Immigrants in the Baltimore Metro Area, Maryland

Figure 1. Immigrants in the Baltimore Metro Area, MD

Note: Data is displayed at the county level. Maps are based on IPUMS National Historical Geographic Information System: Version 12.0 . ACS 2012-2016 dataset. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota. 2017.

Foreign Born as a Percentage of the Total County Population
- 0% - 5%
- 5.1% - 10%
- 10.1% - 15%
- 15.1% - 25%
- 25.1% - 35%
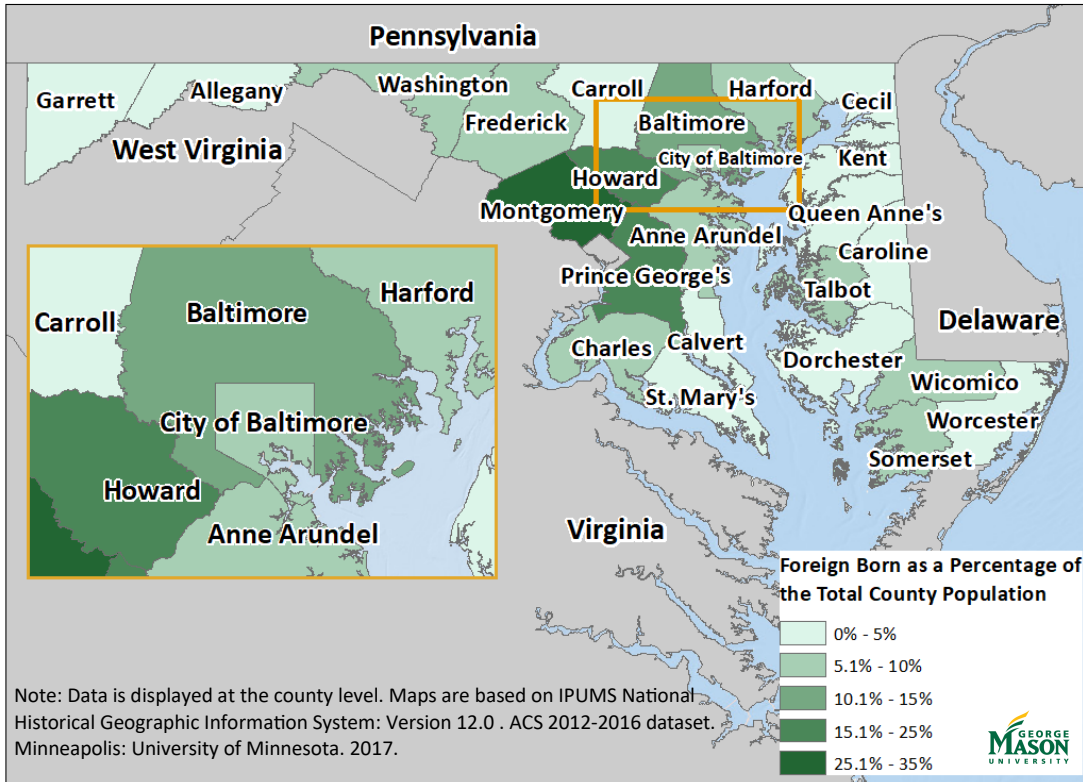
2016 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- **42,228,200:** Approximate number of immigrants[1] living in the U.S. (13% of the population)

- **49,000:** Approximate number of immigrants living in the city of Baltimore (8% of the area's population)

- **270,500:** Approximate number of immigrants living in the Baltimore metro area (10% of the city's population)

- **874,700:** Approximate number of immigrants living in Maryland (15% of the state's population)

