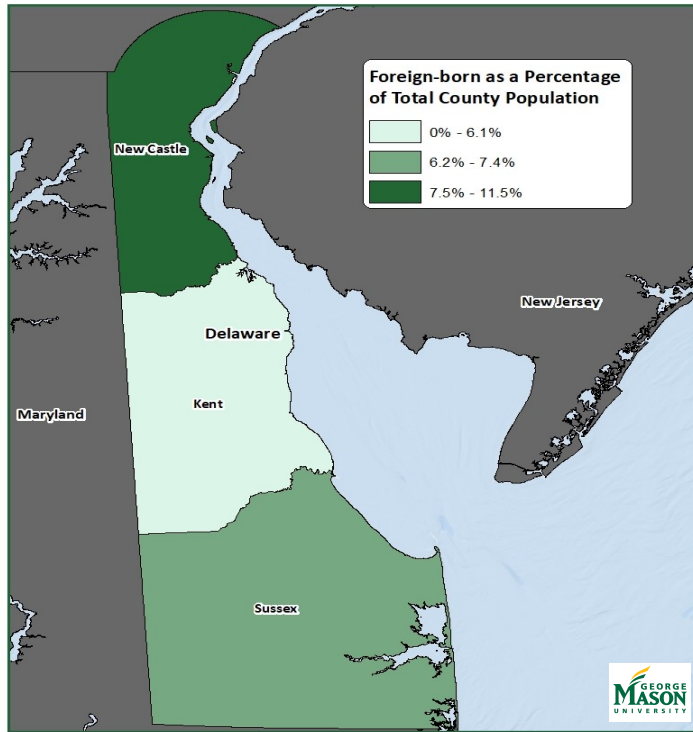


Immigrants in Delaware

Figure 1. Immigrants in Delaware



Note: This data was prepared by the George Mason University Institute for Immigration Research (IIR), 2022. This data is displayed at the county level. Maps are based on IPUMS National Historical Geographic Information System: Version 16.0. ACS 2015-2019 dataset. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota, 2022.

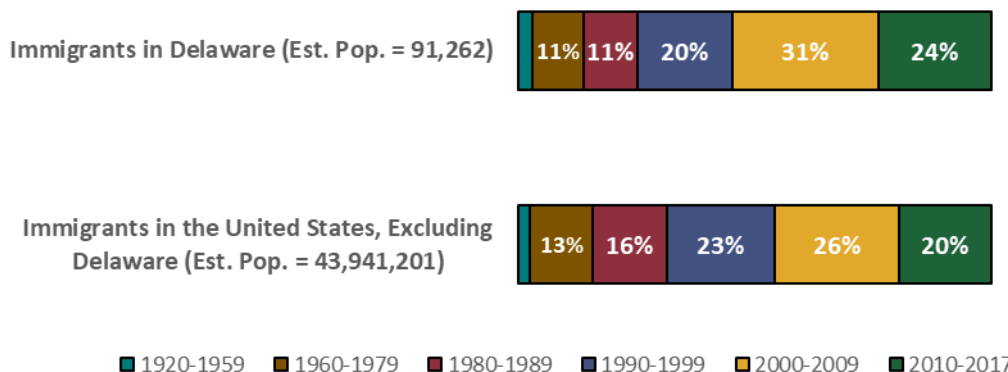
2019 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- **44,032,500:** Approximate number of immigrants living in the U.S. (14% of the population)
- **91,300:** Approximate number of immigrants in Delaware (10% of the state's population)
- **34%:** Estimated increase in the number of immigrants in Delaware in the past 10 years
- **20th:** Rank of Delaware among the 50 states and the District of Columbia in terms of immigrants as a percentage of the state's total population.

Distribution of Immigrants in Delaware

Figure 1 shows the distribution of immigrants throughout Delaware. The highest of percentage of immigrants are located in the state's northern-most county, New Castle. Sussex County has the second highest share of foreign-born in the state, while Kent County has the lowest shares of immigrants in the state.

Figure 2. Year of Immigration



Year of Immigration

Figure 2 shows that more immigrants in Delaware are recent arrivals compared to the rest of the United States. Specifically, 55 percent of immigrants in Delaware arrived after 2000, while in the rest of the United States, 54 percent arrived prior to 2000. Additionally, the median year of arrival for foreign-born individuals in Delaware is 2001. This is slightly later compared to all other immigrants in the United States whose median year of arrival is 1998.

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.

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 3. Age Among Immigrants**

Age Among Immigrants

Figure 3 demonstrates that the age distribution of immigrants in Delaware is similar to the age distribution in the rest of the United States. Roughly, 44 percent of immigrants in Delaware are between the ages of 25 and 44 compared to 38% of immigrants in the rest of the United States. With only slight differences in age distribution between the two comparison groups, it is not surprising that the median age of immigrants in Delaware, 44, is the same as the median age of immigrants in the rest of the United States.

