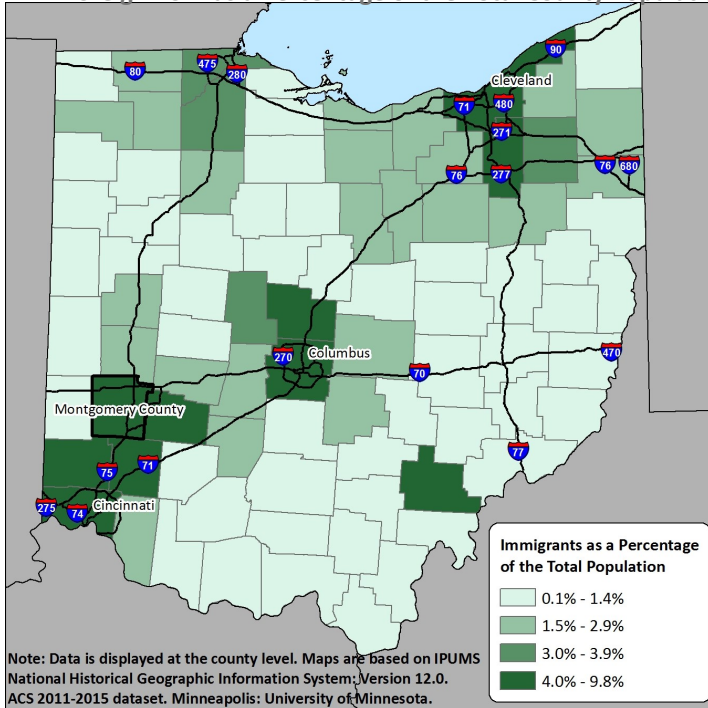


# Immigrants in Montgomery County, Ohio

**Figure 1. Immigrants in Ohio**  
Foreign Born as a Percentage of the Total County Population



## Educational Attainment

Overall, foreign-born individuals living in Montgomery County and Ohio reported higher educational attainment rates than immigrants nationally (Figure 3). Compared to immigrants living in the U.S., immigrants in Montgomery County and Ohio were significantly more likely to have a bachelor's degree as well as a graduate, professional, or doctoral degree.

**Figure 3. Educational Attainment**  
Immigrants Age 25+

	Montgomery County, OH	Ohio	United States
No High School Diploma	21%	19%	30%
High School Diploma	19%	21%	22%
Some College or Associate's Degree	22%	19%	19%
Bachelor's Degree	20%	20%	17%
Graduate, Professional, or Doctoral Degree	18%	21%	12%
<b>Estimated Immigrant Population (Ages 25+)</b>	<b>17,773</b>	<b>390,342</b>	<b>36,030,146</b>

## 2015 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- **41,757,000:** Approximate number of immigrants\* living in the U.S. (13% of the population)
- **472,800:** Approximate number of immigrants living in Ohio (4% of the state's population)
- **22,400:** Approximate number of immigrants living in Montgomery County, Ohio (4% of the population)
- **40th:** Rank of the state of Ohio among the 50 states and Washington, D.C. in terms of immigrants as a percentage of the state's population

## Distribution of Immigrants Living in Ohio

Figure 1 shows where immigrants are living within Ohio as a percentage of the population. The areas with the highest concentration of immigrants include the cities of Cleveland, Columbus, and Cincinnati. The eastern, southeastern, and western part of the state reported lower percentages of foreign-born individuals. Immigrants comprise approximately 4 percent of the total population in Montgomery County and in the state of Ohio.

## Age Distribution

Figure 2 shows the age distribution among immigrants living in Montgomery County, OH, the state of Ohio, and the U.S. Overall, immigrants living in Montgomery County (median age of 40) and in the state of Ohio (also a median age of 40) tended to be slightly younger compared to immigrants in the U.S. (median age of 43).

**Figure 2. Age Distribution among the Foreign Born**

	Montgomery County, OH	Ohio	United States
0 to 4 years old	1%	1%	1%
5 to 15 years old	8%	6%	4%
16 to 24 years old	12%	11%	9%
25 to 34 years old	18%	20%	18%
35 to 44 years old	19%	20%	22%
45 to 54 years old	18%	15%	19%
55 to 64 years old	11%	12%	13%
65+ years old	13%	15%	14%
<b>Estimated Immigrant Population</b>	<b>22,407</b>	<b>472,780</b>	<b>41,757,110</b>

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](http://www.ipums.org).

