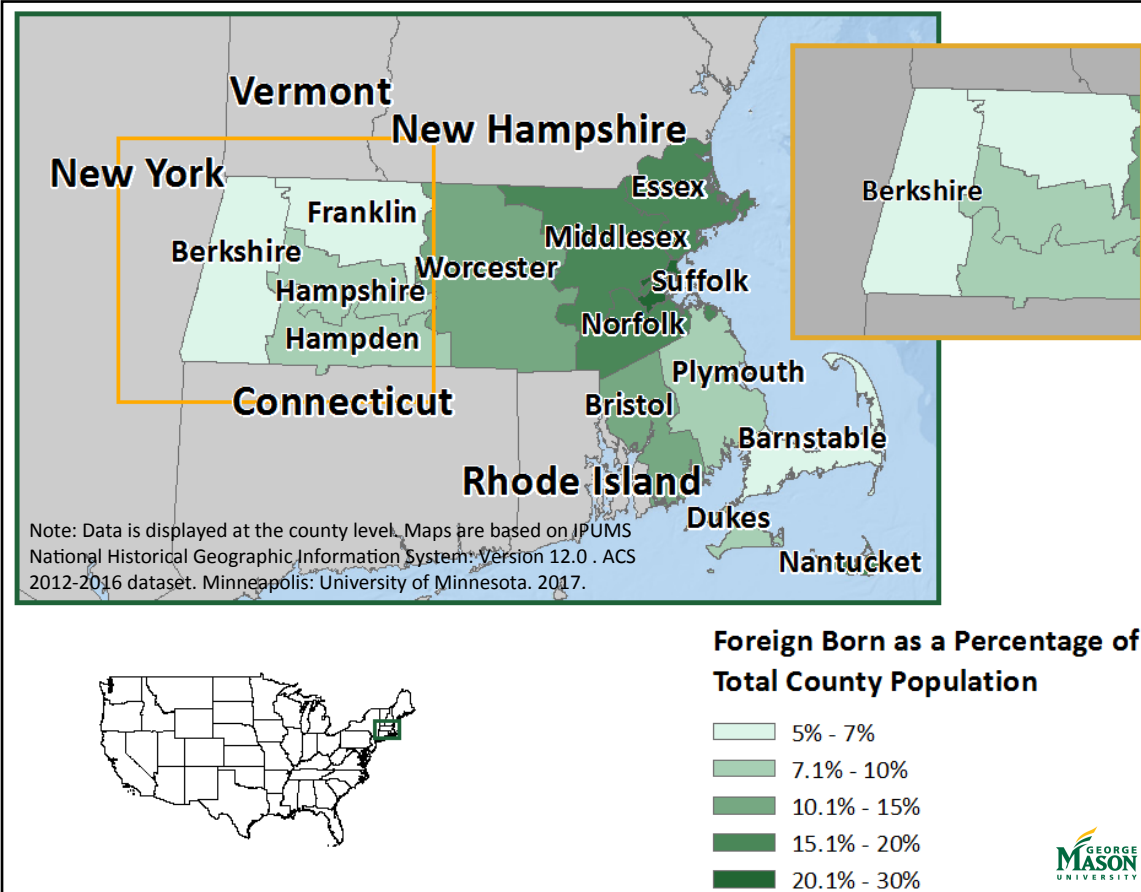


Immigrants in Berkshire County, Massachusetts

Figure 1. Immigrants in Massachusetts



2016 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

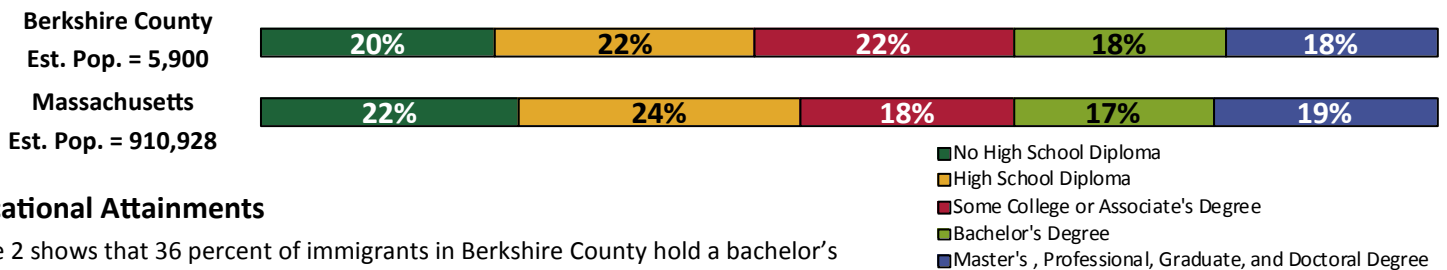
- **42,228,200:** Approximate number of immigrants* living in the U.S. (13% of the population)
- **1,069,400:** Approximate number of immigrants living in Massachusetts (16% of the state's population)
- **7,700:** Approximate number of immigrants living in Berkshire County, Massachusetts (6% of the county's population)
- **8th:** Rank of Massachusetts among the 50 states and Washington, D.C. in terms of immigrants as a percentage of the state's population

Immigrants in Massachusetts

Figure 1 shows how the immigrant population is distributed across the state of Massachusetts. The counties with the highest percentages of foreign-born residents are Suffolk (29%), Middlesex (20%), and Nantucket (18%). Berkshire County (6%) has the second lowest percentage of foreign-born in Massachusetts.

