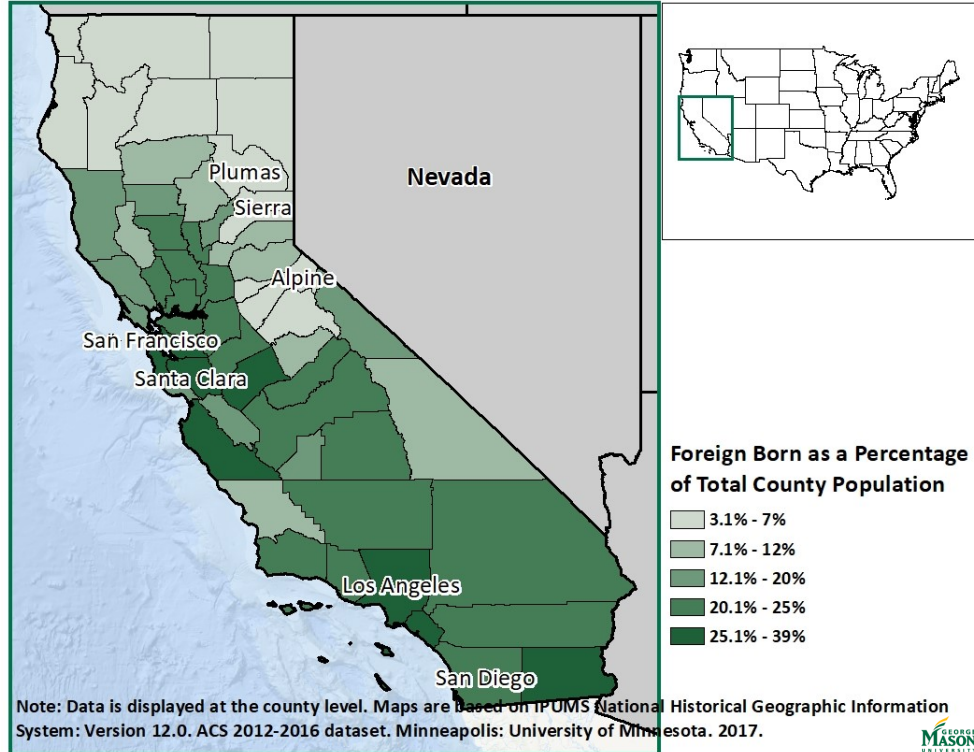


**Immigrants in San Diego County, California**

**Figure 1. Immigrants in the State of California**



**2016 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE**

- **42,228,200:** Approximate number of immigrants<sup>1</sup> living in the U.S. (13% of the population)
- **10,455,000:** Approximate number of immigrants living in the state of California (27% of the state's population)
- **773,100:** Approximate number of immigrants living in San Diego County (24% of the county's population)
- **1st:** Rank of the state of California 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 State of California**

Figure 1 shows where immigrants live in the state of California. Santa Clara (38 percent), San Francisco (35 percent), and Los Angeles (34 percent) counties reported the highest percentages of immigrants in this state. Alpine (3 percent), Plumas (4 percent), and Sierra (4 percent) counties reported the lowest percentages of immigrants in the state. San Diego county rank 12th in terms of immigrants as a percentage of the county's population in California (24 percent).

**Languages Spoken at Home**

Among immigrants, both in San Diego County and in the state of California, Spanish and English are the languages most frequently spoken at home. Immigrants in San Diego County were slightly less likely to speak Spanish and more likely to speak English, Filipino, Tagalog and Vietnamese at home compared to all other immigrants in California<sup>2</sup>.

**Figure 2. Top Five Languages Spoken at Home Among Immigrants**

	San Diego County, CA	California, Excluding San Diego County	
Spanish	47%	Spanish	50%
English	14%	English	10%
Filipino, Tagalog	11%	Chinese	9%
Chinese	4%	Filipino, Tagalog	6%
Vietnamese	4%	Hindi and related	4%
50 Other Languages	20%	56 Other Languages	21%
<b>Estimated Immigrant Population</b>	<b>767,778</b>	<b>Estimated Immigrant Population</b>	<b>9,637,853</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, 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.

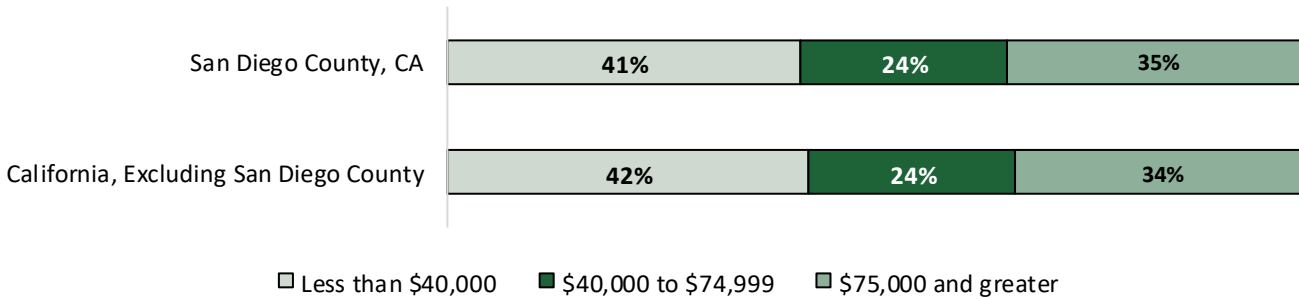
<sup>2</sup>All other immigrants in California excluding San Diego County, CA

