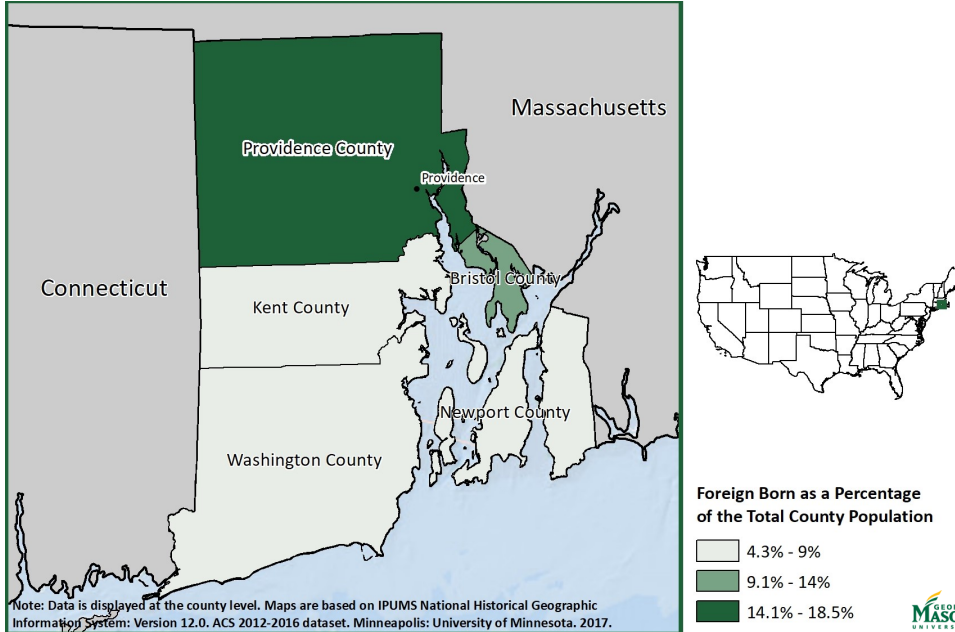


Immigrants in Providence County, RI

Figure 1. Immigrants in Rhode Island



2016 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- **42,228,200:** Approximate number of immigrants¹ living in the U.S. (13% of the population)
- **141,400:** Approximate number of immigrants living in Rhode Island (13% of the state's population)
- **116,000:** Approximate number of immigrants living in Providence County, RI (18% of the county's population)
- **15th:** Rank of the state of Rhode Island 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 Rhode Island

Figure 1 shows where immigrants live in the state of Rhode Island. Providence County (18%), Bristol County (9%), and Newport County (7%) reported the highest percentages of immigrants. Nearly four of five immigrants in Rhode Island live in Providence County. Immigrants make up smaller shares of the population in Kent and Washington Counties.

Country of Birth

Foreign-born individuals living in Providence County, RI come from a variety of countries (Figure 2). Compared to all other immigrants in the state of Rhode Island,² there are larger shares of immigrants from the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Cape Verde, and Columbia living in Providence County, RI. The Dominican Republic, Cape Verde, and Columbia are not in the top five immigrant groups across the remainder of Rhode Island. Overall, the immigrant population in Providence County, RI is more diverse compared to the immigrant population in the remainder of Rhode Island.

Figure 2. Top Five Countries of Birth Among Immigrants

Providence County, RI		Rhode Island, Excluding Providence County	
Dominican Republic	20%	Portugal	14%
Guatemala	12%	China	6%
Portugal	8%	Italy	5%
Cape Verde	7%	Canada	4%
Colombia	4%	Guatemala	4%
126 Other Countries	49%	103 Other Countries	67%
Estimated Immigrant Population	116,024	Estimated Immigrant Population	25,390

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 state of Rhode Island excluding Providence County, RI

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 family income is used. This includes the total annual income of all family members in the household.

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Citizenship

Figure 3 shows that immigrants living in Providence County, RI report notably lower rates of naturalization relative to the remainder of immigrants living in Rhode Island. Approximately one in two foreign-born individuals in Providence County, RI are naturalized citizens compared to 66 percent of the remainder of immigrants in Rhode Island.

