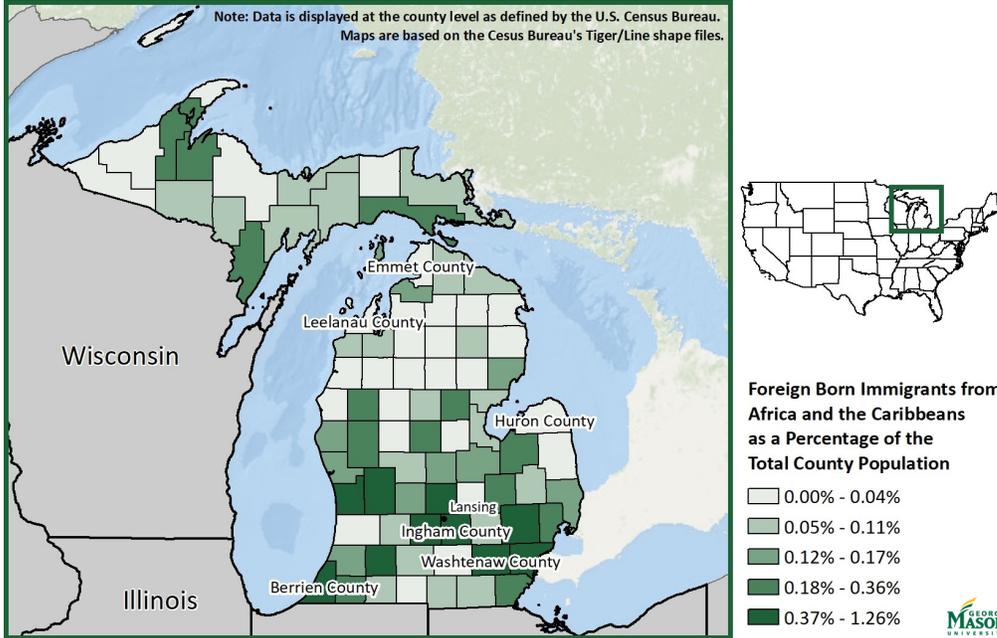


## Immigrants from Africa and the Caribbean Living in Michigan

**Figure 1. Immigrants from Africa and the Caribbean in Michigan**



### 2016 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- **42,228,200:** Approximate number of immigrants<sup>1</sup> living in the U.S. (13% of the population)
- **5,952,800:** Approximate number of immigrants from Africa<sup>2</sup> or the Caribbean<sup>3</sup> living in the U.S. (2% of the population)
- **41,800:** Approximate number of immigrants from Africa or the Caribbean living in Michigan (<1% of the state's population)
- **36th:** The state of Michigan is home to the thirty-sixth largest share of immigrants from Africa and the Caribbean living in the U.S.

### Distribution of Immigrants from Africa and the Caribbean Living in the State of Michigan

Figure 1 shows where immigrants from Africa and the Caribbean live in Michigan. Berrien County (1.3%), Ingham County (1.2%), and Washtenaw County (0.9%) reported the highest percentages of immigrants from Africa and the Caribbean. Immigrants from Africa and the Caribbean make up the smallest shares of the population in Huron County, Leelanau County, and Emmet County.

### Country of Birth

Foreign-born individuals from Africa and the Caribbean living in Michigan come from a variety of countries (Figure 2). Compared to all other immigrants from Africa and the Caribbean in the United States,<sup>4</sup> there are significantly larger shares of immigrants from Nigeria and Egypt/United Arab Republic in Michigan. Relative to the remainder of the United States, there are smaller proportions of immigrants from Cuba, Jamaica, and the Dominican Republic living in Michigan.

**Figure 2. Top Five Countries of Birth Among African and Caribbean Immigrants**

Michigan		United States, Excluding Michigan	
Cuba	11%	Cuba	20%
Nigeria	10%	Dominican Republic	17%
Egypt/United Arab Republic	8%	Jamaica	12%
Jamaica	7%	Haiti	11%
Dominican Republic	6%	Nigeria	5%
38 Other Countries	58%	38 Other Countries	35%
<b>Estimated Immigrant Population</b>	<b>41,779</b>	<b>Estimated Immigrant Population</b>	<b>5,911,059</b>

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](http://www.ipums.org), unless otherwise noted.

<sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>2</sup>African countries include Algeria, Egypt/United Arab Republic, Libya, Morocco, Sudan, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Eritrea, Cameroon, Congo, Zaire, and South Africa (Union Of).

<sup>3</sup>Caribbean countries include Cuba, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica, Antigua-Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Trinidad and Tobago.

