Caribbean Immigrants Living in the Washington, DC and Baltimore, MD Metropolitan Areas

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

83,400: Approximate number of Caribbean immigrants* living in the DC and Baltimore metro areas (1% of the area’s population). Among them:

- 45% Male and 55% Female
- 23 years: Median years in the U.S.
- 48: Median age
- 60% Eligible to vote (naturalized U.S. citizens age 18+)

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

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

Figure 2. Citizenship Status

Foreign Born from the Caribbean: 64% Naturalized Citizen, 36% Not a Citizen
All Other Foreign Born: 49% Naturalized Citizen, 51% Not a Citizen

Figure 3. English Proficiency

Foreign Born from the Caribbean: 86% Proficient in English, 14% Not Proficient in English
All Other Foreign Born: 60% Proficient in English, 40% Not Proficient in English

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.

*This fact sheet uses the U.S. Census Bureau’s definition of the Caribbean region, which includes Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, the former country of Guadeloupe (including St. Barthélemy and Saint-Martin), Haiti, Jamaica, Martinique, Montserrat, the former country of the Netherlands Antilles (including Bonaire, Curaçao, Saba, Sint Eustatius, and Sint Maarten), St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, and Turks and Caicos Islands.
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**Education, Income, Health Insurance, and Housing**

9% from the Caribbean immigrants 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.

87% of foreign born from the Caribbean living in the DC and Baltimore metro areas have health insurance coverage compared to 76% of all other foreign born and 95% of native-born U.S. citizens.

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Education Level</th>
<th>Foreign Born from the Caribbean</th>
<th>All Other Foreign Born</th>
<th>Native-Born U.S. Citizens</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Graduate, Professional or Doctoral Degree</td>
<td>15%</td>
<td>21%</td>
<td>22%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bachelor’s Degree</td>
<td>18%</td>
<td>22%</td>
<td>25%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Some College or Associate’s Degree</td>
<td>27%</td>
<td>18%</td>
<td>25%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>High School Diploma</td>
<td>26%</td>
<td>19%</td>
<td>22%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>No High School Diploma</td>
<td>14%</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>6%</td>
</tr>
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**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 the Caribbean**: Median Family Income: $62,856, Median Personal Income: $50,000
- **All Other Foreign Born**: Median Family Income: $70,067, Median Personal Income: $47,041
- **Native-Born U.S. Citizens**: Median Family Income: $81,350, Median Personal Income: $64,000

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

- **Own a Home or Buying a Home**: 42% Foreign-Born from the Caribbean, 58% All Other Foreign Born, 35% Native-Born U.S. Citizens
- **Rent, Do not Own Home**: 58% Foreign-Born from the Caribbean, 45% All Other Foreign Born, 65% Native-Born U.S. Citizens
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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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<th>Top Five Occupational Groups</th>
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<tr>
<td>Office and Administrative Support Occupations</td>
<td>13%</td>
<td>Management, Business, Science, and Arts Occupations</td>
<td>10%</td>
<td>Management, Business, Science, and Arts Occupations</td>
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<td>Management, Business, Science, and Arts Occupations</td>
<td>10%</td>
<td>Construction Occupations</td>
<td>9%</td>
<td>Office and Administrative Support Occupations</td>
<td>13%</td>
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<td>Sales and Related Occupations</td>
<td>8%</td>
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<td>Sales and Related Occupations</td>
<td>9%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Healthcare Support Occupations</td>
<td>7%</td>
<td>Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations</td>
<td>8%</td>
<td>Education, Training, and Library Occupations</td>
<td>7%</td>
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<td>Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations</td>
<td>7%</td>
<td>Office and Administrative Support Occupations</td>
<td>8%</td>
<td>Computer and Mathematical Occupations</td>
<td>6%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18 Other Occupational Groups</td>
<td>55%</td>
<td>20 Other Occupational Groups</td>
<td>57%</td>
<td>20 Other Occupational Groups</td>
<td>51%</td>
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**Est.Pop.** | 54,542 | **Est.Pop** | 988,291 | **Est.Pop** | 3,323,969 |

7% of the foreign born from the Caribbean 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
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Self-Employment

Figure 9. Self-Employment
Individuals who are employed, age 16-65, in the DC and Baltimore Metro Areas

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Self-employed and Unincorporated</th>
<th>Self-employed in Own Incorporated Business</th>
<th>Works for Wages or Salary</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Foreign Born from the Caribbean</td>
<td>5%</td>
<td>3%</td>
<td>92%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>All Other Foreign Born</td>
<td>6%</td>
<td>4%</td>
<td>90%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Native-Born U.S. Citizens</td>
<td>4%</td>
<td>3%</td>
<td>93%</td>
</tr>
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</table>

- $40,000:* Median personal income of Caribbean 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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Figure 11. Country of Origin
Caribbean immigrants in the DC and Baltimore Metro Areas
- Cuba
- Dominican Republic
- Haiti
- Jamaica
- Trinidad and Tobago
- All other 9 countries

Caribbean immigrants in the United States
- Cuba
- Dominican Republic
- Haiti
- Jamaica
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- All other 9 countries

- Foreign born from Jamaica are more likely to be proficient in English (99 percent) in comparison to foreign born from Haiti (67 percent), the Dominican Republic (54 percent), Cuba (75 percent), Trinidad and Tobago (97 percent) and all other Caribbean countries (98 percent).

- Foreign born from Cuba tend to have higher median personal earned income ($72,000) in comparison to foreign born from Haiti ($52,268), the Dominican Republic ($36,588), Jamaica ($50,690), Trinidad and Tobago ($47,041) and all other Caribbean countries ($58,800).
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**Figure 13. Homeownership by Country of Origin**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Homeownership status</th>
<th>Foreign Born from Haiti</th>
<th>Foreign Born from Cuba</th>
<th>Foreign Born from Dominican Republic</th>
<th>Foreign Born from Jamaica</th>
<th>Foreign Born from Trinidad and Tobago</th>
<th>All Other</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Own a Home or Buying a Home</td>
<td>54%</td>
<td>69%</td>
<td>45%</td>
<td>59%</td>
<td>64%</td>
<td>60%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rent, Do not Own Home</td>
<td>46%</td>
<td>31%</td>
<td>55%</td>
<td>41%</td>
<td>36%</td>
<td>40%</td>
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**Figure 14. Citizenship by Country of Origin**

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<th>Country of Origin</th>
<th>Naturalized Citizen</th>
<th>Not a Citizen</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Haiti</td>
<td>67%</td>
<td>33%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cuba</td>
<td>78%</td>
<td>22%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dominican Republic</td>
<td>51%</td>
<td>49%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Jamaica</td>
<td>68%</td>
<td>32%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Trinidad and Tobago</td>
<td>62%</td>
<td>38%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>All other</td>
<td>66%</td>
<td>34%</td>
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</tbody>
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- Foreign born from Cuba are more likely to be naturalized citizens (78 percent) in comparison to foreign born from Haiti (67 percent), the Dominican Republic (51 percent), Jamaica (68 percent), Trinidad and Tobago (62 percent) and all other Caribbean countries (66 percent).