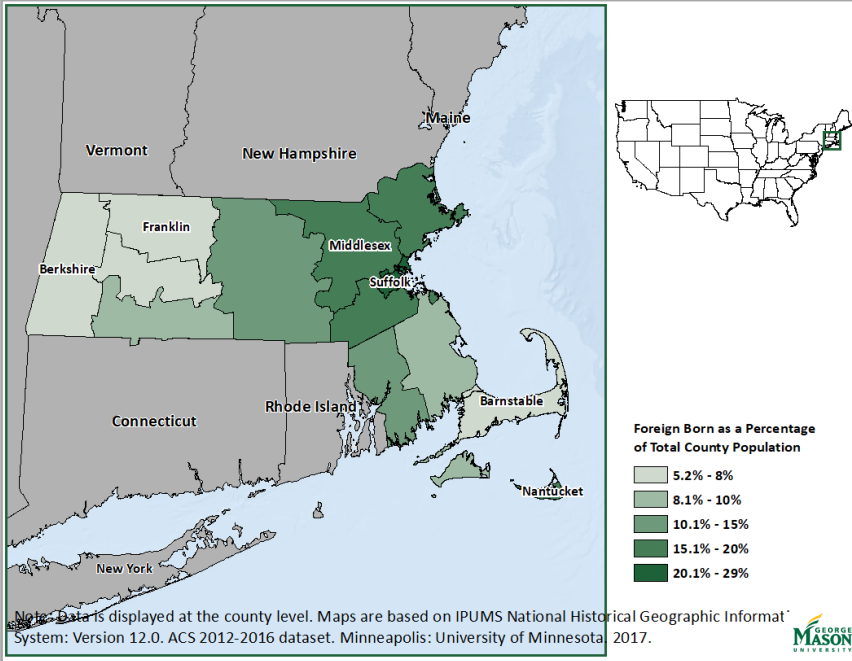


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Figure 1. Immigrants in Massachusetts



2016 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- **42,228,200:** Approximate number of immigrants* living in the U.S. (13% of the population)
- **1,069,433:** Approximate number of immigrants living in Massachusetts (16% of the state'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. Suffolk County (29%), Middlesex County (20%), and Nantucket County (18%), reported the highest percentages of immigrants. Immigrants make up the smallest shares of the population in Barnstable County, Berkshire County, and Franklin County.

Country of Birth

Foreign-born individuals living in Massachusetts come from a variety of countries (Figure 2). Compared to all other immigrants living in the United States,² there are larger shares of immigrants from China, Dominican Republic, and India living in Massachusetts. Approximately 11 percent of immigrants living in Massachusetts are from Brazil or Haiti. Neither of them makes the top five of countries of birth in the United States. Nationwide, approximately 28 percent of immigrants are from Mexico, however Mexico is not even among the top five countries of birth in Massachusetts.

Figure 2. Top Five Countries of Birth Among Immigrants

Massachusetts		United States, Excluding Massachusetts	
China	8%	Mexico	28%
Dominican Republic	7%	India	5%
India	6%	Philippines	5%
Brazil	6%	China	4%
Haiti	5%	El Salvador	3%
150 Other Countries	68%	151 Other Countries	55%
Estimated Immigrant Population	1,069,433	Estimated Immigrant Population	41,158,764

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, unless otherwise noted.

¹Please 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.

²All other immigrants in the United States excluding Massachusetts.

³A 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 household income is used. This includes the total annual income of all members of the household.

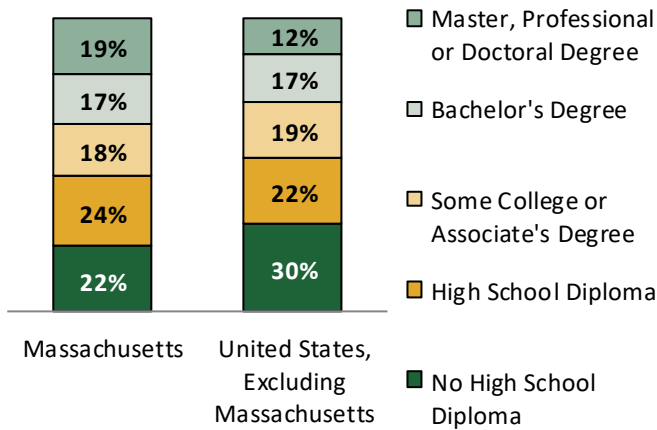
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Educational Attainment

Figure 3 shows that immigrants living in Massachusetts reported higher rates of educational attainment compared to all other immigrants in the United States. Immigrants in Massachusetts are more likely to have obtained a bachelor's degree or higher (36 percent) compared to immigrants in the United States (29 percent).