Figure 2. Educational Attainments of Immigrants

Foreign-born Individuals Age 25+



Educational Attainments

Figure 2 shows that 36 percent of immigrants in Berkshire County hold a bachelor's degree or higher, which is the same as all other immigrants in Massachusetts.

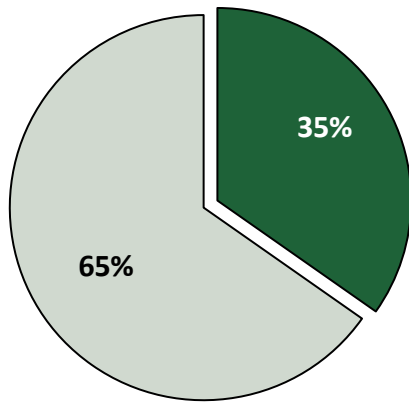
All analysis in this fact sheet is based on source data from the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2012-2016 distributed through IPUMS-USA, University of Minnesota, www.ipums.org.

*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.

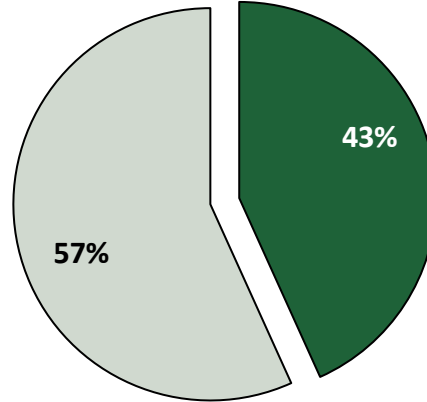
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Figure 3. English Proficiency Rates Among Immigrants

Foreign-born Individuals Age 5+



Berkshire County
Est. Pop. = 7,650



Massachusetts
Est. Pop. = 1,054,282

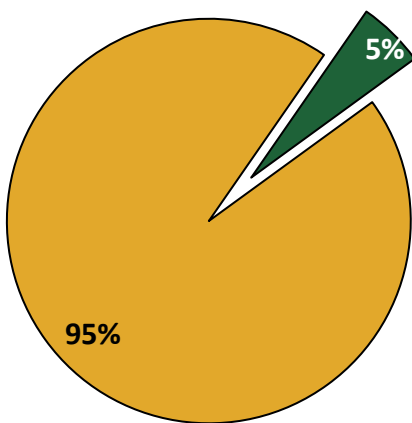
- Not Proficient in English
- Proficient in English