- **9th:** Rank of Maryland among the 50 states and Washington, D.C. in terms of immigrants as a percentage of the state's population
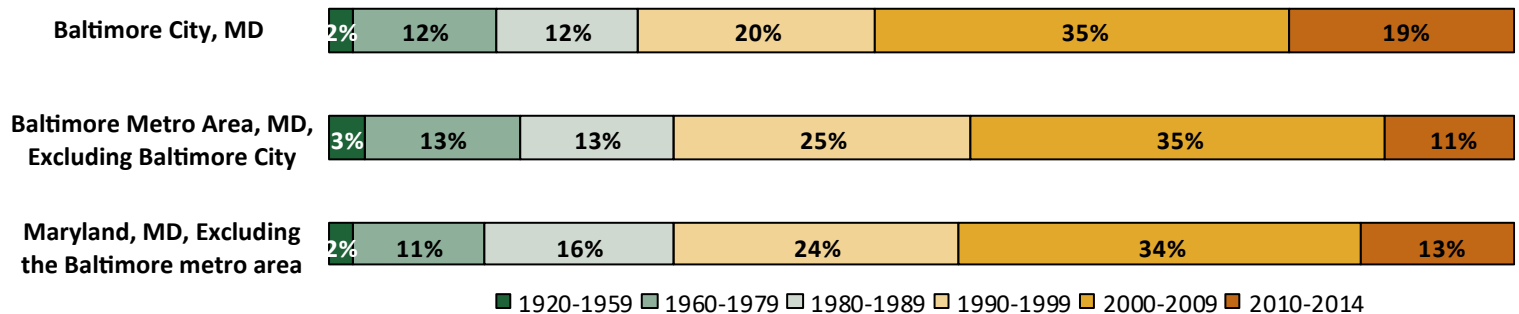
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Figure 1 shows how the immigrant population is distributed across the state of Maryland. There are an estimated 874,691 immigrants in Maryland (15% of the state population). Among them, the Baltimore metro area has approximately 270,490 immigrants (10% of the area's population) and of them 49,005 immigrants live in the city of Baltimore (8% of the city's population).

Year of Immigration

Figure 2 shows that immigrants living in in the city of Baltimore are more likely to have migrated to the United States after 2010 compared to all other immigrants living in the Baltimore metro area and in Maryland.[2]

Figure 2. Year of Immigration Among Immigrants, 1920 – 2014

	1920-1959	1960-1979	1980-1989	1990-1999	2000-2009	2010-2014
Baltimore City, MD	2%	12%	12%	20%	35%	19%
Baltimore Metro Area, MD, Excluding Baltimore City	3%	13%	13%	25%	35%	11%
Maryland, MD, Excluding the Baltimore metro area	2%	11%	16%	24%	34%	13%

[1] 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.

[2] All other immigrants in Maryland excludes the Baltimore metro area and all other immigrants in the Baltimore metro area excludes immigrants in the city of Baltimore.
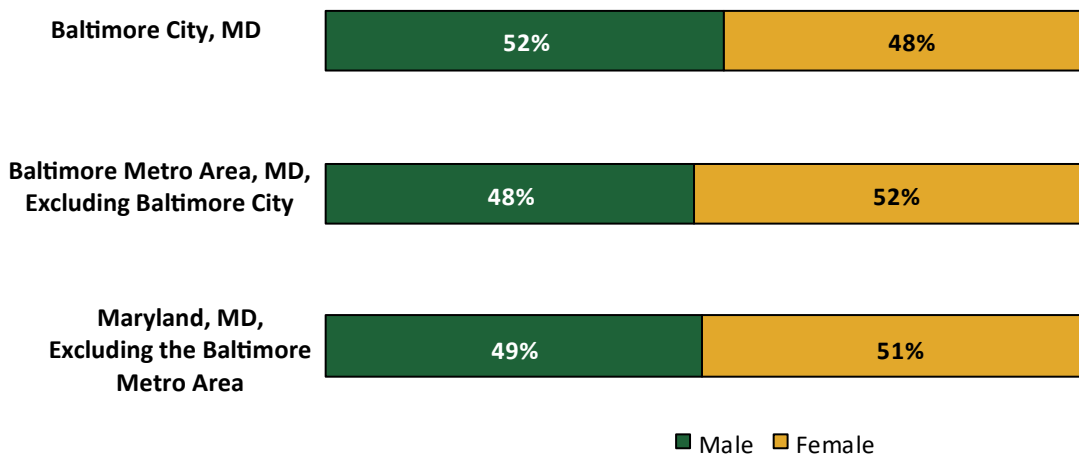
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📈 Figure 3. Age Distribution Among Immigrants

