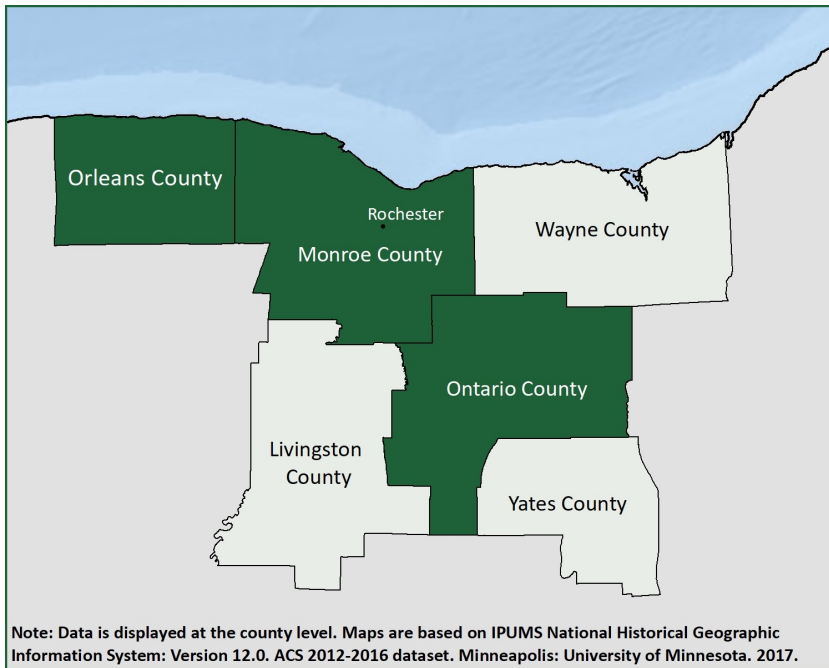


Immigrants in the Rochester, New York Metropolitan Area

Figure 1. Immigrants in the Rochester Metro Area



2016 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- **42,228,200:** Approximate number of immigrants¹ living in the U.S. (13% of the population)
- **4,467,600:** Approximate number of immigrants living in New York (23% of the state's population)
- **73,500:** Approximate number of immigrants living in the Rochester Metropolitan Area (7% of the area's population)
- **2nd:** Rank of the state of New York 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 Rochester Metropolitan Area

Figure 1 shows where immigrants live in the Rochester Metropolitan Area in New York. Monroe county (8.5 percent), Ontario County (3.8 percent), and Orleans County (3.5 percent) reported the highest share of immigrants. Immigrants make up the smallest percentages of the population in Wayne County, Yates County, and Livingston County.

Country of Birth

Figure 2 shows that immigrants living in the Rochester metro area are unique in their countries of origin. Compared to all other immigrants² in the United States, there are larger shares of immigrants from China, India, Canada, Italy, and Jamaica. Although Mexico is the top country of origin among immigrants in the remainder of the United States, it does not appear in the top five countries of origin in the Rochester metro area.

Figure 2. Top Five Countries of Birth Among Immigrants

Rochester Metro Area		United States, Excluding the Rochester Metro Area	
China	6%	Mexico	27%
India	6%	India	5%
Canada	5%	China	5%
Italy	5%	Philippines	5%
Jamaica	4%	El Salvador	3%
133 Other Countries	74%	151 Other Countries	55%
Estimated Immigrant Population	73,521	Estimated Immigrant Population	42,154,676

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.

¹Please 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.

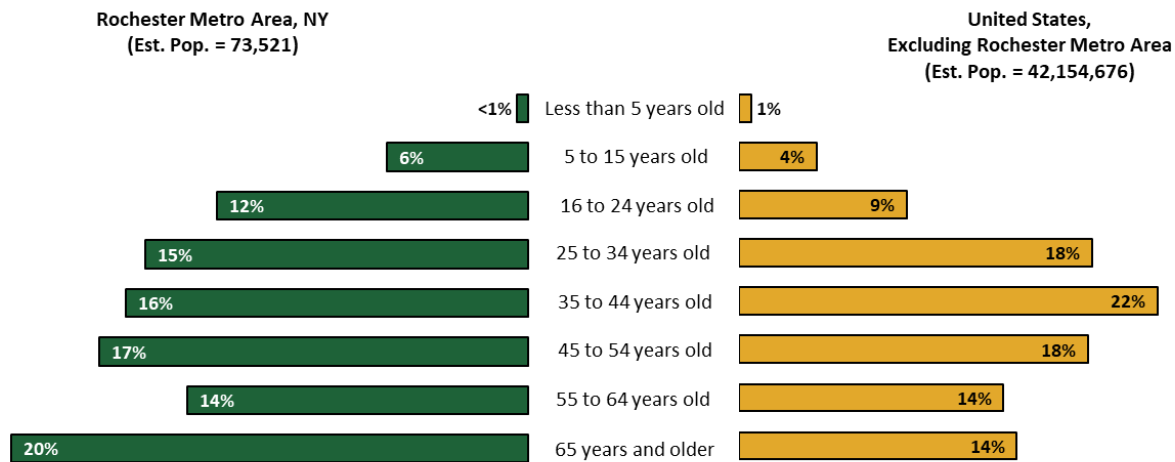
²All other immigrants in the United States excluding the Rochester Metropolitan Area, NY