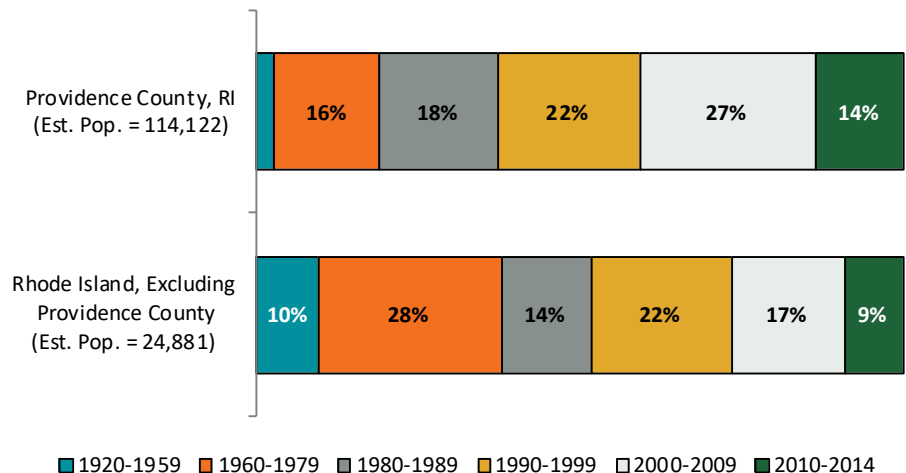
Figure 3. Naturalization Rates Among Immigrants

	Providence County, RI	Rhode Island, Excluding Providence County
Naturalized citizen	50%	66%
Not a citizen	50%	34%
Estimated Immigrant Population	116,024	25,390

Year of Immigration

Immigrants living in Providence County, RI are significantly more likely to report arriving in the United States more recently compared to all other immigrants in Rhode Island (Figure 4). The median year of immigration to the U.S. for foreign-born individuals living in Providence County, RI is 1996, which is much later compared to all immigrants in Rhode Island (1988).

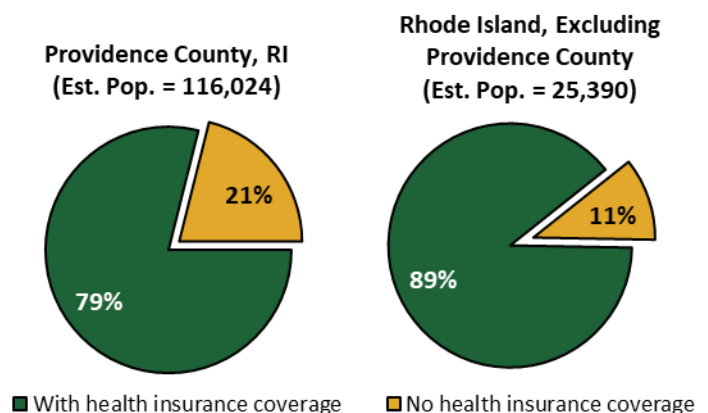
Figure 4. Year of Immigration Among Immigrants, 1920—2014



Health Insurance Coverage

Figure 5 indicates that immigrants living in Providence County, RI report much lower rates of health insurance coverage relative to all other immigrants living in the state of Rhode Island. Although 79 percent of immigrants in Providence County, RI have health insurance coverage, approximately 89 percent of the remainder of immigrants in Rhode Island report having health insurance.

Figure 5. Health Insurance Coverage Among Immigrants



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Number of Children per Household

 **Figure 6. Number of Children per Immigrant Household³**

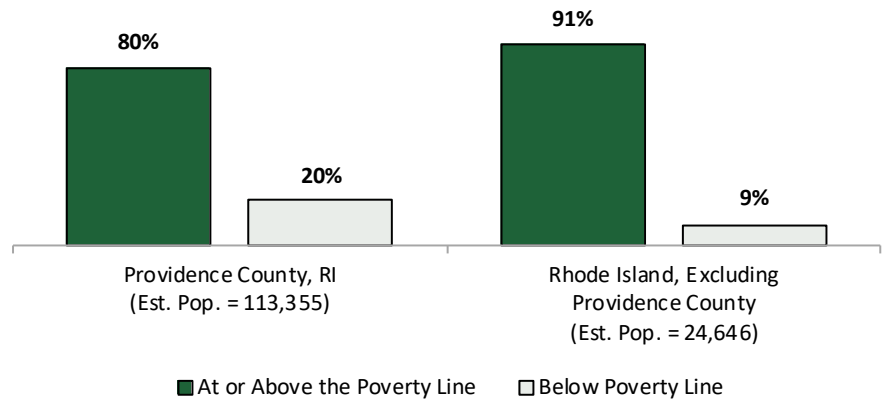
Immigrant-headed households in Providence County, RI are more likely to report living in a household with one or more children compared to all other immigrant-headed households across Rhode Island, as shown in Figure 6. Additionally, the average number of children living in an immigrant-headed household in Providence County, RI is 1.0, which is greater than the average number of children living in all other immigrant-headed households across the state of Rhode Island (0.76).

	Providence County, RI	Rhode Island. Excluding Providence County
0 Children	47%	58%
1 Child	22%	19%
2 Children	20%	17%
3 Children	8%	4%
4+ Children	3%	2%
Estimated Immigrant Households	50,474	11,823

Poverty

 **Figure 7. Poverty Rates Among Immigrants[†]**

Figure 7 shows that immigrants living in Providence County, RI are less likely to live at or above the poverty line compared to all other immigrants living in Rhode Island.



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

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