English Proficiency

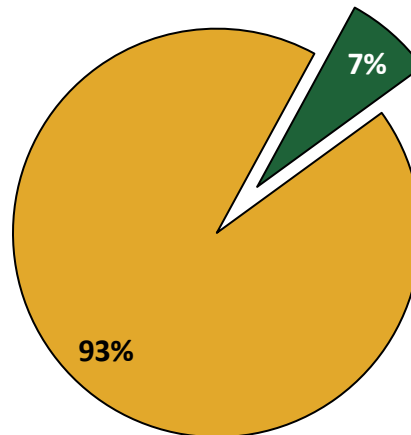
Figure 3 shows that 65 percent of immigrants living in Berkshire County reported they are proficient in English (speak only English or speak English very well) which is higher than all other immigrants living in the state of Massachusetts (57%).

Figure 4. Employment Status of Immigrants

Foreign-born Individuals Age 16-65 in the Labor Force



Berkshire County
Est. Pop. = 4,722



Massachusetts
Est. Pop. = 675,232

- Employed
- Unemployed

Employment Status

Figure 4 shows that 95 percent of immigrants living in Berkshire County reported they are employed, which is slightly higher than all other immigrants living in the state of Massachusetts (93%).

Immigrants in Berkshire County, Massachusetts

Figure 5. Top 5 Occupation Groups Among Immigrants
Foreign-born Individuals in the Labor Force and Employed, Age 16+

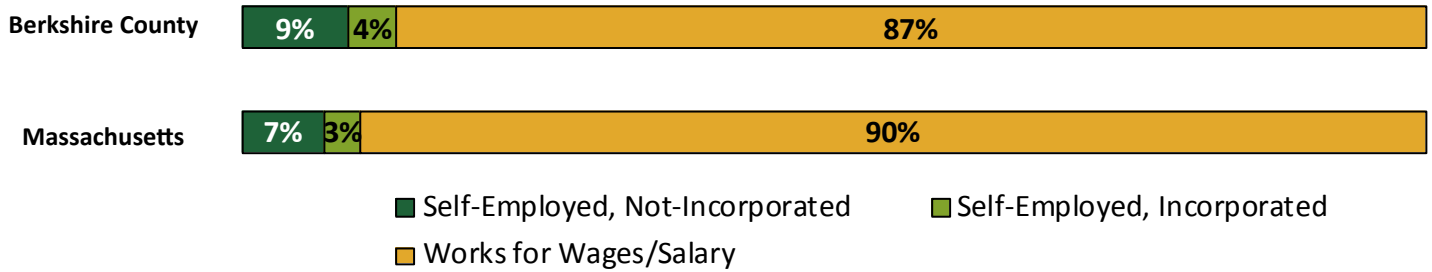
Occupation Group	Berkshire County	Massachusetts
Food Preparation and Serving	20%	8%
Office and Administrative Support	13%	8%
Education, Training, and Library	9%	5%
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	6%	8%
Production	6%	7%
20 Other Occupations	46%	64%
Estimated Immigrant Population	4,898	648,245

Occupations of Immigrants

Among the immigrants living in Berkshire County, Food Preparation and Serving occupations are the most common followed by Office and Administrative Support Occupations. While Education, Training, and Library Occupations are the third most common occupation category in Berkshire County, it is 10th among all other immigrants in Massachusetts.

Figure 6. Self-Employment

Foreign-born Individuals in the Labor Force and Employed, Age 16+



Self-Employment

Figure 6 shows that 13 percent of immigrants living in Berkshire County reported they are self-employed, which is slightly higher compared to all other immigrants in Massachusetts (10%). Among them, 4 percent of immigrants in Berkshire County are self-employed in their own incorporated business, professional practice, or farm.

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