Age	The City of Baltimore	The Baltimore Metro Area, Excluding Baltimore City	Maryland, Excluding the Baltimore Metro Area
0 thru 4	<1%	1%	1%
5 to 15 years	3%	5%	5%
16 to 24 years old	11%	8%	9%
25 to 34 years old	28%	18%	19%
35 to 44 years old	22%	24%	22%
45 to 54 years old	14%	19%	19%
55 to 64 years old	10%	12%	13%
65 years and older	12%	13%	12%
Estimated Immigrant Population	**49,005**	**221,485**	**604,201**

Age Distribution

Figure 3 shows that immigrants in Baltimore city, the Baltimore metro area, and all other immigrants in Maryland have similar age distributions. Baltimore city, however, has a higher concentration in age 25 to 34 compared to all other immigrants in the Baltimore metro area and in Maryland. The median age of immigrants in Baltimore city is 38 while it is 42 for all other immigrants in the Baltimore metro area and in Maryland.

📈 Figure 4. Sex Distribution Among Immigrants

Baltimore City, MD
52% | 48%

Baltimore Metro Area, MD, Excluding Baltimore City
48% | 52%

Maryland, MD, Excluding the Baltimore Metro Area
49% | 51%

■ Male ■ Female

Sex

Figure 4 shows that immigrants in Baltimore city show a slightly higher percentage of males compared to all other immigrants in the Baltimore metro area and in Maryland.

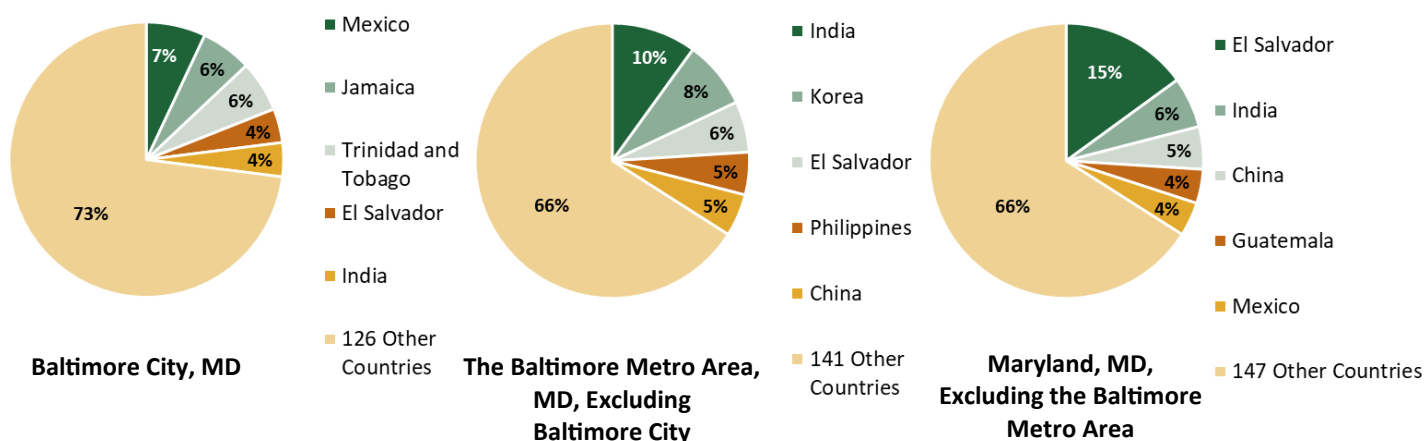# Immigrants in the Baltimore Metro Area, Maryland

