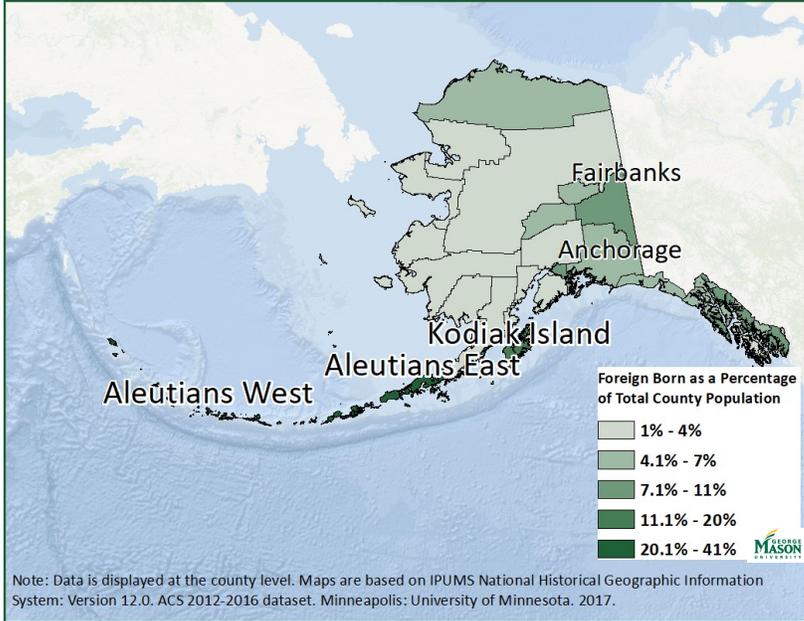


Immigrants in Anchorage, Alaska

Figure 1. Immigrants in Alaska



2016 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- **42,228,200:** Approximate number of immigrants* living in the U.S. (13% of the population)
- **28,900:** Approximate number of immigrants living in the city of Anchorage (10% of the city's population)
- **54,800:** Approximate number of immigrants living in the state of Alaska (7% of the state's population)
- **25th:** Rank of the state of Alaska 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 Alaska

Figure 1 shows where immigrants live in the state of Alaska. Aleutians East, Aleutians West and Kodiak Island reported the highest percentages of immigrants in Alaska. Approximately 28,900 immigrants live in the city of Anchorage. Note that with approximately 3,300 residents in Aleutians East and 5,700 residents in Aleutians West, these two small counties rank fourth and eighth in the United States in terms of foreign born as a percentage of total county population.

Figure 2. Top Five Countries of Birth Among Immigrants

Country of Birth

Foreign-born individuals living in Anchorage come from a variety of countries (Figure 2). Compared to all other immigrants living in the United States,² there are significantly larger shares of immigrants from the Philippines and Korea living in Anchorage.

Anchorage		United States, Excluding Anchorage	
Philippines	31%	Mexico	27%
Korea	11%	India	5%
Mexico	7%	China	5%
Thailand	5%	Philippines	5%
Canada	4%	El Salvador	3%
70 Other Countries	42%	151 Other Countries	55%
Estimated Immigrant Population	28,878	Estimated Immigrant Population	42,199,319

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 Anchorage.

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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Number of Children per Immigrant-Headed Household

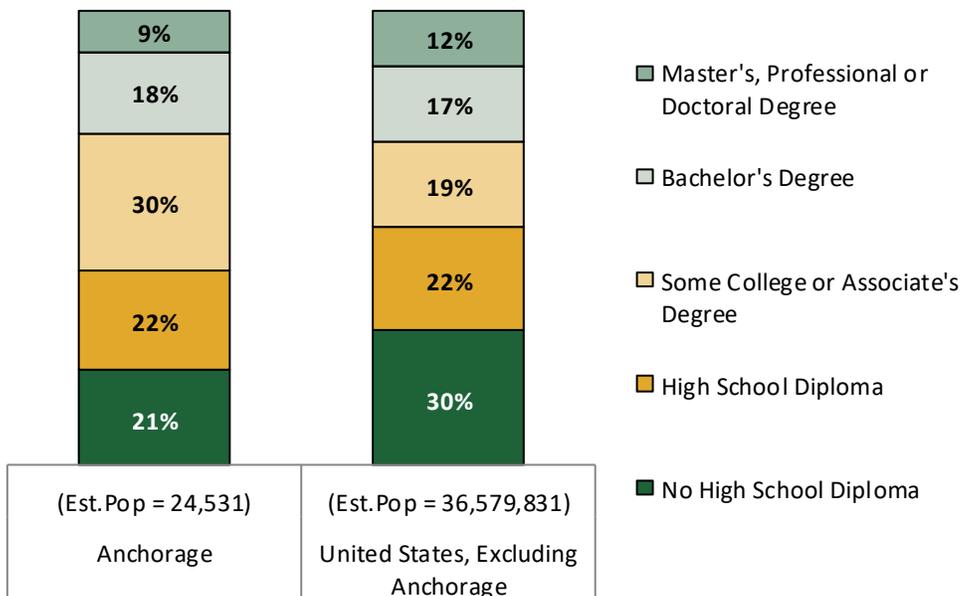
Immigrant-headed households in Anchorage are slightly more likely to report living with four or more children compared to all other immigrant-headed households across the United States, as shown in Figure 3.

