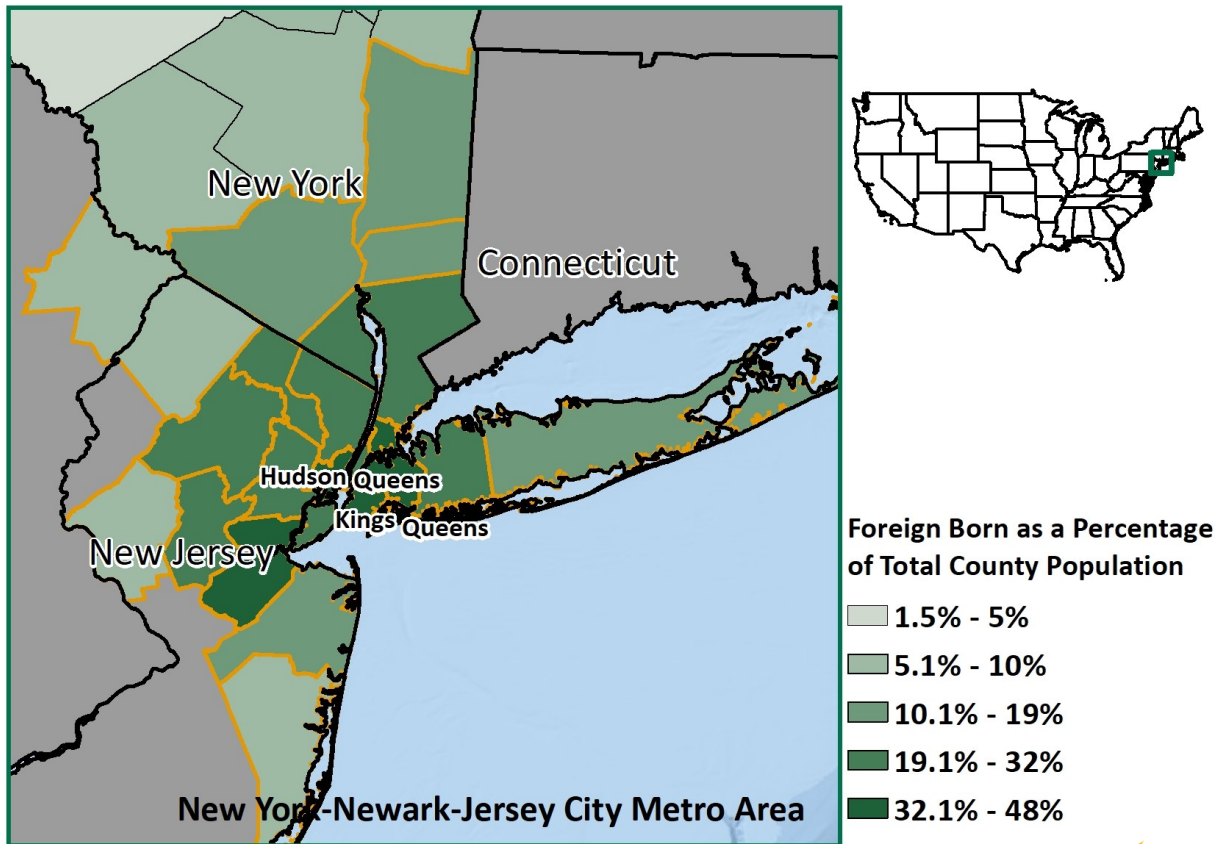


Immigrants in the New York-Newark-Jersey City Metropolitan Area

Figure 1. Immigrants in the New York-Newark-Jersey City Metro Area



Distribution of Immigrants

Figure 1 shows where immigrants live in the New York-Newark-Jersey City metro area. Queens County (47%), Hudson County (43%) and Kings County (36%) reported the highest percentages of immigrants.

Note: Maps are based on IPUMS National Historical Geographic Information System: Version 15.0. ACS 2015-2019 dataset. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota. 2021.

2019 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- **44,032,500:** Approximate number of immigrants¹ living in the U.S. (14% of the population)
- **4,432,000:** Approximate number of immigrants living in the state of New York (23% of the state's population)
- **2,003,000:** Approximate number of immigrants living in the state of New Jersey (23% of the state's population)
- **875,300:** Approximate number of immigrants living in the state of Pennsylvania (7% of the state's population)
- **5,774,500:** Approximate number of immigrants living in the metro area (29% of the area's population)
- **8%:** Estimated increase in the number of immigrants living in the metro area in the past 10 years
- **1st:** Rank of the metro area among the 260 identified metro areas in terms of immigrants as a percentage of the metro's population

All analysis in this fact sheet is based on source data from the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2015-2019 distributed through IPUMS-USA, University of Minnesota, www.ipums.org, unless otherwise noted.

¹Please 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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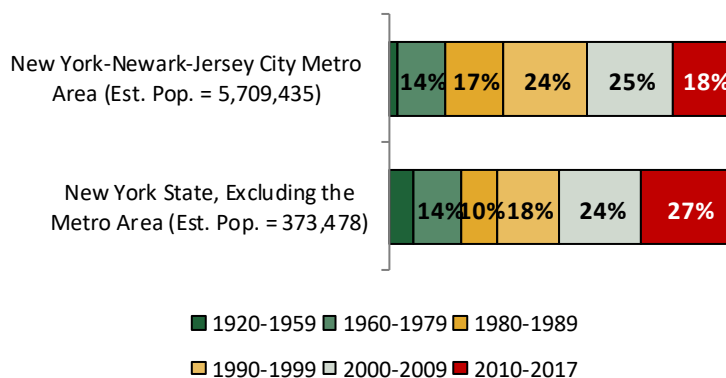
 **Figure 2. Top Five Country of Birth**