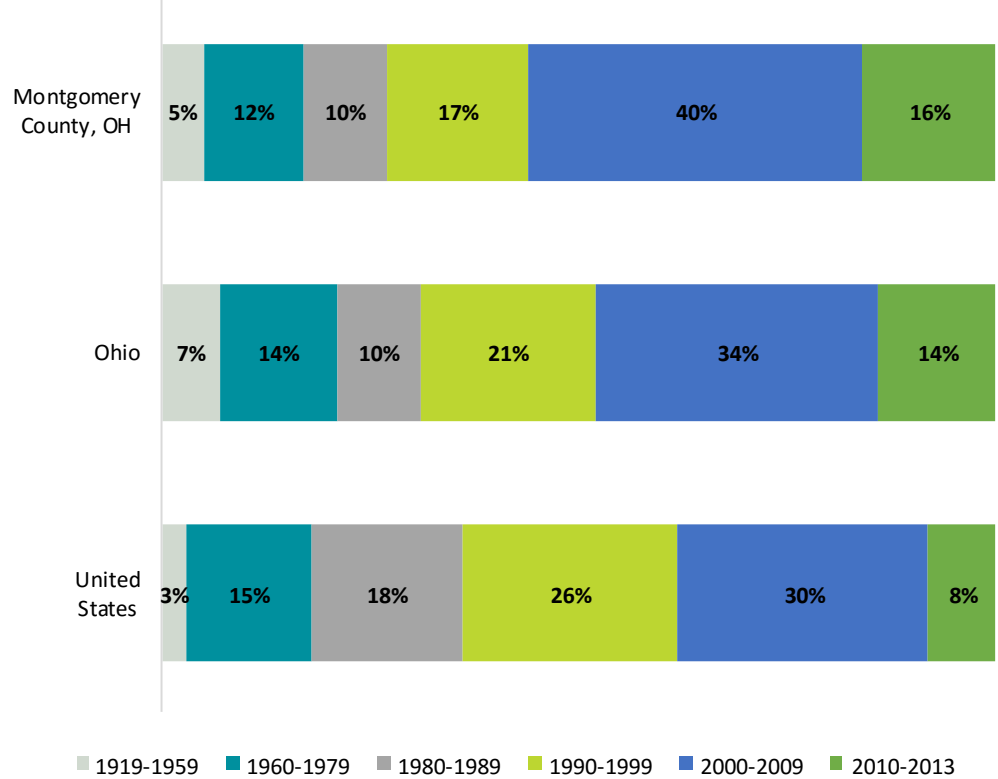
\*Please note that the terms "immigrant" and "foreign born" are used interchangeably throughout this fact sheet. Foreign born refers to individuals who are not a U.S. citizen at birth or who were born outside the U.S., Puerto Rico or other U.S. territories and whose parents are not U.S. citizens. The 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.

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### Year of Immigration

Figure 4 shows the year of immigration among foreign-born individuals living in Montgomery County, OH, the state of Ohio, and across the U.S. Overall, current immigrants across the nation came to the U.S. slightly earlier compared to immigrants living in Montgomery County and the state of Ohio. As Figure 4 shows, more than half (62 percent) of foreign-born individuals in the U.S. and in the state of Ohio (52 percent) arrived in the U.S. before the year 2000. This is significantly higher compared to immigrants living in Montgomery County, OH (44 percent).

**Figure 4. Year of Immigration among the Foreign Born**



### Country of Birth

Figure 5 shows the top five countries of birth among immigrants living in Montgomery County, OH, the state of Ohio, and the U.S. who arrived to the U.S. within the last ten years. Foreign-born individuals living in these three geographic areas come from a variety of countries. Approximately 33 percent of foreign-born individuals living in Montgomery County, OH and 34 percent of immigrants living in Ohio came from India, Mexico, and China, which is slightly lower compared immigrants living in the United States (36 percent); with 22 percent coming from Mexico alone. Furthermore, there are higher proportions of immigrants living in Montgomery County and the state of Ohio who are from India compared to immigrants living in the United States. Additionally, 14 percent of immigrants living in Montgomery County who arrived in the last 10 years are from the former USSR including Uzbekistan. It is important to note that these countries are not in the top 10 nationally. Additionally, the state of Ohio has sizable immigrant populations from Somalia and Saudi Arabia.

