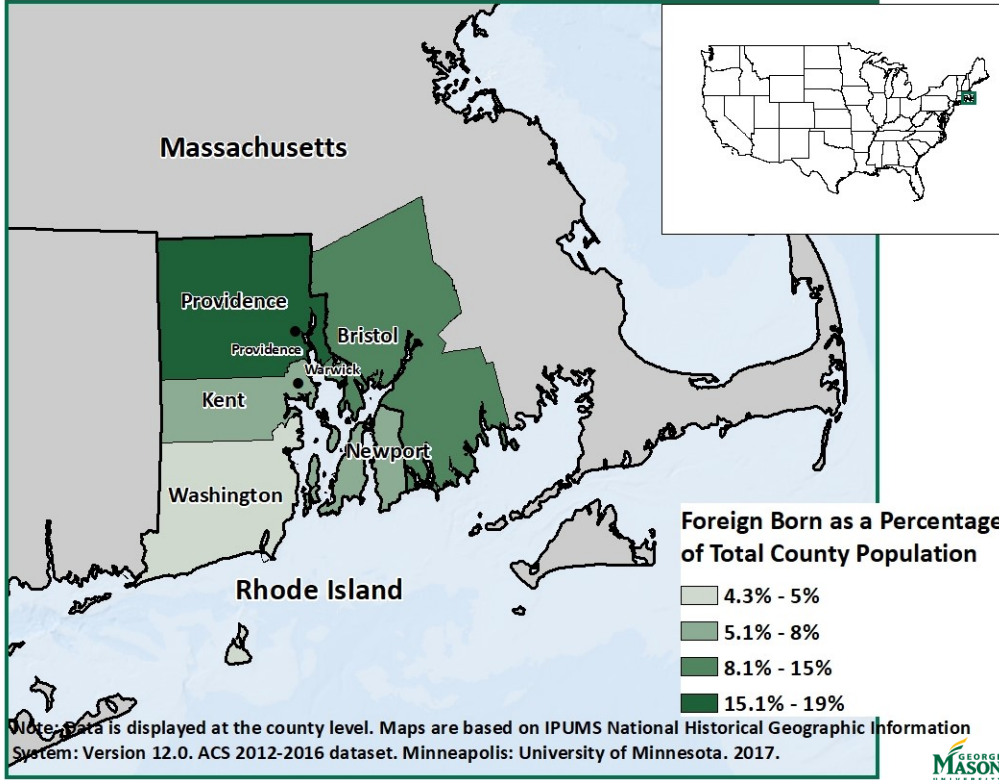


**Immigrants in the Providence-Warwick Metro Area, Rhode Island and Massachusetts**

**Figure 1. Immigrants in the Providence-Warwick Metro Area, RI-MA**



**2016 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE**

- **42,228,200:** Approximate number of immigrants\* living in the U.S. (13% of the population)
- **141,400:** Approximate number of immigrants living in the state of Rhode Island (13% of the state’s population)
- **1,069,400:** Approximate number of immigrants living in the state of Massachusetts (16% of the state’s population)
- **209,200:** Approximate number of immigrants living in the Providence-Warwick metro area (13% of the area’s population)
- **15th:** Rank of the state of Rhode Island among the 50 states and Washington, D.C. in terms of immigrants as a percentage of the state’s population
- **8th:** Rank of the state of Massachusetts among the 50 states and Washington, D.C. in terms of immigrants as a percentage of the state’s population

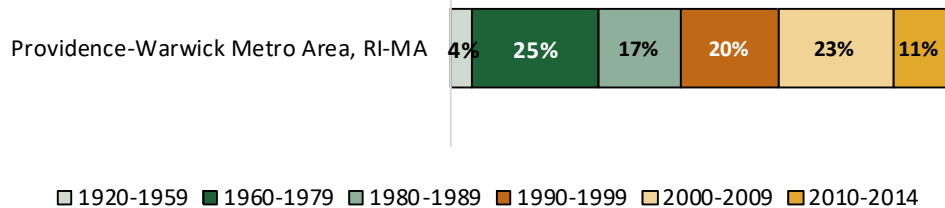
**Distribution of Immigrants in the Providence-Warwick Metro Area, RI-MA**

Figure 1 shows where immigrants live in the Providence-Warwick metro area. Providence County reported the highest percentage of immigrants in this area. Eighteen percent of residents in Providence County are immigrants. Washington County reported the lowest percentage of immigrants in the Providence-Warwick metro area (4%).

**Figure 2. Year of Immigration Among Immigrants, 1920-2014**

**Year of Immigration**

Figure 2 shows that more than one third of immigrants living in the Providence-Warwick Metro Area migrated to U.S. since 2000.



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.

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**Figure 3. Educational Attainment Among Immigrants**

Foreign-Born Individuals, Age 25+

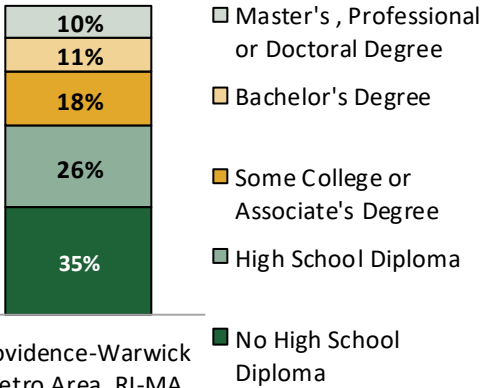


Figure 3 shows that one out of five immigrants living in the Providence-Warwick metro area has a bachelor's degree or higher.

**Figure 4. Top Five Birthplaces Among Immigrants**

Providence-Warwick Metro Area, RI-MA	
Portugal	17%
Dominican Republic	12%
Guatemala	8%
Azores	6%
Cape Verde	6%
136 Other Countries	51%
<b>Estimated Immigrant Population</b>	<b>209,226</b>

**Country of Birth**

Figure 4 shows that 17 percent of foreign-born individuals living in the Providence-Warwick metro area come from Portugal and 14 percent come from the Dominican Republic or Guatemala. Note that the median age of immigrants from Portugal is 58, but immigrants from Dominican Republic are much younger, with median age of 42.

**Figure 5. Employment Status Among Immigrants**

Foreign-Born Individuals, Age 16-65

	Providence-Warwick Metro Area, RI-MA
Employed	92%
Unemployed	8%
<b>Estimated Immigrant Population</b>	<b>124,260</b>

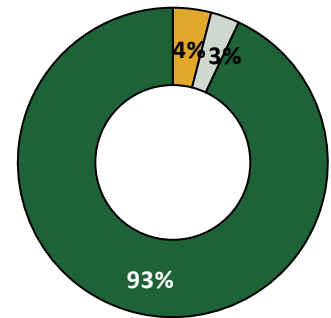
**Employment**

Figure 5 shows that 92 percent of immigrants living in the Providence-Warwick metro area are employed.

**Figure 6. Self-Employment Status Among Immigrants**

Foreign-Born Individuals, Age 16-65

- Self-employed and Unincorporated
- Self-employed in Own Incorporated Business
- Works for Wages or Salary



**Self-Employment**

Figure 6 shows that three percent of immigrants living in the Providence-Warwick metro area are self-employed in their own incorporated business, and another four percent of immigrants are in unincorporated self-employment.

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