<sup>4</sup>All other African and Caribbean immigrants in the United States excluding the state of Michigan

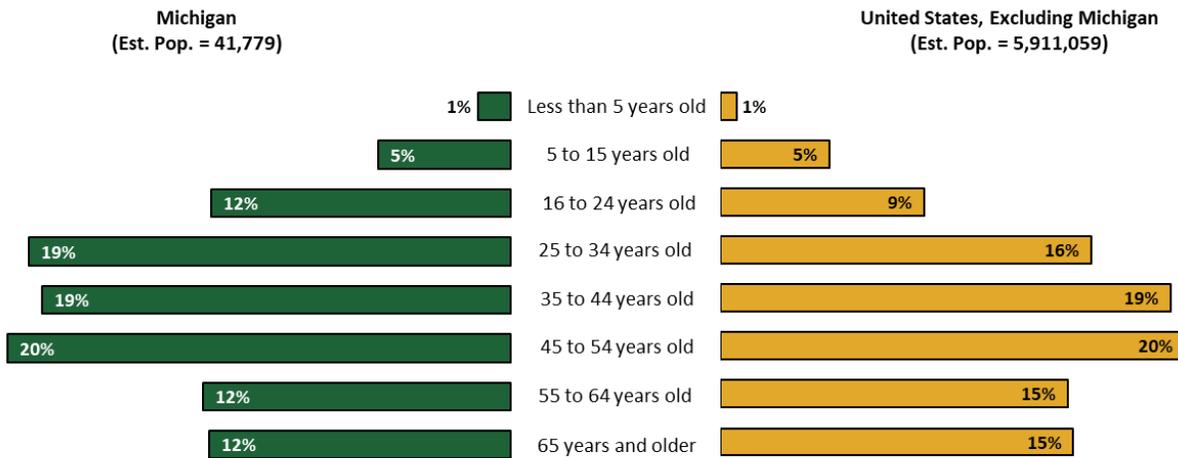
<sup>5</sup>A household includes all the people who occupy a housing unit. A native-born U.S. citizen household is defined as a household which is headed by a native-born U.S. citizen, regardless of the immigration status of the spouse. Conversely, an immigrant headed household is defined as a household 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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## Age

Figure 3 shows that immigrants from Africa and the Caribbean living in Michigan are slightly more likely to be younger compared to all other African and Caribbean immigrants living in the United States. Additionally, the median age of foreign-born individuals from Africa and the Caribbean living in Michigan is 41, which is lower than the median age of all other African and Caribbean immigrants living across the nation (45).

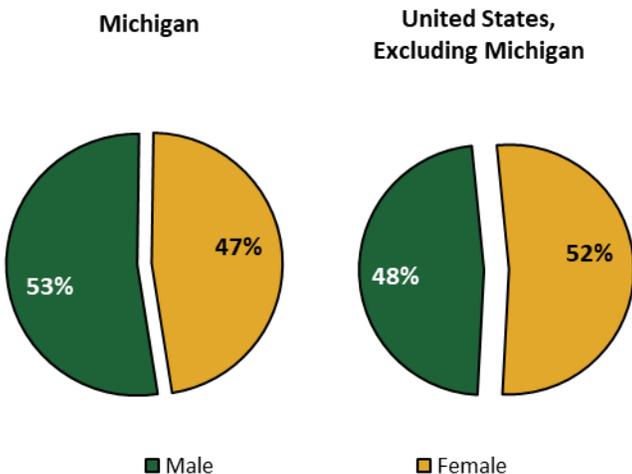
**Figure 3. Age of African and Caribbean Immigrants**



## Gender

Figure 4 shows that immigrants from Africa and the Caribbean living in Michigan are more likely to be male compared to all other African and Caribbean immigrants living across the nation.

**Figure 4. Gender of African and Caribbean Immigrants**



## Educational Attainment

Figure 5 shows that immigrants from Africa and the Caribbean living in Michigan are nearly twice as likely to have a bachelor's degree or higher compared to African and Caribbean immigrants living in the United States.

**Figure 5. Educational Attainment Among African and Caribbean Immigrants**

Foreign-Born Individuals, Age 25+

	Michigan	United States, Excluding Michigan
No High School Diploma	12%	21%
High School Diploma	17%	27%
Some College or Associate's Degree	26%	26%
Bachelor's Degree	22%	16%
Graduate, Professional, or Doctoral Degree	23%	10%
<b>Estimated Immigrant Population (Age 25+)</b>	<b>34,041</b>	<b>5,070,184</b>

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### Household Income

Households in Michigan headed by immigrants from Africa or the Caribbean are more likely to report earning \$75,000 or more compared to all other households headed by African and Caribbean immigrants across the nation (Figure 6). Additionally, households headed by a foreign-born individual from Africa or the Caribbean living in Michigan report higher median family incomes (\$42,000) compared to all other households headed by an immigrant from Africa or the Caribbean across the U.S. (\$40,552).

**Figure 6. Household Income Among African and Caribbean Immigrant Households<sup>5</sup>**



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