Figure 3. Number of Children per Immigrant-Headed Household³

Number of Own Children per Immigrant Household	Anchorage	United States, excluding Anchorage
1	42%	38%
2	30%	37%
3	15%	17%
4+	13%	8%
Estimated Immigrant Households	6,058	9,612,300

Figure 4. Educational Attainment Among Immigrants

Foreign-Born Individuals, Age 25+



Educational Attainment

Figure 4 shows that immigrants in Anchorage are much more likely to have obtained some college or associate's degree (30 percent) compared to immigrants in the United States (19 percent). Additionally, immigrants in Anchorage are less likely to have no high school diploma compared to immigrants in the United States. Immigrants living in the United States are more likely to have obtained Master's, Professional or Doctoral degree compared to immigrants in Anchorage.

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English Proficiency

Figure 5 shows immigrants living in Anchorage reported higher English proficiency rate compared to all other immigrants living in the United States. Approximately 56 percent of immigrants living in Anchorage are proficient in English (speaks only English or speaks English very well) compared to 51 percent of all other immigrants in the United States.

Figure 5. English Proficiency Among Immigrants

Foreign-Born Individuals, Age 5+

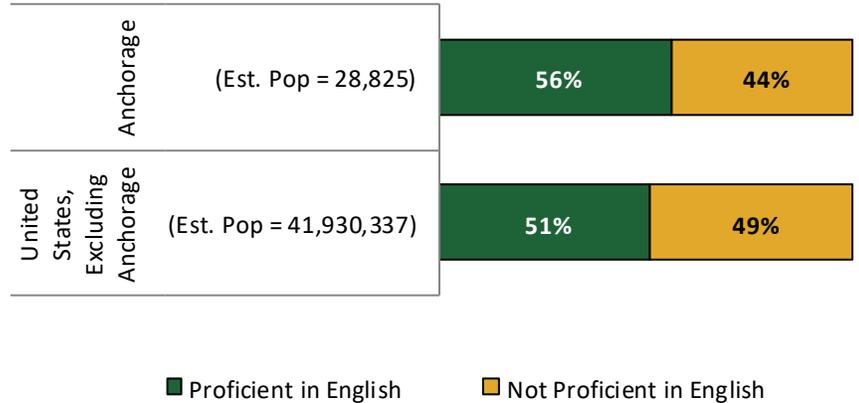
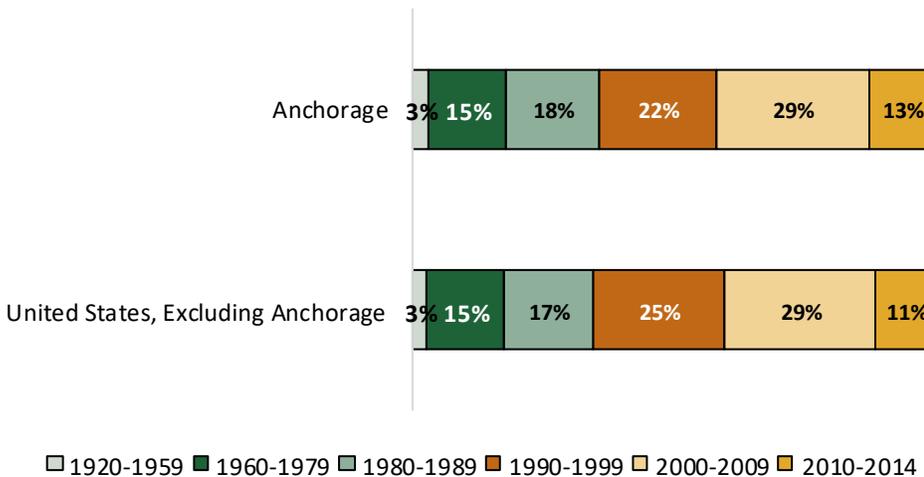


Figure 6. Year of immigration Among Immigrants



Year of Immigration

Immigrants living in Anchorage are slightly more likely to report arriving in the United States very recently compared to all other immigrants in the United States. Thirteen percent of immigrants living in Anchorage arrived in the United States after 2009 compared to 11 percent of all other immigrants living in the United States.

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