Figure 3. Educational Attainment Among Immigrants

Foreign-Born Individuals, Age 25+



English Proficiency

Figure 4 shows immigrants living in Massachusetts reported higher English proficiency rate compared to all other immigrants living in the United States. Approximately 57 percent of immigrants living in Massachusetts are proficient in English (speaks only English or speaks English very well) compared to 50 percent of all other immigrants in the United States.

Figure 4. English Proficiency

Foreign-Born Individuals, Age 5+

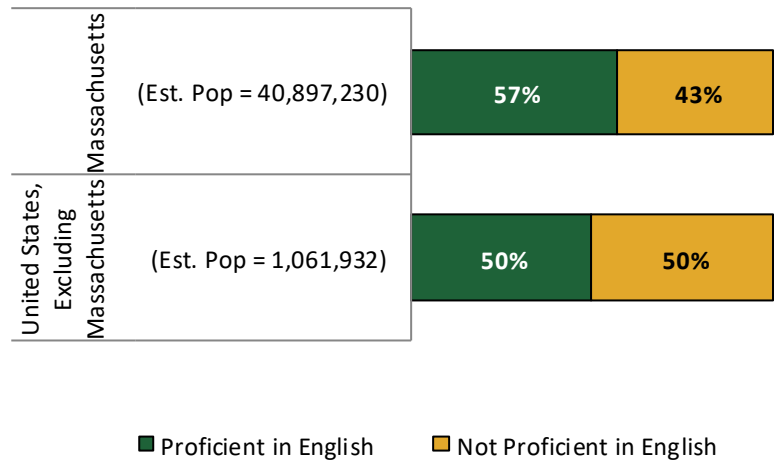
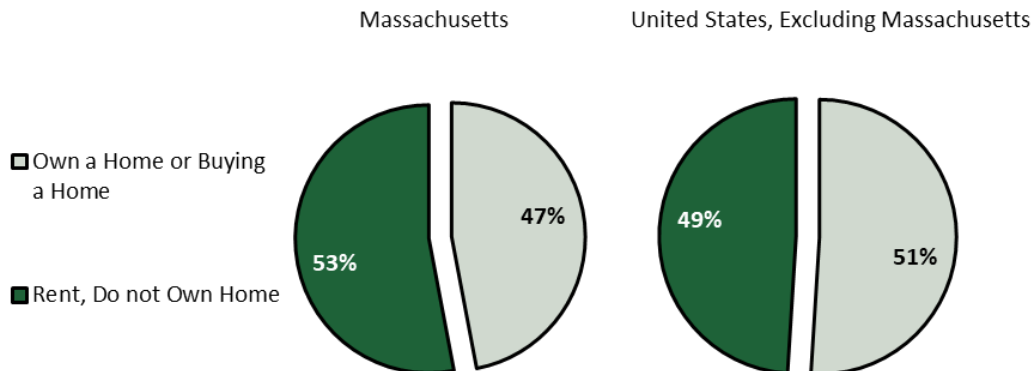


Figure 5. Home Ownership Status Among Immigrants

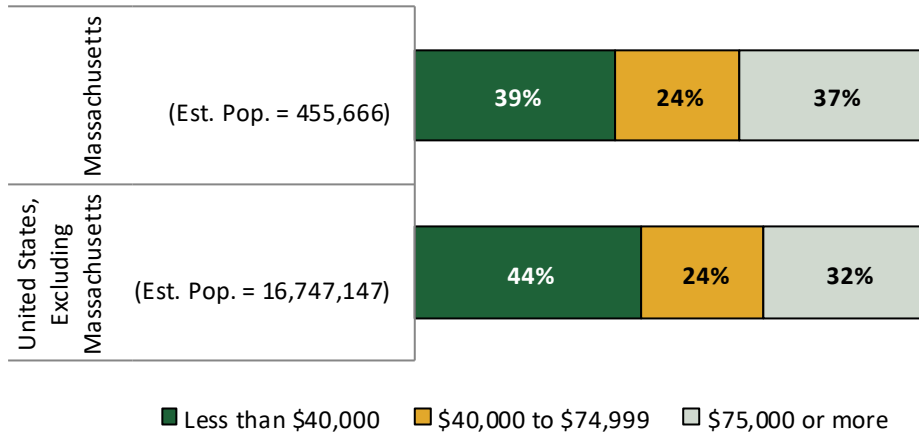


Home Ownership

Figure 5 shows immigrants living in Massachusetts are slightly less likely to own a home or be buying a home (47 percent) compared to all other immigrants living in the United States (51 percent).

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Figure 6. Household Income Among Immigrant-Headed Households³



Household Income

Immigrant-headed households in Massachusetts are more likely to earn \$75,000 or more compared to all other immigrant-headed households in the United States (Figure 6). Additionally, immigrant-headed households in Massachusetts reported higher median personal incomes (\$53,580) compared to all other immigrant-headed households in the United States (\$46,379).

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