction or janitorial work.  
Roughly three out of four of their children—or 4 million—were born in the US in 2003, 2.7 million children of illegal immigrants were born in this country.  
Overall, illegal immigrants' children account for one of every 15 students in kindergarten through 12th grade.  
Illegal immigrants also have become more geographically dispersed, increasingly passing up typical destinations like California in favor of jobs in newly emerging Hispanic areas in southeastern states like Georgia and North Carolina.  
In 2008, California had the most illegal immigrants at 2.7 million, double its 1990 number, followed by Texas, Florida, New York and New Jersey. Still, California's 22 percent share of the nation's illegal immigrant population was a marked drop-off from its 42 percent share in 1990.  
The latest demographic snapshot comes as President Barack Obama is preparing to address the politically sensitive issue of immigration reform later this year, including a proposal to give illegal immigrants a path to citizenship.  
Though their numbers have soared over the past two decades, the total number of illegal immigrants in the US has declined or remained flat in the last couple of years. Demographers attribute that to slower rates of migration into the US caused in part by the recession, as well as to deportations and stepped-up immigration enforcement during the Bush administration.  
**Among the findings:**  
• One-third of the children of illegal immigrants live in poverty, nearly double the rate for children of US-born parents.  
• Illegal immigrants' share of low-wage jobs has grown in recent years, from 10 percent of construction jobs in 2003 to 17 percent in 2008. They also make up 25 percent of workers in farming and 19 percent in building maintenance.  
• The 2007 median household income of illegal immigrants was \$36,000, compared with \$50,000 for US-born residents.  
• About 47 percent of illegal immigrant households have children, compared with 21 percent for US-born residents and 35 percent for legal immigrants.  
• About 59 percent of illegal immigrants, or 7 million, came from Mexico. Other regions included Asia (11 percent), Central America (11 percent), South America (7 percent), the Caribbean (4 percent) and the Middle East (2 percent).  
Earlier this year, the Homeland Security Department's inspector general found that more than 100,000 parents of US citizens were deported over the decade ending in 2007, prompting the department to say it would gather more information about families before deporting immigrants. (AP)

# Pacquiao's 'Gonna Run'—Mayweather Sr.

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pound-4-pound king title. He lost his first attempt at it, when now retired Floyd Mayweather Jr knocked him out. This time with Pacquiao holding the mythical title in the ring, Hatton doesn't want to let this opportunity slip by.  
“This fight can't get any bigger,” said Hatton whose dream is to be considered the pound-4-pound champion. “As a fighter you can't do anymore than beat the No. 1 pound for pound fighter in the world. Your goal obviously is to win the world title but to be the guardian of the best of all the world champions in all

the weight division like Manny Pacquiao is... you can't get any higher than that.”  
Many boxing pundits are expecting the quicker and elusive Pacquiao to defeat Hatton.  
But Hatton sees a lot of similarities between Pacquiao and Malignaggi, who was also considered by many experts as faster than Hatton.  
“You know, they all said that Paulie was going to out jab me and run in circles around me,” said Hatton. “But I proved that night. I think I out jabbed him and beat him to the punch.”  
Mayweather Sr. said that he already knows what to expect

from Pacquiao. He said that Hatton is going to chase him down all night long.  
“Ricky is going to stop Manny,” said Mayweather Sr. “Once Manny feels Ricky's strength and power he's going to run, run, run, and run. He's [Manny is] going to get cornered and can't run no more.”  
“That's what we'll be doing,” he added. “We're getting ready to mainly attack the body and back him up in the corner and leave him there. Pacquiao can't fight fighting backwards. All he does is throw arm punches so I think we can beat up that body and then Manny [will] have a whole diff outlook on who Ricky is.”  
Hatton said that his job is to execute the strategy “intelligently.”  
“Not like what I was doing a couple years ago - just steam in there and body punching and roll over my opponents,” said Hatton. “I have to be more tactically better.”  
Mayweather Sr. didn't want to offer any predictions on the outcome of the fight. He feels that his fighter is going to win against Pacquiao. He said that from this point on, talking about Hatton or Pacquiao's strategy is cheap.  
“You can talk with your mouth but let's see if they can do it right there in front of the crowd,” he said. (Joseph Pimentel)

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# Green Philippine passports no longer valid by 2010

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need to apply in person at the California office.  
The new maroon-colored MRP has a “machine readable zone” containing the personal data of the passport holder that can be read by a machine or computer. At the same time, personal details of an individual are also visible to the naked eye.  
The ICAO is an agency of the United Nations that fosters the planning and development of air transport to ensure safe and orderly growth.  
It has required all its member states, including the Philippines, to issue MRPs before April 1, 2010 to replace existing passports of its citizens. MRPs are expected to make processing of travelers at ports of entry faster since the information in the passport can be read by the machine and stored automatically in the database of immigration offices.  
This is expected to make processing of travelers at ports of entry and exit faster.  
“This means greater convenience and security for the traveler. In the past, the information is manually encoded in the database,” the Los Angeles Philippine Consulate said in its website.  
“With the MRP's superior security features compared to the green passports, it virtually eliminates the possibility of identity theft and acts of fraud,” it added.  
The Consul General in a statement said that Filipinos who want to apply for a MRP during the consular outreach in Las Vegas need to make an appointment on or before May 20.  
“(This is) in view of the anticipated high volume of applicants and in order to ensure an orderly flow of operations,” it said.  
“While walk in applicants will also be entertained, priority will be given to those with confirmed appointments,” it added.  
Appointments can be made via email at laphilcongen@gmail.com or fax 213-639-0990, while application forms can be downloaded from www.philippineconsulatela.org.  
Confirmed appointments will be posted at this website as well.  
MRP applicants also need to mail or fax advanced copies of application forms as well as a copy of the data page of their current passports. In addition, they need to submit three passport-sized photos with royal blue background, instead of white during the consular outreach. All applicants with confirmed appointments are required to complete the application in person.  
MRP application fee is \$50 while mailing costs an additional \$6. It will take approximately six weeks to receive the new document.  
Meanwhile, the consular team will also offer other services during the two-day outreach which will be held from 9:00am to 5:00pm at the Colonade Square Plaza on 8826 S. Eastern Ave., Suite 115 Las Vegas, NV.  
Other consular transactions include processing of applications for retention and re-acquisition of Philippine citizenship; notarization of documents; and registration for overseas absentee voting.  
Filipinos who want to avail of these additional services during the Consular outreach should also send advanced copies of application forms to the Los Angeles Consular office via fax or e-mail. They need to as set up appointments before May 20 via fax or e-mail as well. (Dymphna Calica-La Putt)