	Immigrants in Delaware	Immigrants in the United States, Excluding Delaware
0 thru 4 years old	1%	1%
5 to 15 years old	4%	4%
16 to 24 years old	9%	8%
25 to 34 years old	21%	17%
35 to 44 years old	23%	21%
45 to 54 years old	16%	19%
55 to 64 years old	12%	14%
65 years and older	14%	16%
Estimated Immigrant Population	91,262	43,941,201

 **Figure 4. Race and Ethnicity**

	Immigrants in Delaware	All Other Immigrants in U.S. Excluding Delaware
White	40%	46%
Asian	30%	27%
Black	20%	9%
Other Race	8%	16%
Two or More Races	2%	2%
Not Hispanic	67%	56%
Hispanic	33%	44%
Estimated Immigrant Population	91,262	43,941,201

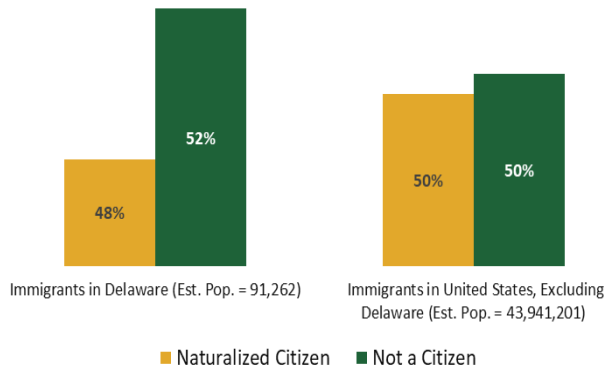
Race and Ethnicity

With regard to race, Figure 4 shows that Delaware has similar shares of White and Asian immigrants to that of the remainder of the United States. However, the proportion of Delaware's Black population, as a percentage of total immigrant population, is more than double that of the rest of the United States (20% v. 9%). Additionally, approximately 8 percent of immigrants identify as "other race" in Delaware, while the percentage is double that for the rest of the United States.

With regard to ethnicity, there is a greater proportion of immigrants that identify as Hispanic in the rest of the United States (44%) compared to Delaware (33%).

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Figure 5. Naturalization Rates



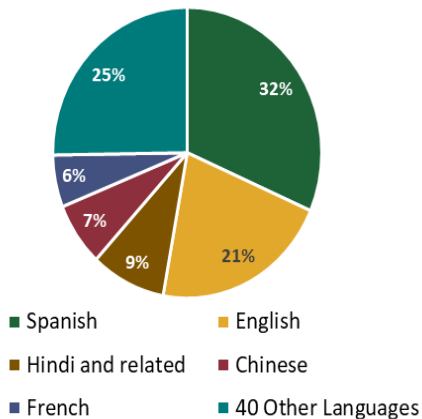
Naturalization Rates

As seen in Figure 5, Delaware has similar rates of naturalization to those of the remainder of the United States. Roughly half of the foreign-born population in the remainder of the United States are naturalized citizens, while slightly more than half (52%) of the foreign-born population in Delaware are naturalized citizens.

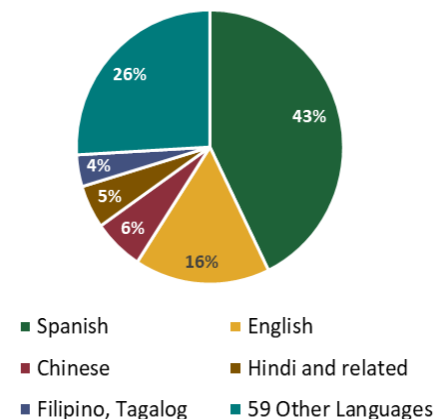
Figure 6. Languages Spoken at Home Among Immigrants

Age 5+

Immigrants in Delaware
(Est. Pop. = 89,928)



Immigrants in the United States, Excluding Delaware
(Est. Pop. = 43,645,379)



Languages Spoken at Home

Figure 6 demonstrates that the most common language spoken at home amongst immigrants in both Delaware and the rest of the United States is Spanish. However, the percentage of Spanish speakers is greater in the rest of the United States than in Delaware (43 percent vs. 32 percent). The remaining top 5 languages in Delaware are similar to the top 5 in the rest of the United States, however, French is a top 5 language amongst immigrants in Delaware but not in the rest of the United States. This is likely attributable to the fact that Delaware has more than double the proportion of Black immigrants as a percentage of total immigrant population than the rest of the United States (see Figure 4), and about a quarter of Delaware's Black immigrants come from Francophone countries of origin. Specifically, approximately 20 percent of Delaware's Black immigrants were born in Haiti, 3 percent were born in Cameroon, and 2 percent were born in other Francophone African countries.

For factsheets that examine populations at the household level, please note that a household includes all the people who occupy a housing unit. A native-born U.S. citizen household is defined as a household which is headed by a native-born U.S. citizen, regardless of the immigration status of the spouse. Conversely, an immigrant-headed household is defined as a household which is headed by a foreign-born individual, regardless of the immigration status of the spouse. For fact sheets that examine total family income, please note that the total annual income of all family members in the household is included in the analysis. For fact sheets that examine personal income, personal income refers to total personal income earned on an annual basis.

For fact sheets that examine poverty status, please note that it excludes individuals who live in group quarters and those who are under the age of 18 with no family.

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