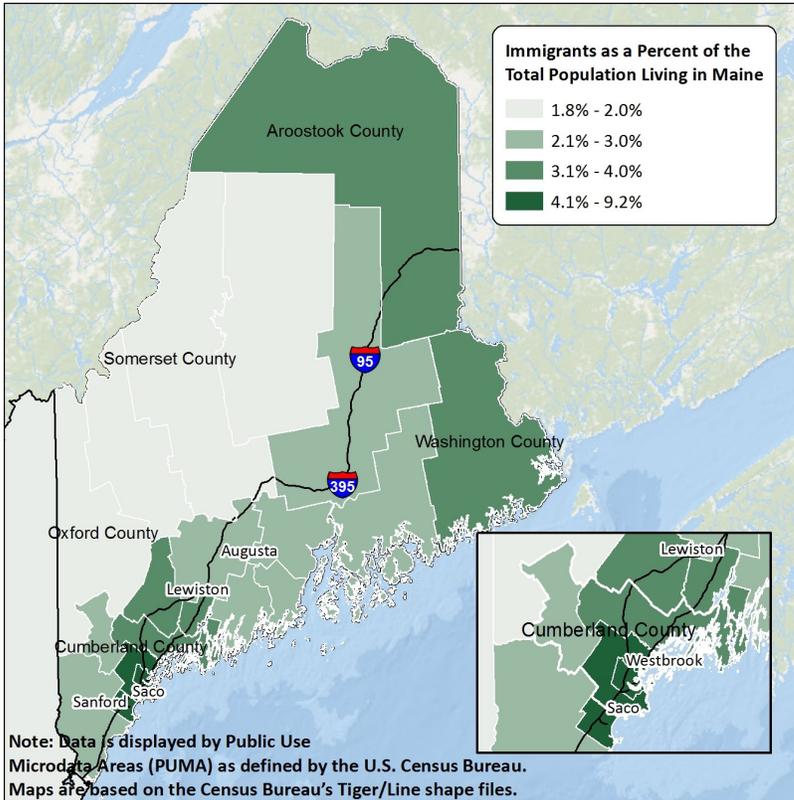


Foreign-Born* Population in Maine

Figure 1. Immigrants Living in Maine Area as a Percentage of Total Population



2015 Numbers at a Glance

- **41,757,000:** Approximate number of immigrants* living in the United States (13% of the population)
- **45,200:** Approximate number of immigrants living in Maine (3% of the state's population)
- **44th:** Rank of the state of Maine among the 50 states and Washington, D.C. in terms of immigrants as a percentage of state population

Proportion of Immigrants Living in the state of Maine

Figure 1 shows where immigrants are living within Maine as a percentage of the population. Aroostook County and the southeastern region of Cumberland County have a higher percentage of immigrants. However, the regions between Oxford County and Piscataquis County reported lower percentages of foreign-born individuals.

Race and Ethnicity

Most of the immigrants living in Maine (89 percent) identified as either White (non-Hispanic), Asian (non-Hispanic), or Black (non-Hispanic) (Figure 2). There are significantly less immigrants who identify as Hispanic living in Maine compared to immigrants living in the United States.

Median Personal Income

Full-time employed immigrants who are 16 years of age and older living in Maine reported higher median personal incomes (\$42,048) compared to immigrants living in the U.S. (\$36,580).

Poverty

Figure 3 highlights the poverty status among immigrants living in Maine and across the United States. Over three-fourths (78 percent) of immigrants living in Maine live at or above the poverty line. This is slightly lower compared to immigrants living in the United States (81 percent).

Figure 3. Poverty Status among Immigrants Living in Maine and in the United States	Maine	United States
Below the Poverty Line	22%	19%
At or Above the Poverty Line	78%	81%
Estimated Immigrant Population[†]	43,940	41,196,675

[†] Excludes individuals who live in group quarters and those who are under the age of 18 with no family.

Figure 2. Race and Ethnicity among Immigrants Living in Maine and in the United States	Maine	United States
White (non-Hispanic)	52%	18%
Asian (non-Hispanic)	23%	26%
Black (non-Hispanic)	14%	8%
White (Hispanic)	5%	29%
Two or more races (non-Hispanic)	3%	1%
Other Race (Hispanic)	2%	16%
Other Race (non-Hispanic)	<1%	1%
Two or more races (Hispanic)	<1%	1%
Estimated Immigrant Population	45,218	41,757,110

All analysis in this fact sheet is based on source data from the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2011-2015 distributed through IPUMS-USA, University of Minnesota, www.ipums.org.

*Please note that the terms "immigrant" "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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Educational Attainment

Figure 4 shows the educational attainment among immigrants living in Maine and in the United States. Overall, foreign-born individuals living in Maine reported higher rates of educational attainment than immigrants nationally. Compared to immigrants living in the United States, immigrants in Maine were significantly more likely to have at least some college or an Associate's degree, bachelor's degree, as well as a graduate, professional, or doctoral degree.

Figure 4. Educational Attainment among Immigrants Living in Maine and in the United States

	Maine	United States
No High School Diploma	18%	30%
High School Diploma	24%	22%
Some College or Associate's Degree	25%	19%
Bachelor's Degree	18%	17%
Graduate, Professional, or Doctoral Degree	15%	12%
Estimated Immigrant Population (Ages 25+)	37,092	36,030,146

Employment

Figure 5 shows the employment status among foreign-born individuals who are ages 16 to 65 years old living in Maine and in the United States. Immigrants living in Maine reported similar rates of labor force participation and employment compared to immigrants nationally.

Figure 5. Employment Status among Immigrants Living in Maine and in the United States, Ages 16—65



Occupation

Immigrants living in Maine were employed in various occupations. Figure 6 highlights the top five occupational groups among employed immigrants who are 16 years or older living in Maine and in the United States. Immigrants living in Maine reported higher percentages of individuals employed in professional jobs compared to immigrants living in the United States. For example, foreign-born individuals living in Maine were more likely to be employed in healthcare practitioner and technical occupations, education training and library occupations, and management, business, science and arts occupations, while these areas did not fall into the top five nationally.

Figure 6. Top Five Occupational Groups among Employed Immigrants Living in Maine and in the U.S.

Maine		United States	
Office and Administrative Support	11%	Office and Administrative Support	9%
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	9%	Sales	8%
Food Preparation and Serving	9%	Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	8%
Education, Training, and Library	8%	Production	8%
Management, Business, Science, and Arts	8%	Food Preparation and Serving	8%
All Other Occupational Groups (n=19)	55%	All Other Occupational Groups (n=20)	59%
Estimated Immigrant Population (Ages 16+)	23,436	Estimated Immigrant Population (Ages 16+)	24,537,954

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