Immigrants in the Kansas City and Oklahoma City Metro Areas
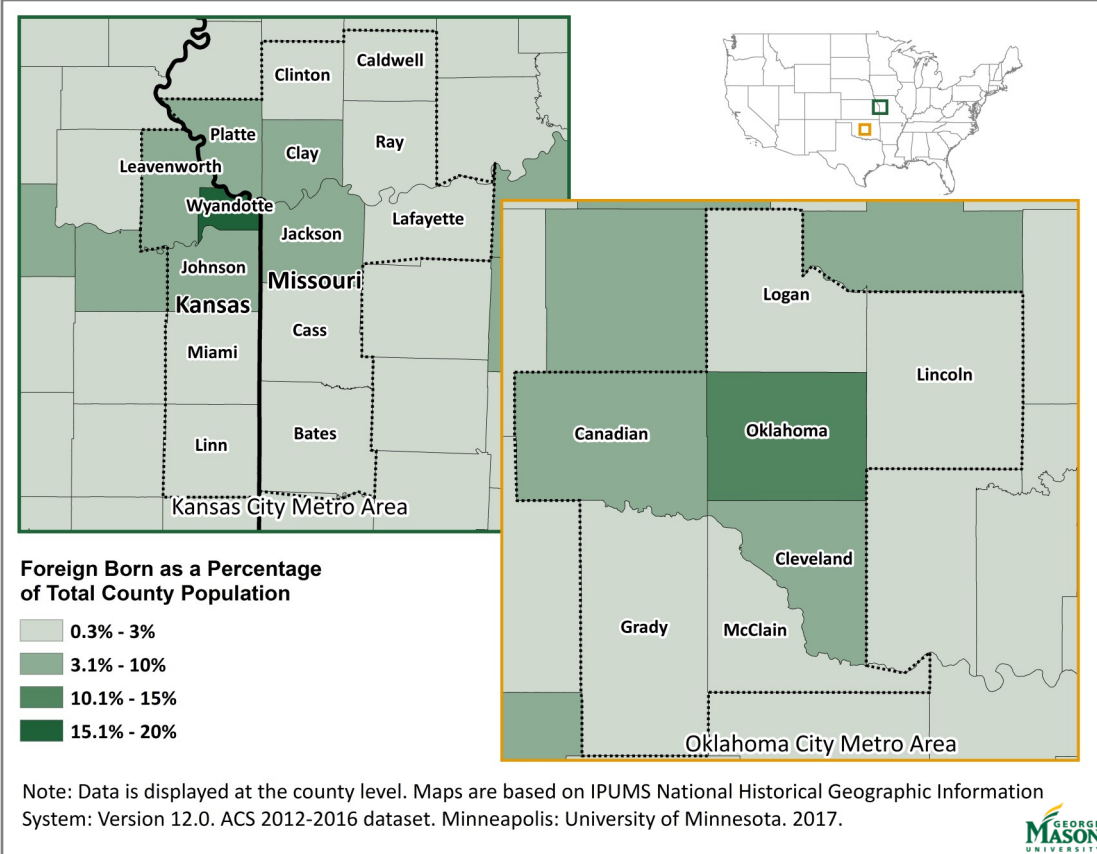
✎ Figure 1. Immigrants in the Kansas City and Oklahoma City Metro Areas

Kansas City Metro Area
Clinton, Caldwell, Platte, Clay, Ray, Leavenworth, Wyandotte, Lafayette, Jackson, Johnson, Missouri, Kansas, Cass, Miami, Linn, Bates

Oklahoma City Metro Area
Logan, Lincoln, Canadian, Oklahoma, Cleveland, Grady, McClain

Foreign Born as a Percentage of Total County Population
- 0.3% - 3%
- 3.1% - 10%
- 10.1% - 15%
- 15.1% - 20%

Note: Data is displayed at the county level. Maps are based on IPUMS National Historical Geographic Information System: Version 12.0. ACS 2012-2016 dataset. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota. 2017.

