Indian Immigrants Living in the Washington, DC and Baltimore Metropolitan Areas

**NUMBERS AT A GLANCE**

- **117,335**: Approximate number of Indian immigrants* living in the DC and Baltimore metro areas (1% of the area’s population). Among them:
  - 51% Male and 49% female
  - **14 years**: Median years in the U.S.
  - **43**: Median age
  - **54%** Eligible to vote (naturalized U.S. citizens age 18+)

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**Figure 1. Indian Immigrant Population in the DC and Baltimore Metro Areas**

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.

**Figure 2. Citizenship Status**

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<th>Foreign Born from India</th>
<th>All Other Foreign Born</th>
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<td><strong>Naturalized Citizen</strong></td>
<td>55%</td>
<td>49%</td>
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<td><strong>Not a Citizen</strong></td>
<td>45%</td>
<td>51%</td>
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**Foreign-Born Individuals in the DC and Baltimore Metro Areas**

**Figure 3. English Proficiency**

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<td><strong>Not Proficient in English</strong></td>
<td>18%</td>
<td>40%</td>
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<td><strong>Proficient in English</strong></td>
<td>82%</td>
<td>60%</td>
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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.

*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.
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Education, Income, Health Insurance and Housing

4% of foreign-born Indians living in the DC and Baltimore metro areas are below the poverty line compared to 11% of all other foreign born and 9% of native-born U.S. citizens.

Figure 4. Educational Attainment
Individuals, Age 25+, in the DC and Baltimore Metro Areas

![Educational Attainment Diagram]

- **Doctoral Degree**
- **Master’s, Professional or Graduate Degree**
- **Bachelor’s Degree**
- **Some College or Associate's Degree**
- **High School Diploma**
- **No High School Diploma**

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Figure 5. Median Total Family Income and Personal Earned Income
Individuals, employed, age 16-65, in the DC and Baltimore Metro Areas

![Income Comparison Diagram]

- **Foreign-Born from India**
  - Median Family Income: $130,565
  - Median Personal Income: $92,735
- **All Other Foreign Born**
  - Median Family Income: $65,300
  - Median Personal Income: $44,556
- **Native-Born U.S. Citizens**
  - Median Family Income: $81,350
  - Median Personal Income: $64,100

94% of foreign-born Indians living in the DC and Baltimore metro areas have health insurance coverage compared to 75% of all other foreign born and 95% of native-born U.S. citizens.

Figure 6. Home Ownership
Household Heads in the DC and Baltimore Metro Areas

![Home Ownership Diagram]

- **Foreign-Born from India**
  - Own a Home or Buying a Home: 33%
  - Rent, Do not Own Home: 67%
- **All Other Foreign Born**
  - Own a Home or Buying a Home: 46%
  - Rent, Do not Own Home: 54%
- **Native-Born U.S. Citizens**
  - Own a Home or Buying a Home: 35%
  - Rent, Do not Own Home: 65%
Employment and Occupation

**Figure 7. Top Five Occupational Groups**
Individuals, Employed, Age 16-65, in the DC and Baltimore Metro Areas

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<td>Computer and Mathematical Occupations</td>
<td>30%</td>
<td>Construction Occupations</td>
<td>10%</td>
<td>Management, Business, Science, and Arts Occupations</td>
<td>14%</td>
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<td>Management, Business, Science, and Arts Occupations</td>
<td>16%</td>
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<td>9%</td>
<td>Office and Administrative Support Occupations</td>
<td>13%</td>
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<td>Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations</td>
<td>8%</td>
<td>Building And Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations</td>
<td>9%</td>
<td>Sales and Related Occupations</td>
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<td>Sales and Related Occupations</td>
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<td>Sales and Related Occupations</td>
<td>8%</td>
<td>Education, Training, and Library Occupations</td>
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<td>Office and Administrative Support Occupations</td>
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<td>18 Other Occupational Groups</td>
<td>33%</td>
<td>20 Other Occupational Groups</td>
<td>56%</td>
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4% of foreign-born Indians in the labor force living in the DC and Baltimore metro area are unemployed compared to 6% of all other foreign born and 6% of native-born U.S. citizens.

**Figure 8. Employment in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Occupations**
Individuals, Employed, Age 16-65, in the DC and Baltimore Metro Areas

- ** STEM**: 50%
- **STEM-related**: 41%
- **Non-STEM**: 9%

41% of foreign-born Indians in the labor force living in the DC and Baltimore metro area are employed in STEM occupations compared to 6% of all other foreign born and 6% of native-born U.S. citizens.
Self-Employment

Figure 9. Self-Employment
Individuals, Full-time Employed, Age 16-65, in the DC and Baltimore Metro Areas

- $69,872: Median personal income of Indian immigrants who are self-employed and living in the DC and Baltimore metro areas
- $39,493: Median personal income of all other foreign born who are self-employed and living in the DC and Baltimore metro areas
- $61,000: Median personal income of native-born U.S. citizens who are self-employed and living in the DC and Baltimore metro areas

Figure 10. Indian Immigrant Population in the United States, 1950-2017


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