🖊 Figure 5. Race and Ethnicity Among Immigrants

Race and Ethnicity	The City of Baltimore	The Baltimore Metro Area, Excluding Baltimore City	Maryland, Excluding the Baltimore Metro Area
White	34%	33%	29%
Black	31%	18%	25%
Asian	23%	40%	25%
Other race	10%	6%	19%
Two or more races	2%	3%	2%
Estimated Immigrant Population	**49,005**	**221,485**	**604,201**
Not Hispanic	74%	81%	64%
Hispanic	26%	19%	36%
Estimated Immigrant Population	**49,005**	**221,485**	**604,201**

Race and Ethnicity

Figure 5 shows that there are a higher share of Blacks among immigrants in Baltimore city compared to all other immigrants in the Baltimore metro area and in Maryland. The percentage of Hispanics among immigrants in Baltimore city is higher than among all other immigrants in the Baltimore metro area, but lower than among all other immigrants in Maryland.

🖊 Figure 6. Top Five Countries of Birth Among Immigrants

Baltimore City, MD
- Mexico 7%
- Jamaica 6%
- Trinidad and Tobago 6%
- El Salvador 4%
- India 4%
- 126 Other Countries 73%

The Baltimore Metro Area, MD, Excluding Baltimore City
- India 10%
- Korea 8%
- El Salvador 6%
- Philippines 5%
- China 5%
- 141 Other Countries 66%

Maryland, MD, Excluding the Baltimore Metro Area
- El Salvador 15%
- India 6%
- China 5%
- Guatemala 4%
- Mexico 4%
- 147 Other Countries 66%

Countries of Birth

Figure 6 shows that top five countries of birth among immigrants living in Baltimore city are more likely to be located in central America and the Caribbean (23%) compared to all other immigrants in the Baltimore metro area (6%). Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago have significantly larger shares compared to all other immigrants in the Baltimore metro area and in Maryland.
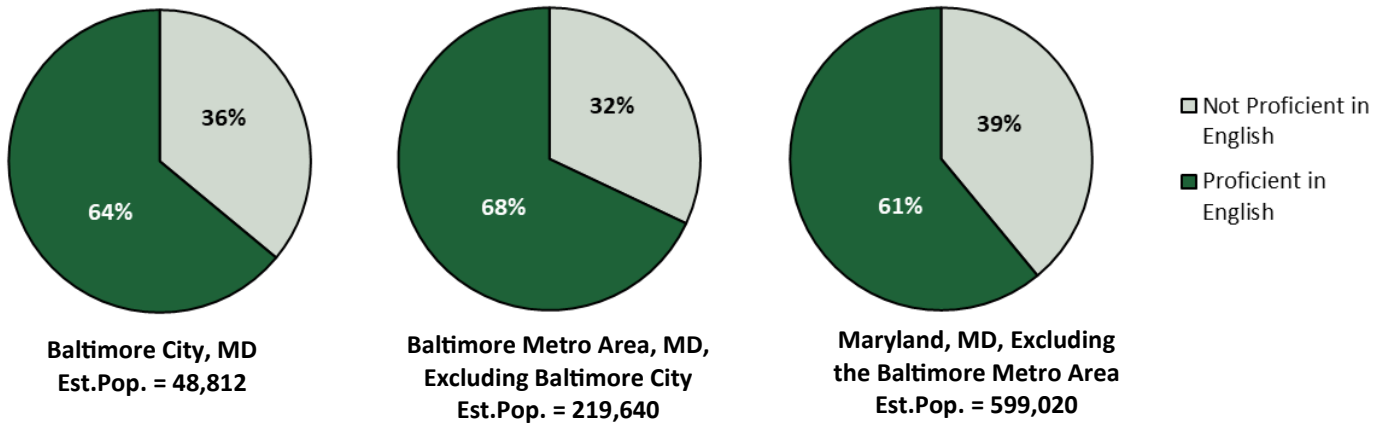
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Figure 7. English Proficiency Among Immigrants