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2016 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- **42,228,200:** Approximate number of immigrants* living in the U.S. (13% of the population

- **136,500:** Approximate number of immigrants living in the Kansas City Metro Area (6% of the metro's population)

- **111,100:** Approximate number of immigrants living in the Oklahoma City Metro Area (8% of the metro's population)

Immigrants in the Kansas City and Oklahoma City Metro Areas

Figure 1 shows how the immigrant population is distributed across the Kansas City Metro Area (which includes portions of Kansas and Missouri) and the Oklahoma City Metro Area. Wyandotte County in the Kansas City Metro Area has the highest percentage of foreign-born residents (16%) and Oklahoma County in the Oklahoma City Metro Area has the highest percentage of foreign-born residents (11%).

Poverty

Figure 2 shows that immigrants living in the Kansas City Metro Area are more likely to live at or above the poverty line compared to immigrants living in the Oklahoma City Metro Area.

✎ Figure 2. Poverty Rates Among Immigrants

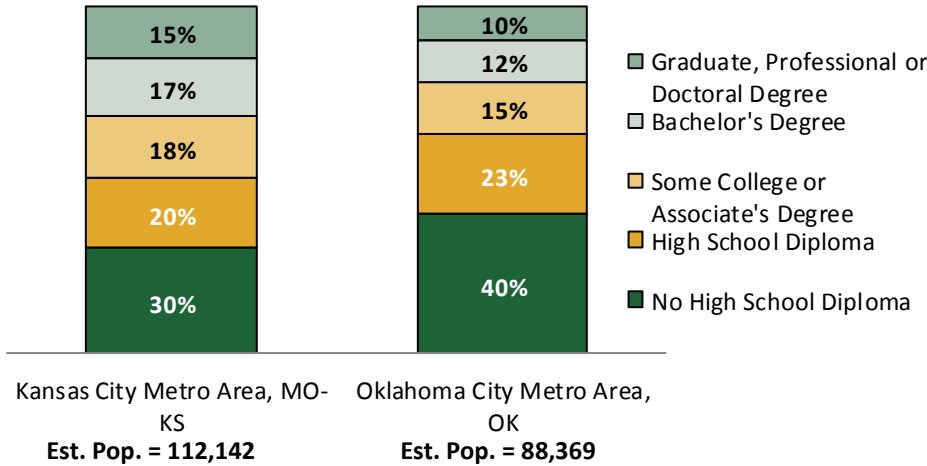|	Kansas City Metro Area, MO-KS	Oklahoma City Metro Area, OK
Below Poverty Line	18%	21%
At or Above the Poverty Line	82%	79%
Estimated Immigrant Population[†]	**135,083**	**109,442**

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

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Figure 3. Educational Attainment Among Immigrants
Foreign-Born Individuals, Age 25+

Kansas City Metro Area, MO-KS
Est. Pop. = 112,142

Oklahoma City Metro Area, OK
Est. Pop. = 88,369

Legend:
- Graduate, Professional or Doctoral Degree
- Bachelor's Degree
- Some College or Associate's Degree
- High School Diploma
- No High School Diploma

Educational Attainment
Figure 3 shows that immigrants living in the Kansas City Metro Area are better educated compared to immigrants living in the Oklahoma City Metro Area. Thirty-two percent of foreign-born individuals living in the Kansas City Metro Area have a Bachelor's degree or higher, which is much higher compared to immigrants living in the Oklahoma City Metro Area (22%).

Figure 4. Personal Income Among Immigrants
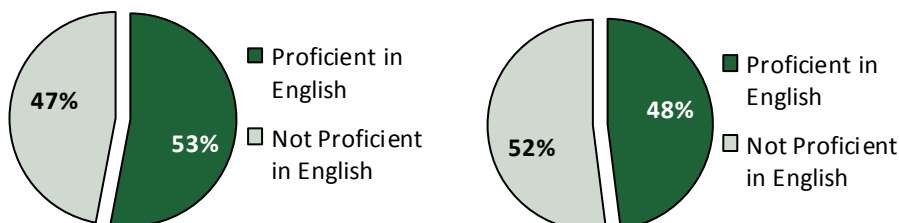**Foreign-Born Individuals in the Labor Force and Employed Full-Time, Age 16+**