New York-Newark-Jersey City Metro Area		New York State, Excluding the Metro Area	
Dominican Republic	11%	China	8%
China	8%	India	6%
India	6%	Canada	5%
Mexico	5%	Italy	4%
Jamaica	5%	Germany	3%
159 Other Countries	65%	157 Other Countries	74%
Estimated Immigrant Population	5,774,477	Estimated Immigrant Population	381,248

Country of Birth

Figure 2 shows that the Dominican Republic is the top country of birth of immigrants in the New York-Newark-Jersey City metro area, while China is the top country of origin for all other immigrants in New York State. Immigrants are more likely to come from the Dominican Republic, Mexico or Jamaica in the metro area compared to the rest of the state of New York. Meanwhile, immigrants in the New York State are more likely to come from Canada, Italy or Germany compared to the metro area.

 **Figure 3. Year of Immigration, 1920-2017**

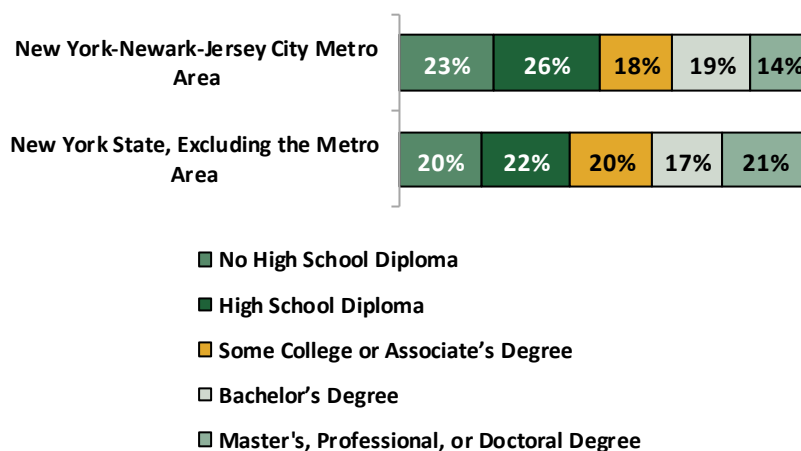


Year of Immigration

Figure 3 indicates that overall, the foreign born in the New York-Newark-Jersey City metro area arrived earlier than other immigrants in New York State. 82% of immigrants in the metro area arrived before 2010 compared to 73% of all other immigrants in the state of New York. More than one quarter of immigrants in New York State arrived since 2010. The median year of arrival for immigrants living in the metro is 1997, while the median year of arrival for immigrants in the New York State is 2000.

 **Figure 4. Educational Attainment**

Age 25+



Educational Attainment

Figure 4 shows that overall, immigrants in New York State are more educated than those in the New York-Newark-Jersey City metro. The latter are less likely to have a Master's, Professional, or Doctoral Degree (14%) compared to all other immigrants in the New York State (21%). Immigrants living in the New York-Newark-Jersey City metro are also more likely to have no high school diploma (23%) compared to all other immigrants in the New York State (20%).

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Figure 5. Languages Spoken at Home

Age 5+

New York-Newark-Jersey City Metro Area		New York State, Excluding the Metro Area	
Spanish	34%	English	30%
English	22%	Spanish	12%
Chinese	9%	Chinese	8%
Hindi and related languages	7%	Hindi and related languages	7%
French	4%	Arabic	4%
55 Other Languages	24%	51 Other Languages	39%
Estimated Immigrant Population	5,740,688	Estimated Immigrant Population	378,013

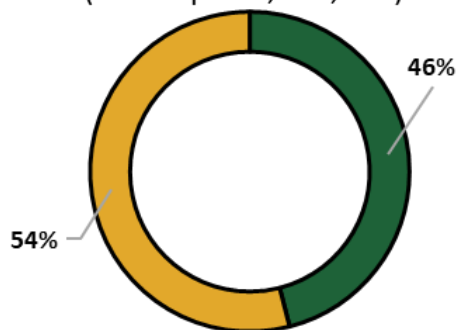
Languages Spoken at Home

Figure 5 shows that one third of immigrants in the New York-Newark-Jersey City metro area speak Spanish at home. Immigrants in New York State are more likely to speak English at home compared to immigrants in the New York-Newark-Jersey City metro area. Besides English and Spanish, Chinese and Hindi and related languages are also among top five languages that immigrants spoke at home in both the metro area and the state. This is consistent with the fact that 14 percent of immigrants are from China or India in both the metro area and the rest of the New York State.

Figure 6. English Proficiency Rates

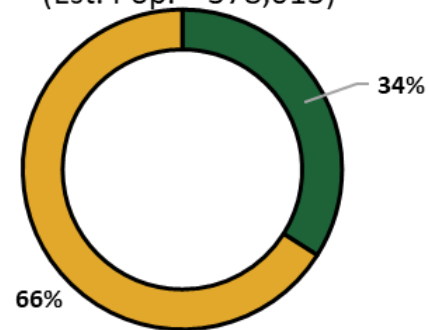
Age 5+

New York-Newark-Jersey City Metro Area
(Est. Pop. = 5,740,688)



New York State, Excluding the Metro Area
(Est. Pop. = 378,013)

■ Not Proficient in English
■ Proficient in English



English Proficiency

Figure 6 shows that more than half of the immigrants in the New York-Newark-Jersey City metro area are proficient in English (54%). Immigrants in the metro area are more likely to be proficient in English compared to all other immigrants in the New York State.



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