Foreign-Born Individuals, Age 5+

Baltimore City, MD
Est.Pop. = 48,812

Baltimore Metro Area, MD,
Excluding Baltimore City
Est.Pop. = 219,640

Maryland, MD, Excluding
the Baltimore Metro Area
Est.Pop. = 599,020

Legend:
☐ Not Proficient in English
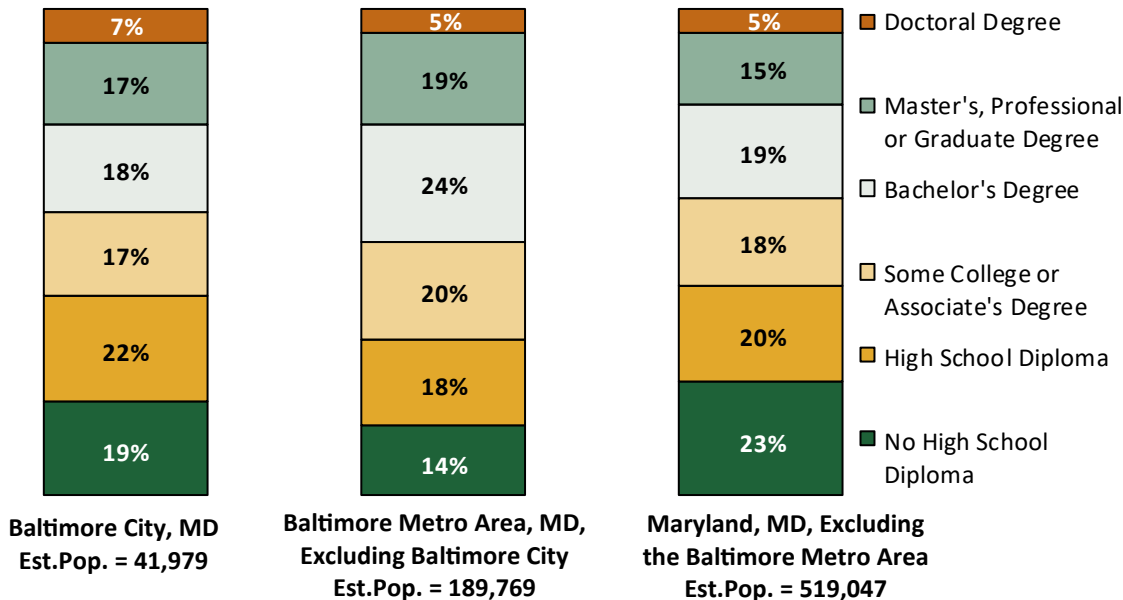■ Proficient in English

English Proficiency

Figure 7 shows that 64 percent of foreign-born individuals in the Baltimore City reported they are proficient in English, which is slightly lower than all other immigrants in the Baltimore metro area but slightly higher than all other immgirants in Maryland.

Figure 8. Educational Attainments Among Immigrants

Foreign-Born Individuals, Age 25+

Baltimore City, MD
Est.Pop. = 41,979

Baltimore Metro Area, MD,
Excluding Baltimore City
Est.Pop. = 189,769

Maryland, MD, Excluding
the Baltimore Metro Area
Est.Pop. = 519,047

Legend:
■ Doctoral Degree
■ Master's, Professional or Graduate Degree
☐ Bachelor's Degree
☐ Some College or Associate's Degree
■ High School Diploma
■ No High School Diploma

Education

Figure 8 shows that immigrants in Baltimore city show a slightly higher percentage of Doctorate degree holders compared to all other immigrants in the Baltimore metro area and in Maryland. Immigrants in the Baltimore metro area are about 10 percent more likely to have a Bachelor's and above degree compared to immigrants in Baltimore city and all other immigrants in Maryland.

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IMMIGRATION DATA ON DEMAND (iDod)

The iDod service is offered free of charge to help individuals and institutions examine the immigrant populations of their particular geography. Recipients of this data will see how immigrants provide vital contributions to the economy and society of the U.S. Ultimately, the goal of the iDod project is to create collaborations and connect people with data of interest on immigrant populations from their particular geographic region or economic sector.