**Figure 5. Top Five Birthplaces among the Foreign Born**  
Immigrants who arrived within the last 10 years

Montgomery County		Ohio		United States	
India	14%	India	14%	Mexico	22%
Mexico	11%	Mexico	10%	India	8%
Uzbekistan	8%	China	10%	China	6%
China	8%	Somalia	3%	Philippines	4%
Other USSR/Russia	6%	Saudi Arabia	3%	El Salvador	3%
All Other Countries (n=63)	53%	All Other Countries (n=141)	60%	All Other Countries (n=155)	57%
<b>Estimated Immigrant Population who arrived within the last 10 years</b>	<b>10,364</b>	<b>Estimated Immigrant Population who arrived within the last 10 years</b>	<b>185,232</b>	<b>Estimated Immigrant Population who arrived within the last 10 years</b>	<b>12,115,375</b>

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### Languages Spoken at Home

Figure 6 shows the top five languages spoken at home among immigrants living in Montgomery County, OH, the state of Ohio, and across the U.S. who arrived to the U.S. within the last ten years. Immigrants in these three geographic areas speak a range of languages at home. However, a majority speak Spanish, English, Chinese, or Arabic. Compared to immigrants nationwide and in the state of Ohio, there are greater percentages of immigrants living in Montgomery County who speak Turkish and Arabic at home.

**Figure 6. Top Five Languages Spoken at Home among the Foreign Born**

Immigrants who arrived within the last 10 years, Age 5+

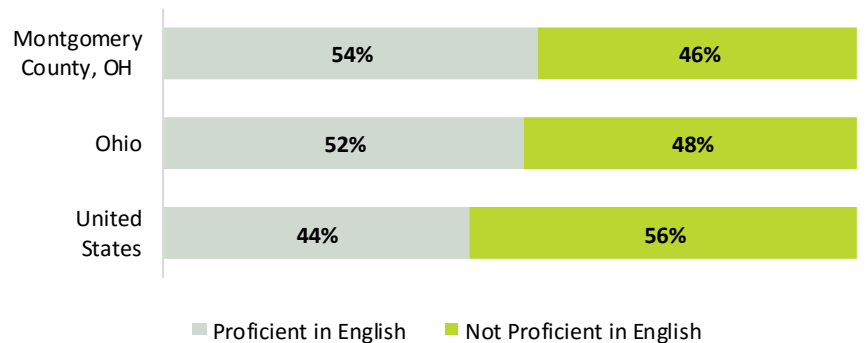
Montgomery County		Ohio		United States	
Spanish	15%	Spanish	16%	Spanish	40%
Turkish	13%	English	14%	English	12%
English	12%	Chinese	9%	Chinese	5%
Arabic	10%	Arabic	8%	Filipino, Tagalog	4%
Chinese	9%	Hindi	4%	Arabic	3%
All Other Languages (n=36)	41%	All Other Languages (n=81)	49%	All Other Languages (n=105)	36%
<b>Estimated Immigrant Population (Ages 5+) who Arrived within the Last 10 years</b>	<b>10,147</b>	<b>Estimated Immigrant Population (Ages 5+) who Arrived within the Last 10 years</b>	<b>180,964</b>	<b>Estimated Immigrant Population (Ages 5+) who Arrived within the Last 10 years</b>	<b>11,861,634</b>

### English Proficiency

Overall, immigrants who arrived to the United States within the last ten years and who are living in Montgomery County and the state of Ohio reported higher rates of English proficiency (speaks only English or speaks English very well) compared to immigrants nationwide (Figure 7). More than half of immigrants living in Montgomery County and the state of Ohio reported being proficient in English compared to 44 percent of immigrants across the U.S.

**Figure 7. English Proficiency Rates among the Foreign Born**

Immigrants who arrived within the last 10 years, Age 5+



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