Bolivian Immigrants Living in the DC and Baltimore Metropolitan Areas

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

Note: data is displayed at the county level. Maps are based on IPUMS National Historical Information System: Version 12.0. ACS 2012-2016 dataset.

**NUMBERS AT A GLANCE**
- **31,207**: Approximate number of Bolivian immigrants* living in the DC and Baltimore metro areas (1% of the area’s population). Among them:
  - **46% Male and 54% female**
  - **14 years**: Median years in the U.S.
  - **41**: Median age
  - **38% Eligible to vote** (naturalized U.S. citizens age 18+)

**Figure 2. Citizenship Status**

- **Foreign Born from Bolivia**
  - Naturalized Citizen: 39%
  - Not a Citizen: 61%

- **All Other Foreign Born**
  - Naturalized Citizen: 50%
  - Not a Citizen: 50%

**Figure 3. English Proficiency**

- **Foreign Born from Bolivia**
  - Proficient in English: 55%
  - Not Proficient in English: 45%

- **All Other Foreign Born**
  - Proficient in English: 62%
  - Not Proficient in English: 38%

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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

10% of foreign-born Bolivians living in the DC and Baltimore metro areas are below the poverty line compared to 10% 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

- **Foreign Born from Bolivia**
  - Master’s, Professional or Graduate Degree: 21%
  - Bachelor’s Degree: 22%
  - Some College or Associate’s Degree: 30%
  - High School Diploma: 12%
  - No High School Diploma: 6%

- **All Other Foreign Born**
  - Master’s, Professional or Graduate Degree: 25%
  - Bachelor’s Degree: 25%
  - Some College or Associate’s Degree: 18%
  - High School Diploma: 22%
  - No High School Diploma: 5%

- **Native-Born U.S. Citizens**
  - Master’s, Professional or Graduate Degree: 22%
  - Bachelor’s Degree: 25%
  - Some College or Associate’s Degree: 19%
  - High School Diploma: 20%
  - No High School Diploma: 6%

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

- **Foreign-Born from Bolivia**
  - Median Family Income: $58,835
  - Median Personal Income: $36,497

- **All Other Foreign Born**
  - Median Family Income: $70,039
  - Median Personal Income: $47,088

- **Native-Born U.S. Citizens**
  - Median Family Income: $81,350
  - Median Personal Income: $64,000

62% of foreign-born Bolivians living in the DC and Baltimore metro areas have health insurance coverage compared to 77% 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

- **Foreign-Born from Bolivia**
  - Own a Home or Buying a Home: 51%
  - Rent, Do not Own Home: 49%

- **All Other Foreign Born**
  - Own a Home or Buying a Home: 45%
  - Rent, Do not Own Home: 55%

- **Native-Born U.S. Citizens**
  - Own a Home or Buying a Home: 35%
  - Rent, Do not Own Home: 65%
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Employment and Occupation

**Figure 7. Top Five Occupational Groups**

Individuals who are employed, Age 16-65, in the DC and Baltimore Metro Areas

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6% of foreign-born Bolivians in the labor force living in the DC and Baltimore metro areas are unemployed compared to 5% 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 who are employed, Age 16-65, in the DC and Baltimore Metro Areas

- **Foreign Born from Bolivia**
  - STEM: 4%
  - STEM-related: 2%
  - Non-STEM: 94%

- **All Other Foreign Born**
  - STEM: 12%
  - STEM-related: 7%
  - Non-STEM: 81%

- **Native-Born U.S. Citizens**
  - STEM: 11%
  - STEM-related: 6%
  - Non-STEM: 83%
Self-Employment

Figure 9. Self-Employment
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Self-employed and Unincorporated
Self-employed in Own Incorporated Business
Works for Wages or Salary

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

- $30,379*: Median personal income of Bolivian immigrants who are self-employed and living in the DC and Baltimore metro areas
- $40,505*: 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

*Please note that these numbers are generated based on individuals who are employed full time.


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