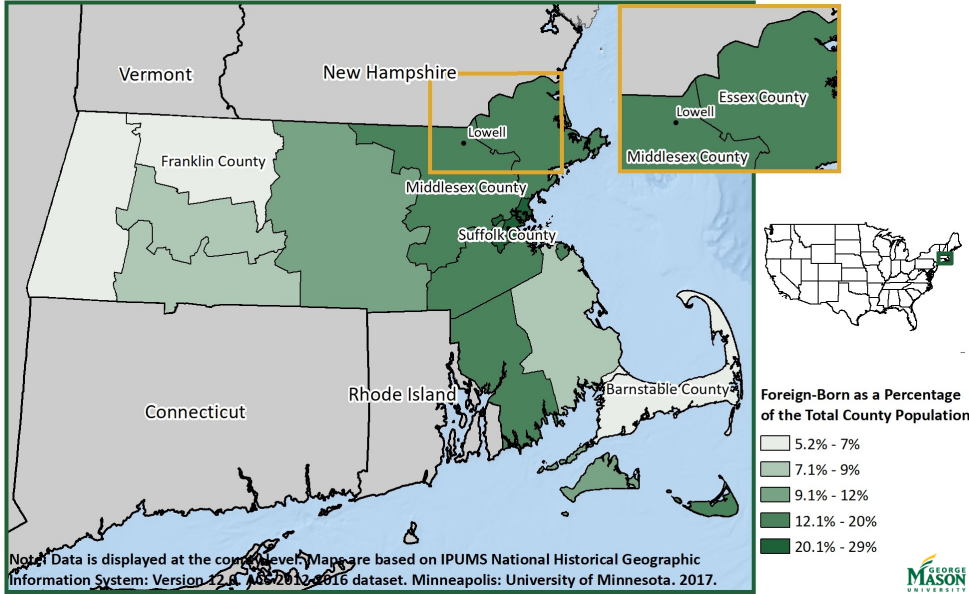


Immigrants in Lowell, Massachusetts

Figure 1. Immigrants in Massachusetts



2016 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- **42,228,200:** Approximate number of immigrants* living in the U.S. (13% of the population)
- **1,069,400:** Approximate number of immigrants living in Massachusetts (16% of the state's population)
- **28,600:** Approximate number of immigrants living in Lowell, MA (26% of the city's population)
- **8th:** Rank of the state of Massachusetts among the 50 states and Washington, D.C. in terms of immigrants as a percentage of the state's population

Distribution of Immigrants in the State of Massachusetts

Figure 1 shows where immigrants live in the state of Massachusetts. Lowell, MA is located in the northeastern region of Middlesex County. Suffolk County (29 percent), Middlesex County (20 percent), and Nantucket County (20 percent), reported the highest percentages of immigrants. Immigrants make up the smallest shares of the population in Franklin County, Berkshire County, and Barnstable County.

Country of Birth

Foreign-born individuals living in Lowell, MA come from a variety of countries (Figure 2). Compared to all other immigrants in the state of Massachusetts, there are larger shares of immigrants from Asia, including Cambodia, Brazil, and Vietnam living in Lowell, MA.

Figure 2. Top Five Countries of Birth Among Immigrants

Lowell, MA		Massachusetts	
Cambodia (Kampuchea)	24%	China	8%
Brazil	11%	Dominican Republic	8%
India	6%	India	6%
Vietnam	5%	Brazil	6%
Dominican Republic	5%	Haiti	5%
79 Other Countries	49%	150 Other Countries	67%
Estimated Immigrant Population	28,597	Estimated Immigrant Population	1,040,836

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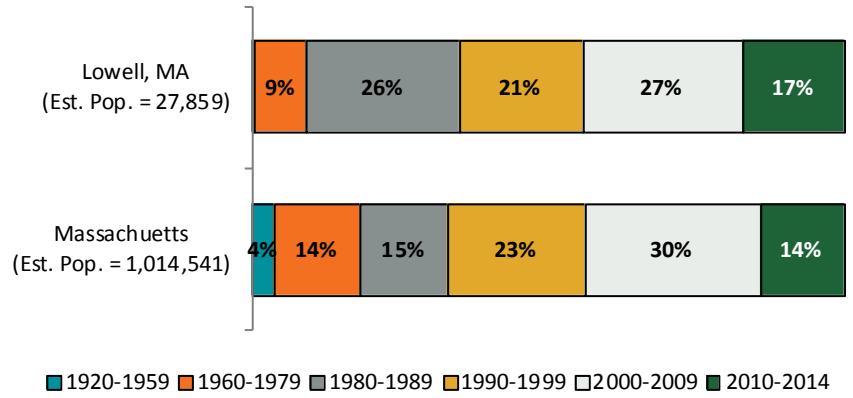
*Please note that the terms "immigrant" and "foreign born" are used interchangeably throughout this fact sheet. Foreign born refers to individuals who are not a U.S. citizen at birth or who were born outside the U.S., Puerto Rico or other U.S. territories and whose parents are not U.S. citizens. The 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 3 shows that immigrants in Lowell, MA and in the state of Massachusetts who arrived later were more likely to report similar years of arrival. However, among immigrants who arrived earlier, immigrants in Lowell, MA were more likely to report arriving between 1980 and 1989. Slightly over one in four immigrants living in Lowell, MA reported arriving in the United States between the years 1980 and 1989. This is largely due to the large Cambodian population who migrated to the United States in the early to mid 1980s. The median year of immigration to the United States for foreign-born individuals living in Lowell, MA and across the state of Massachusetts is 1998.

