

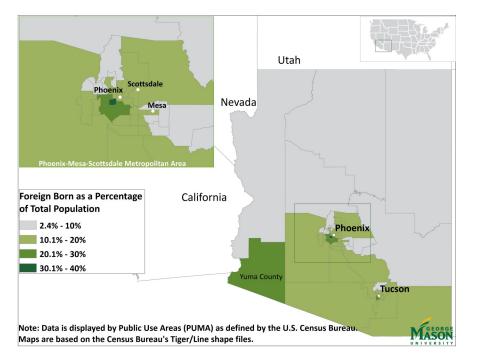
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# The Foreign-Born Population in Arizona and in the Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale Metropolitan Area

### 🚄 Figure 1. Foreign Born Living in Arizona

Foreign Born as a Percentage of Total Population



#### **2015 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE**

- 41,757,000: Approximate number of immigrants\* living in the U.S. (13% of the population)
- **895,700:** Approximate number of immigrants living in Arizona (13% of the state's population)
- **632,600:** Approximate number of immigrants living in the Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale metropolitan area (14% of the area's population)
- **13th:** Rank of Arizona among the 50 states and Washington, D.C. in terms of immigrants as a percentage of the state's population

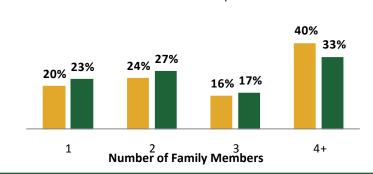
### Foreign Born in Arizona

Figure 1 shows how immigrants are distributed across the state of Arizona. The city of Phoenix and Yuma County reported the highest percentages of foreign-born residents. Seventy percent of immigrants in Arizona live in the Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale metropolitan area.

#### **Household\* Family Size**

Figure 2 shows the number of family members per immigrant household in the Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale metropolitan area compared to all other immigrant households in Arizona. Overall, immigrant households in the Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale metropolitan area reported higher rates of households with three or more family members compared to all other immigrant households in Arizona.

# Figure 2. Household Family Size Among Immigrant Households in the Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale Metropolitan Area Compared to All Other Immigrants in Arizona Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale Metropolitan Area Arizona



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" 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.

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. With regard to income, the total family income is used. This includes the total annual income of all family members in the household.



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#### Languages Spoken at Home

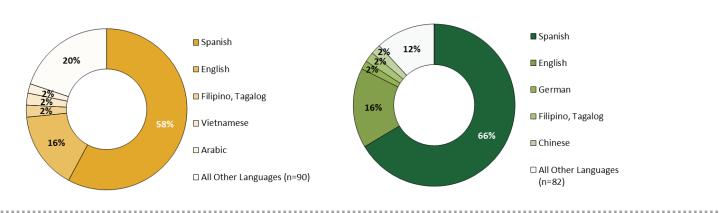
Figure 3 shows the top five languages spoken at home among immigrants living in the Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale metropolitan area compared to all other immigrants in Arizona. Overall, a majority of immigrants living in these two geographic areas speak Spanish or English at home. Additionally, four percent of immigrants living in the Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale metropolitan area speak Vietnamese or Arabic at home; four percent of all other immigrants in Arizona speak German or Chinese at home.

## Figure 3. Top Five Languages Spoken at Home in the Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale Metropolitan Area Compared to All Other Immigrants in Arizona

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Share of Immigrants Age 5 and Older, by Language Spoken at Home



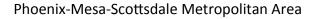
#### Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale Metropolitan Area

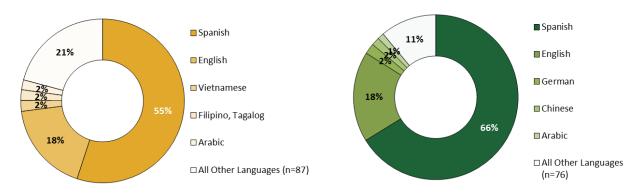
#### Languages Spoken at Home (Household Heads)

Figure 4 shows the top five languages spoken at home among immigrant household heads living in the Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale metropolitan area compared to all other immigrant household heads in Arizona. Overall, a majority of immigrant household heads living in these two geographic areas speak Spanish or English at home. Additionally, four percent of immigrant household heads living in the Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale metropolitan area speak Filipino or Vietnamese at home; four percent of all other immigrant household heads in Arizona speak German or Chinese at home.

## Figure 4. Top Five Languages Spoken at Home Among Household Heads in the Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale Metropolitan Area Compared to All Other Immigrant Household Heads in Arizona

Share of Immigrant Household Heads, by Language Spoken at Home







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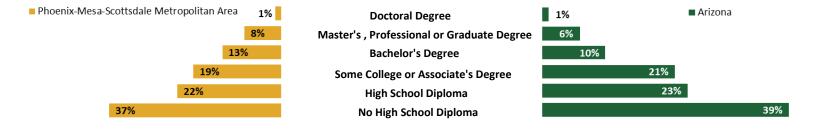
# The Foreign-Born Population in Arizona and in the Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale Metropolitan Area

#### **Educational Attainment**

Figure 5 shows that immigrants living in the Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale metropolitan area reported higher rates of educational attainment compared to all other immigrants living in Arizona. Compared to all other immigrants living in Arizona, immigrants living in the Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale metropolitan area are more likely to have a bachelor's degree, or higher.

