

Numbers at a Glance

44,032,500: Approximate number of immigrants living in the U.S. (14% of the population)

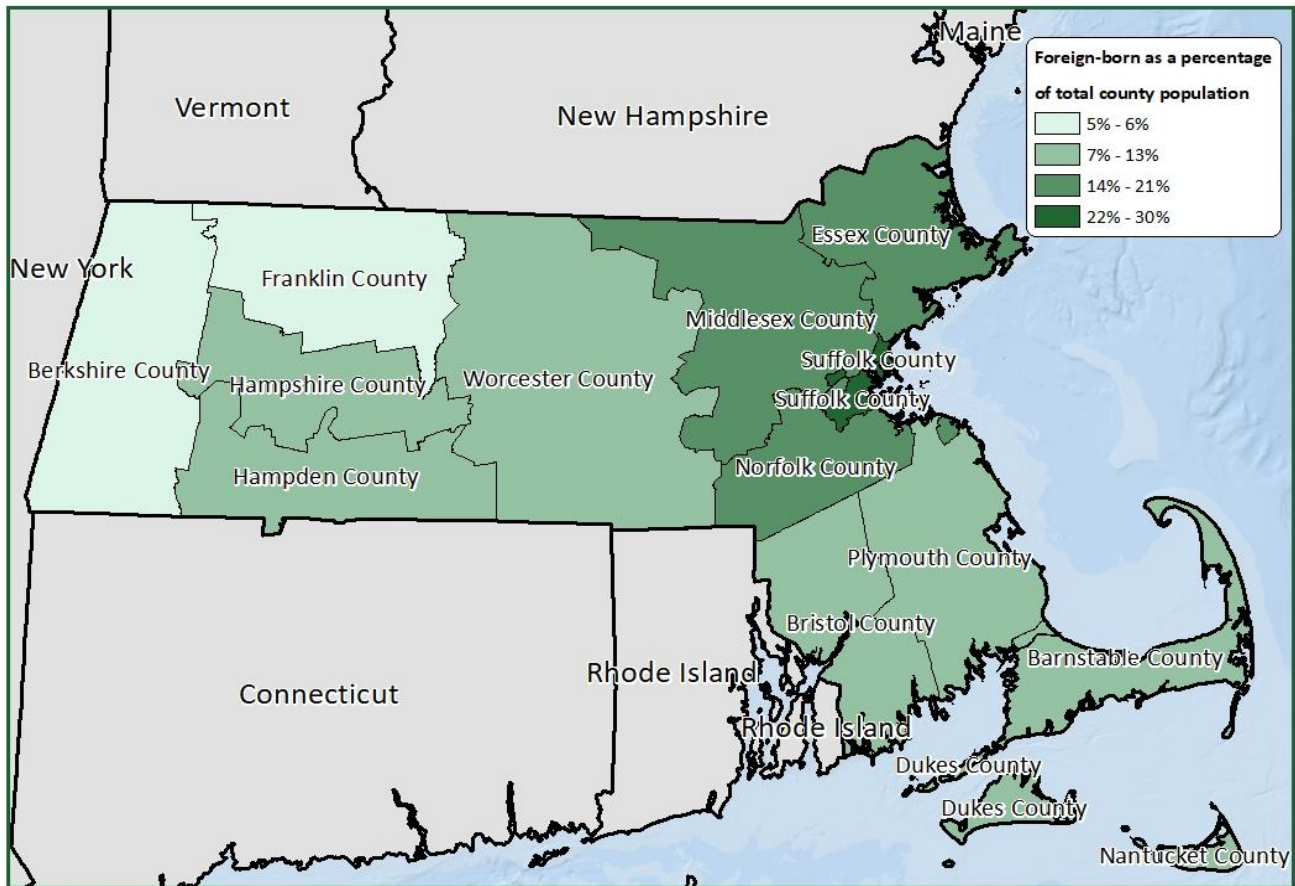
1,153,700: Approximate number of immigrants in Massachusetts (17% of the state's population)

899,399: Approximate number of immigrants in the Boston-Cambridge-Newton metropolitan area in Massachusetts (21% of the metropolitan area population)

27%: Estimated increase in the number of immigrants in the Boston-Cambridge-Newton metropolitan area in the past 10 years

10th: Rank of the Boston-Cambridge-Newton metropolitan area among the 260 identified metro areas in terms of immigrants as a percentage of the metro's population.

Immigrants in Massachusetts



Note: This data was prepared by the George Mason University Institute for Immigration Research (IIR). 2021. 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. 2021.

Age Among Immigrants

	Immigrants in the Boston Metropolitan Area	All Other Immigrants in Massachusetts
0 thru 4	0.8%	0.6%
5 to 15 years	4.2%	3.9%
16 to 24 years old	9.7%	8.9%
25 to 34 years old	19.3%	15.7%
35 to 44 years old	20.4%	18.1%
45 to 54 years old	17.7%	18.9%
55 to 64 years old	13.6%	14.8%
65 years and older	14.2%	19.0%
Estimated Immigrant Population	899,399	254,307
Median Age	42 Years old	46 years old

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English Proficiency Among Immigrants (Age 5+)

	Immigrants in the Boston Metropolitan Area	All Other Immigrants in Massachusetts
Proficient in English	56.4%	61.0%
Not Proficient in English	43.6%	39.0%
Estimated Immigrant Population (Age 5+)	891,764	252,895

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Language Spoken at Home Among Immigrants (Age 5+)

Immigrants in the Boston Metropolitan Area		All Other Immigrants in Massachusetts	
Spanish	23.1%	English	21.9%
English	18.0%	Portuguese	20.9%
Chinese	10.6%	Spanish	15.3%
Portuguese	9.3%	Hindi and related	5.4%
French	8.7%	French	4.7%
50 Other Languages	30.3%	47 Other Languages	31.9%
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Employment Status Among Immigrants

In the Labor Force, Ages 16-65

	Immigrants in the Boston Metropolitan Area	All Other Immigrants in Massachusetts
Employed	95.3%	95.8%
Unemployed	4.7%	4.2%
Estimated Immigrant Population (Ages 16-65)	579,610	151,200

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Household Income

Age 16+

	Immigrants in the Boston Metropolitan Area	All Other Immigrants in Massachusetts
Less than \$40,000	34.0%	36.3%
\$40,000 to \$74,999	21.3%	24.9%
\$75,000 and greater	44.7%	38.9%
Estimated Immigrant Household Head Population	385,015	110,657
Median Income	\$64,141	\$56,098

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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.

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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Immigration Data on Demand (iDod)

The goal of iDod is to connect people with customized data about immigrants in particular regions or sectors of interest. This data provides insights into the vital contributions immigrants make to the economy and society.

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