	Kansas City Metro Area, MO-KS	Oklahoma City Metro Area, OK
Less than $40,000	57%	66%
$40,000 to $74,999	25%	22%
$75,000 and Greater	18%	12%
Estimated Immigrant Population (Ages 16+)	60,227	47,973

Personal Income
Figure 4 shows that immigrants living in the Kansas City Metro Area are less likely to earn less than $40,000, and reported earning higher median personal incomes ($33,455) compared to immigrants living in the Oklahoma City Metro Area ($30,414).

Figure 5. English Proficiency Rates Among Immigrants

Foreign-born individuals Ages 5+

Kansas City Metro Area, MO-KS

Est. Pop. = 135,416

Oklahoma City Metro Area, OK

Est. Pop. = 110,614

Legend:
- Proficient in English
- Not Proficient in English

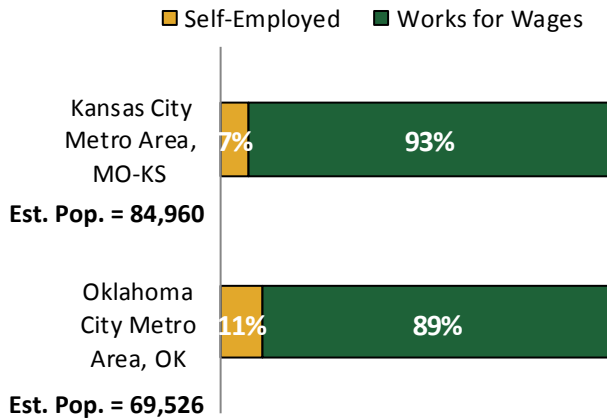### English Proficiency

Figure 5 shows that immigrants living in the Kansas City Metro Area reported higher rates of English proficiency (speak only English or speak English very well) compared to immigrants in the Oklahoma City Metro Area.

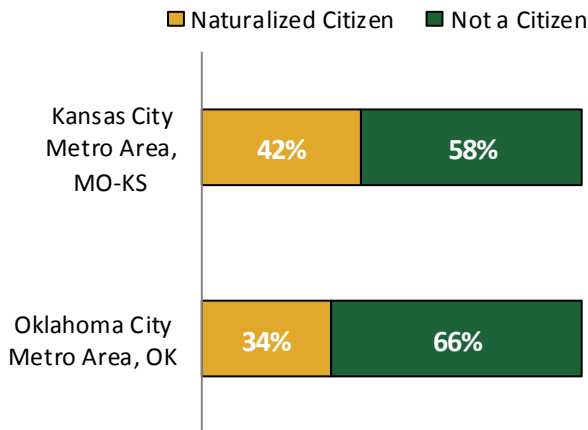# Immigrants in the Kansas City and Oklahoma City Metro Areas

Figure 6. Self-Employment Rates Among Immigrants
Foreign-Born Individuals in the Labor Force and Employed, Age 16+

Legend: ■ Self-Employed ■ Works for Wages

Kansas City Metro Area, MO-KS — 7% / 93%
Est. Pop. = 84,960

Oklahoma City Metro Area, OK — 11% / 89%
Est. Pop. = 69,526

Self-Employment

Figure 6 shows that immigrants living in the Kansas City Metro Area reported lower rates of self-employment (7%) compared to immigrants living in the Oklahoma City Metro Area (11%).

Figure 7. Citizenship Status of Immigrants

Legend: ■ Naturalized Citizen ■ Not a Citizen

Kansas City Metro Area, MO-KS — 42% / 58%

Oklahoma City Metro Area, OK — 34% / 66%

Citizenship Status

Figure 7 shows that 42 percent of immigrants living in the Kansas City Metro Area are naturalized citizens, which is higher compared to immigrants living in the Oklahoma City Metro Area (34%). However, the percentages of naturalized citizens in both metro areas are lower than that in United States (47%).

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