## Figure 5. Educational Attainment Among Immigrants Living in the Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale Metropolitan Area Compared to All Other Immigrants in Arizona

Share of Immigrants, Age 25 or Older

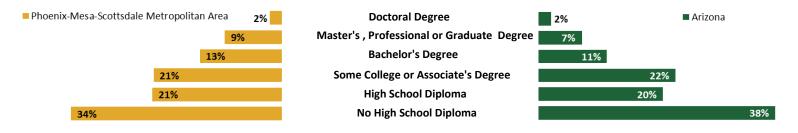


#### **Educational Attainment (Household Heads)**

Figure 6 shows that immigrant household heads living in the Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale metropolitan area reported higher rates of educational attainment compared to all other immigrant household heads living in Arizona. Immigrant household heads living in the Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale metropolitan area reported earning a bachelor's or graduate degrees at a higher rate compared to all other immigrant household heads living in Arizona.

# Figure 6. Educational Attainment Among Household Heads Living in the Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale Metropolitan Area Compared to All Other Immigrant Household Heads in Arizona

Share of Immigrant Household Heads, Age 25 or Older





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#### **Occupational Group**

Figure 7 shows the top five occupational groups among immigrants living in the Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale metropolitan area compared to all other immigrants living in Arizona. Overall, immigrants in both geographic areas are employed in similar occupational groups. Immigrants in the Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale metropolitan area are slightly more likely to work in building and grounds cleaning and maintenance and construction compared to all other immigrants living in Arizona.

# Figure 7. Top Five Occupational Groups Among Immigrants Living in the Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale Metropolitan Area Compared to All Other Immigrants in Arizona

Share of Employed Immigrants Age 16 or Older, By Occupational Group

Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale Metropolitan Area		Arizona	
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	14%	Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	13%
Construction	11%	Food Preparation and Serving	9%
Food Preparation and Serving	8%	Construction	9%
Office and Administrative Support	8%	Sales and Related	8%
Production	8%	Office and Administrative Support	8%
All Other Occupational Groups (n=20)	51%	All Other Occupational Groups (n=20)	53%
Estimated Immigrant Population (Ages 16+)	346,233	Estimated Immigrant Population (Ages 16+)	130,682

#### **Occupational Group (Household Heads)**

Figure 8 shows the top five occupational groups among immigrant household heads living in the Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale metropolitan area compared to all other immigrant household heads living in Arizona. Overall, immigrant household heads in both geographic areas are employed in similar occupational groups. Immigrant household heads in the Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale metropolitan area are slightly more likely to work in building and grounds cleaning and maintenance, production and construction compared to all other immigrants living in Arizona.

## Figure 8. Top Five Occupational Groups Among Household Heads Living in the Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale Metropolitan Area Compared to All Other Immigrant Household Heads in Arizona

Share of Employed Immigrant Household Heads, Age 16 or Older, By Occupational Group

Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale Metropolitan Area		Arizona	
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	14%	Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	12%
Construction	10%	Construction	9%
Production	8%	Food Preparation and Serving	8%
Office and Administrative Support	8%	Sales and Related	8%
Management, Business, Science, and Arts	7%	Office and Administrative Support	8%
All Other Occupational Groups (n=20)	53%	All Other Occupational Groups (n=20)	55%
Estimated Immigrant Household Head Population (Ages 16+)	171,471	Estimated Immigrant Household Head Population (Ages 16+)	69,050



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### **English Proficiency**

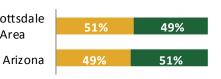
Figure 9 shows that immigrants living in the Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale metropolitan area reported higher rates of English proficiency (speaks only English or speaks English very well) compared to all other immigrants living in Arizona.

# Figure 9. English Proficiency Rate Among Immigrants Living in the Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale Metropolitan Area Compared to All Other Immigrants in Arizona

Share of Immigrants Age 5 and Older

Proficient in English
Not Proficient in English

Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale Metropolitan Area



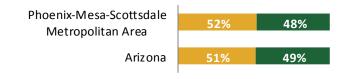
### **English Proficiency (Household Heads)**

Figure 10 shows that immigrant household heads living in the Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale metropolitan area reported slightly higher rates of English proficiency (speaks only English or speaks English very well) compared to all other immigrant household heads living in Arizona.

# Figure 10. English Proficiency Rate Among Immigrant Household Heads Living in the Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale Metropolitan Area Compared to All Other Immigrant Household Heads in Arizona

Share of Immigrant Household Heads

Proficient in English Not Proficient in English



### **Household Income**

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Figure 11 highlights the differences in household income among immigrant households in the Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale metropolitan area and all other immigrant households in Arizona. Overall, immigrant households in the Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale metropolitan area are more likely to earn \$75,000 or more, and reported earning higher median household incomes (\$36,435) compared to all other immigrant households in Arizona (\$30,969).

Figure 11. Household Income in the Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale Metropolitan Area Compared to All Other Immigrants in Arizona

Share of Immigrant Households, by Income Level



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### IMMIGRATION DATA ON DEMAND (iDod)

The iDod service is offered free of charge to help individuals and institutions examine the immigrant populations of their particular geography. Recipients of this data will see how immigrants provide vital contributions to the economy and society of the U.S. Ultimately, the goal of the iDod project is to create collaborations and connect people with data of interest on immigrant populations from their particular geographic region or economic sector.