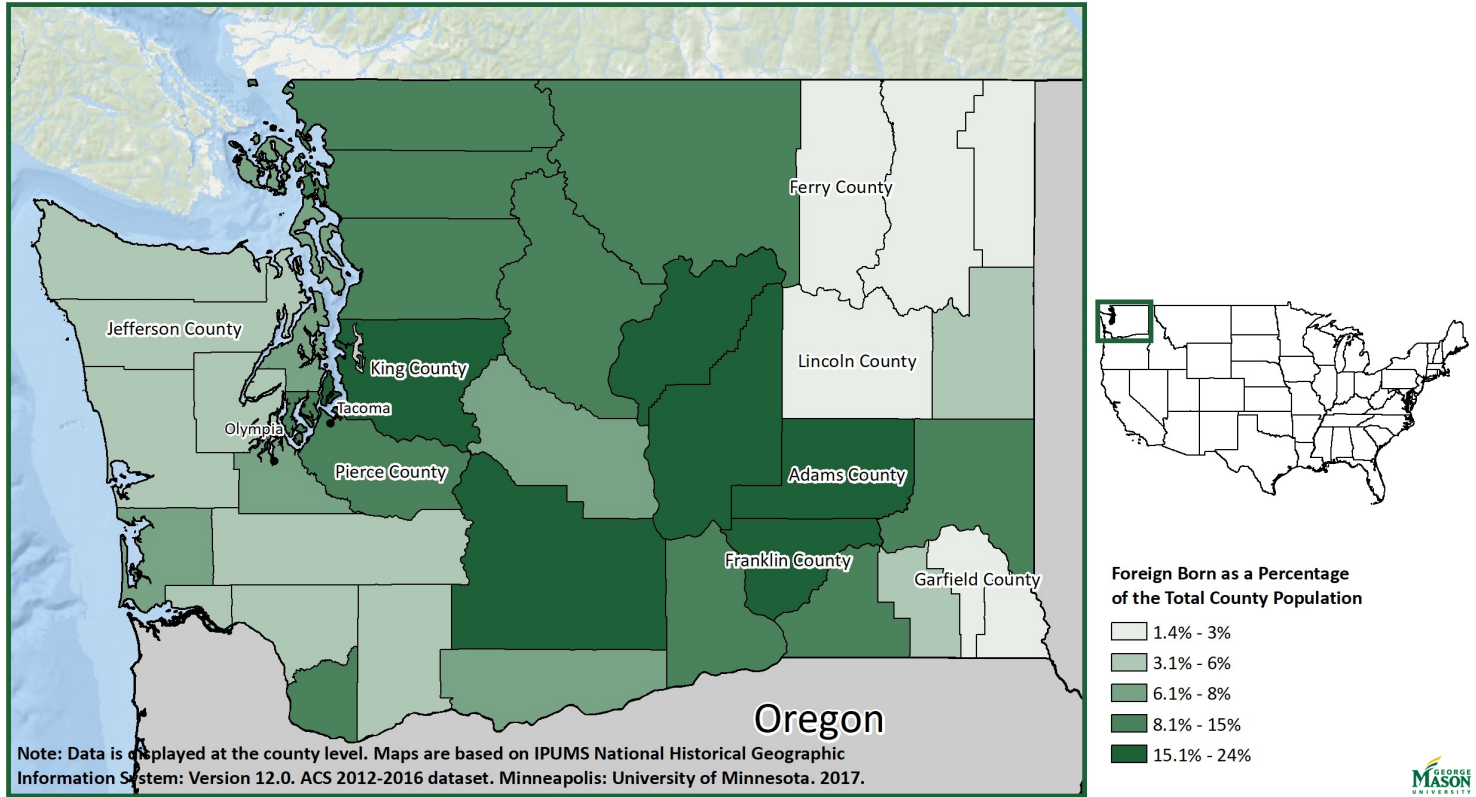


Immigrants in Pierce County, Washington

Figure 1. Immigrants in Washington



2016 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- **42,228,200:** Approximate number of immigrants¹ living in the U.S. (13% of the population)
- **955,400:** Approximate number of immigrants living in Washington (14% of the state's population)
- **80,300:** Approximate number of immigrants living in Pierce County, Washington (10% of the county's population)
- **13th:** Rank of the state of Washington 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 Washington

Figure 1 shows where immigrants live in the state of Washington. Pierce County has a foreign-born population of 80,300, which represents 10 percent of the county's population. It represents the 16th largest county in Washington in terms of immigrants as a share of the county population. Adams County, Franklin County, and King County reported the highest shares of immigrants in the state of Washington. Adams County has an immigrant population of 4,500, or 24 percent of the population. Franklin County has a foreign-born population of 19,700, which accounts for 22 percent of the county's population. King County has an immigrant population of 448,300, which also accounts for 22 percent of the population. Immigrants make up the smallest shares of the population in Garfield County, Ferry County, and Lincoln County.

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.

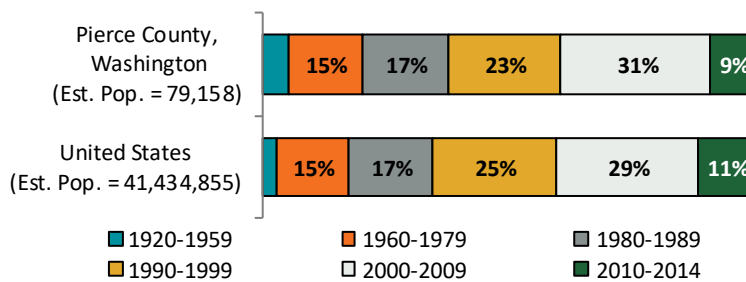
²All other immigrants in the United States excluding Pierce County, WA

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Year of Immigration

Immigrants living in Pierce County, WA reported similar years of arrival to the United States compared to the remainder of immigrants² nationwide (Figure 2). Immigrants in Pierce County, WA were slightly less likely to have arrived to the United States in the year 2000 or later compared to all other immigrants nationwide. Similarly, the median year of immigration to the U.S. for foreign-born individuals living in Pierce County, WA is 1995, which is slightly earlier compared to all other immigrants in the U.S. (1996).