Figure 3. Year of Immigration Among Immigrants, 1919 - 2014



Race and Ethnicity

Most of the immigrants living in Lowell, MA identified as either Asian (non-Hispanic), White (non-Hispanic), or Black (non-Hispanic). There are significantly higher shares of immigrants living in Lowell, MA who identify as Asian (non-Hispanic) compared to all other immigrants living in Massachusetts.

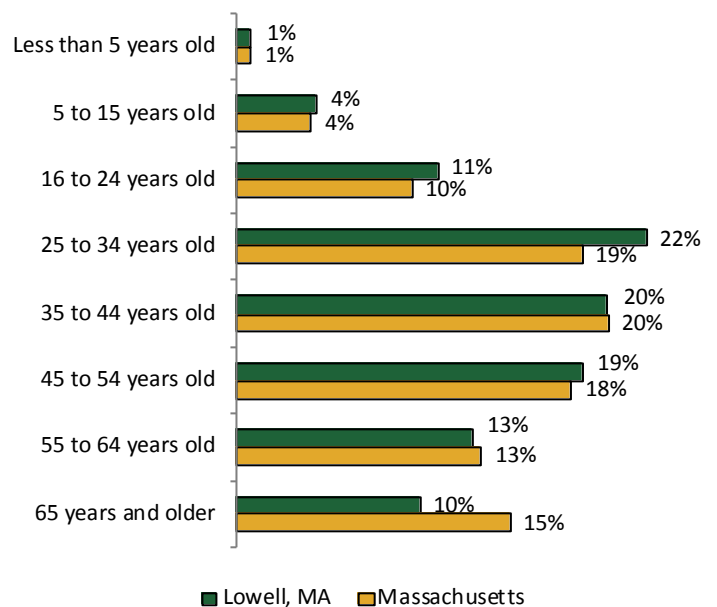
Figure 4. Race and Ethnicity Among Immigrants

	Lowell, MA	Massachusetts
Asian (non-Hispanic)	48%	25%
White (non-Hispanic)	18%	34%
Black (non-Hispanic)	12%	15%
Other Race (Hispanic)	11%	10%
White (Hispanic)	5%	10%
Other Race (non-Hispanic)	4%	2%
Two or more races (Hispanic)	1%	2%
Two or more races (non-Hispanic)	1%	2%
Estimated Immigrant Population	28,597	1,040,836

Age

Figure 5 shows that immigrants living in Lowell, MA are more likely to be between the ages of 16 and 34 years old compared to all other immigrants living in the state of Massachusetts. Additionally, the median age of foreign-born individuals living in Lowell, MA is 41, which is slightly lower than the median age of all other immigrants living in the state of Massachusetts (43).

Figure 5. Age of Immigrants



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English Proficiency

Overall, immigrants living in Lowell, MA report lower rates of English Proficiency (speaks only English or speaks English very well) compared to all other immigrants in Massachusetts (Figure 6).

Figure 6. English Proficiency Among Immigrants

Foreign-Born Individuals, Age 5+

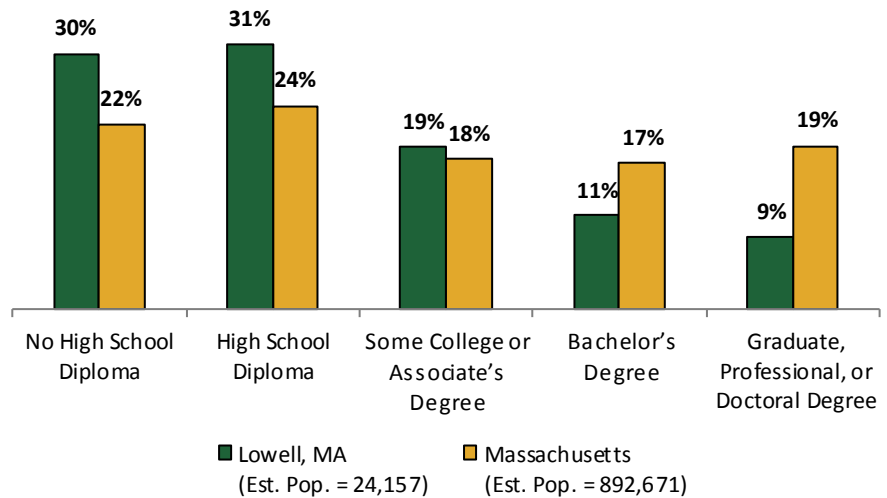
	Lowell, MA	Massachusetts
Proficient in English	42%	57%
Not Proficient in English	58%	43%
Estimated Immigrant Population (Age 5+)	28,390	1,033,542

Educational Attainment

Figure 7 shows that immigrants living in Lowell, MA report lower educational attainment compared to all other immigrants living in the state of Massachusetts. Compared to all other immigrants in Massachusetts, immigrants in Lowell, MA are less likely to have obtained a bachelor's degree or higher.

Figure 7. Educational Attainment Among Immigrants

Foreign-Born Individuals, Age 25+



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