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Age

Immigrants in the Rochester metro area are more likely to be older compared to all other immigrants in the United States, as shown in Figure 3. Approximately one in three immigrants in the Rochester metro area are age 55 or older, compared to 28 percent in the remainder of the United States. Additionally, the median age of foreign-born individuals living in the Rochester metro area is 45, which is slightly higher than the median age of all immigrants living across the United States (43).

Figure 3. Age of Immigrants

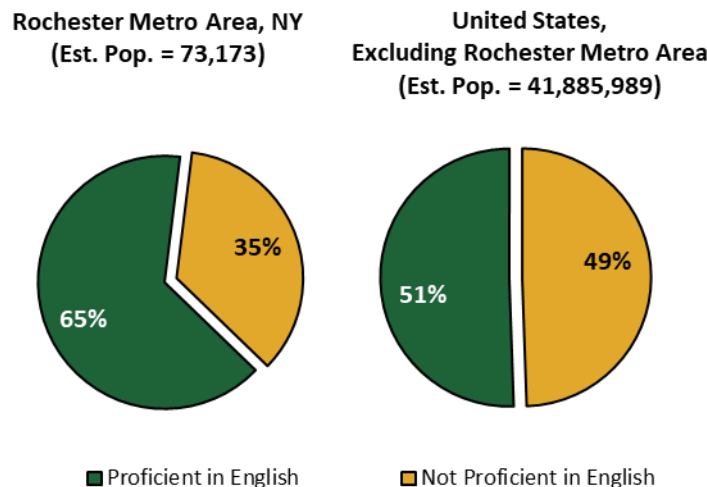


English Proficiency

Figure 4 indicates that immigrants in the Rochester metro area report higher rates of English proficiency (speaks only English or speaks English very well) compared to all other immigrants in the United States. More specifically, 65 percent of immigrants in the Rochester metro area are proficient in English, compared to 51 percent of all other immigrants in the United States.

Figure 4. English Proficiency Among Immigrants

Foreign-Born Individuals, Age 5+



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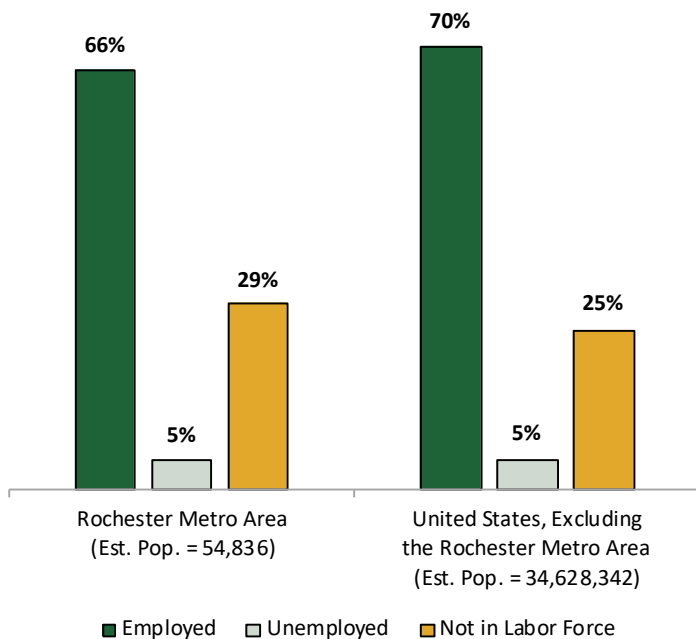
Poverty

Figure 5 shows that immigrants living in the Rochester metro area are slightly more likely to live at or above the poverty line compared to all other immigrants in the United States.

 **Figure 5. Poverty Rates Among Immigrants**

	Rochester Metro Area	United States, Excluding the Rochester Metro Area
Below Poverty Line	17%	18%
At or Above the Poverty Line	83%	82%
Estimated Immigrant Population	69,748	41,599,172

 **Figure 6. Employment Status Among Immigrants**
Foreign-Born Individuals, Age 16—65



Employment Status

Figure 6 indicates that immigrants age 16 to 65 in the Rochester metro area report lower rates of employment compared to all other immigrants in the United States. However, this disparity may be explained partially by their labor force participation. Immigrants in the Rochester metro area are more likely to be out of the labor force compared to all other immigrants in the United States.

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