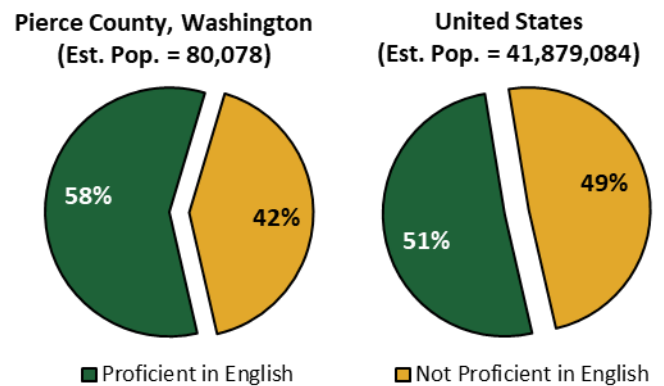
 **Figure 2. Year of Immigration Among Immigrants, 1920 - 2014**



English Proficiency

Figure 3 shows that immigrants in Pierce County, WA report higher levels (58 percent) of English proficiency (speaks English or speaks English very well) compared to all other immigrants nationwide (51 percent).

 **Figure 3. English Proficiency Among Immigrants**
Foreign-Born Individuals, Age 5+



Employment

Figure 4 shows that a majority of immigrants age 16—65 living in Pierce County, WA are employed. This rate of employment is identical to the remainder of immigrants across the United States.

 **Figure 4. Employment Among Immigrants**
Foreign-Born Individuals in the Labor Force, Age 16—65

	Pierce County, Washington	United States
Employed	93%	93%
Unemployed	7%	7%
Estimated Immigrant Population (Age 16+)	45,697	25,847,870

Poverty

Over four in five immigrants living in Pierce County, WA live at or above the poverty line (Figure 5). This is slightly higher compared to all other immigrants living in the United States.

 **Figure 5. Poverty Rate Among Immigrants**

	Pierce County, Washington	United States
Below the Poverty Line	17%	18%
At or Above the Poverty Line	83%	82%
Estimated Immigrant Population [†]	79,433	41,589,487

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

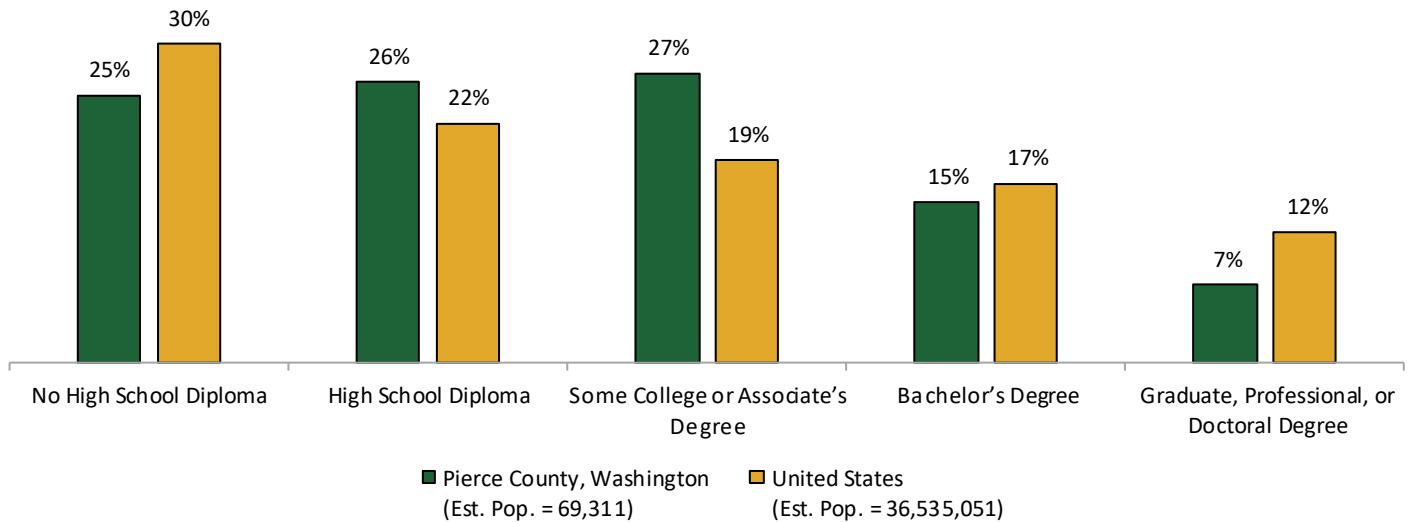
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Educational Attainment

Figure 6 shows that immigrants living in Pierce County, WA reported lower rates of bachelor's degree or higher relative to all other immigrants living in the United States. Almost 22 percent of immigrants in Pierce County earned a bachelor's degree or higher while 29 percent of all other immigrants in the United States reported comparable rates of educational attainment.

Figure 6. Educational Among Immigrants

Foreign-Born Individuals, Age 25+



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