<sup>3</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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**Figure 3. Household Income Among Immigrant Households<sup>3</sup>**

Foreign-Born Household Heads in the Labor Force, Age 16+



**Household Income**

Immigrant household heads in San Diego County are slightly more likely to earn \$75,000 or more compared to all other foreign-born individuals living in California. Immigrants living in San Diego County, CA reported the same median family incomes (\$50,000) compared to all other immigrants living in California.

**Figure 4. Occupational Groups Among Immigrants**

Foreign-Born Individuals in the Labor Force and Employed, Age 16-65

Top Five Occupational Groups	San Diego County, CA	Top Five Occupational Groups	California, Excluding San Diego County
Building and Grounds Cleaning And Maintenance Occupations	10%	Office and Administrative Support Occupations	9%
Office and Administrative	9%	Sales and Related Occupations	9%
Sales and Related Occupations	9%	Production Occupations	8%
Food Preparation and Serving Occupations	9%	Building and Grounds Cleaning And Maintenance Occupations	8%
Management, Business, Science,	7%	Management, Business, Science, and	8%
20 Other Occupational Groups	56%	20 Other Occupational Groups	58%
<b>Estimated Immigrant Population (Ages 16+)</b>	<b>428,465</b>	<b>Estimated Immigrant Population (Ages 16+)</b>	<b>5,457,857</b>

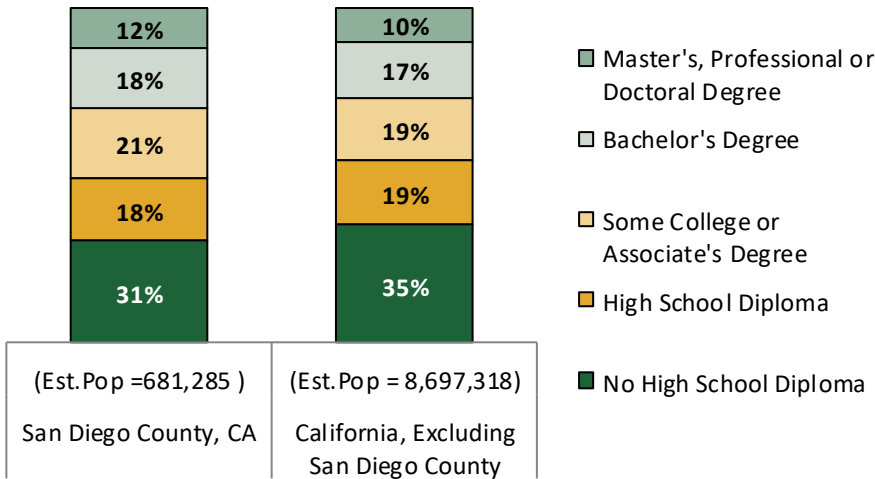
**Occupational Groups**

Figure 4 shows that foreign-born individuals living in San Diego County and in California are employed in a variety of occupational groups. Immigrants living in San Diego County reported slightly higher rates of employment in building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations, as well as food preparation and serving occupations compared to all other immigrants living in California.

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**Figure 5. Educational Attainment Among Immigrants**

Foreign-Born Individuals, Age 25+

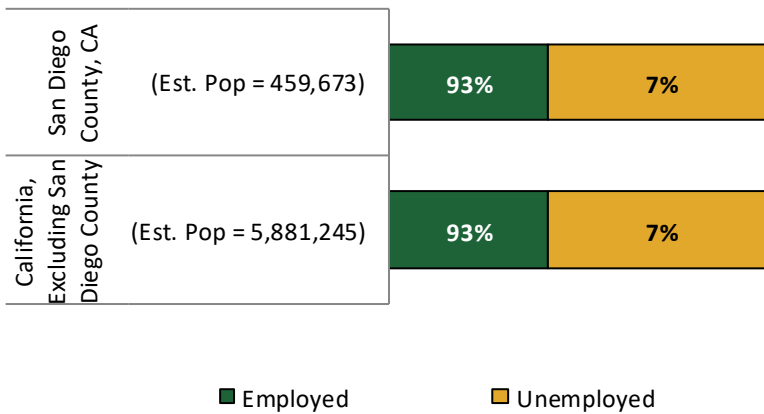


**Educational Attainment**

Figure 5 shows that immigrants in San Diego County are more likely to have obtained some college or associate's degree or higher (51 percent) compared to all other immigrants in California (46 percent). Additionally, immigrants in San Diego County are less likely to have no high school diploma compared to all other immigrants in California.

**Figure 6. Employment Status Among Immigrants**

Foreign-Born Individuals, in the Labor Force, Age 16-65



**Employment Status**

Figure 6 shows that immigrants age 16 to 65 in the labor force in San Diego County reported the same rates of employment compared to all other immigrants living in California.

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