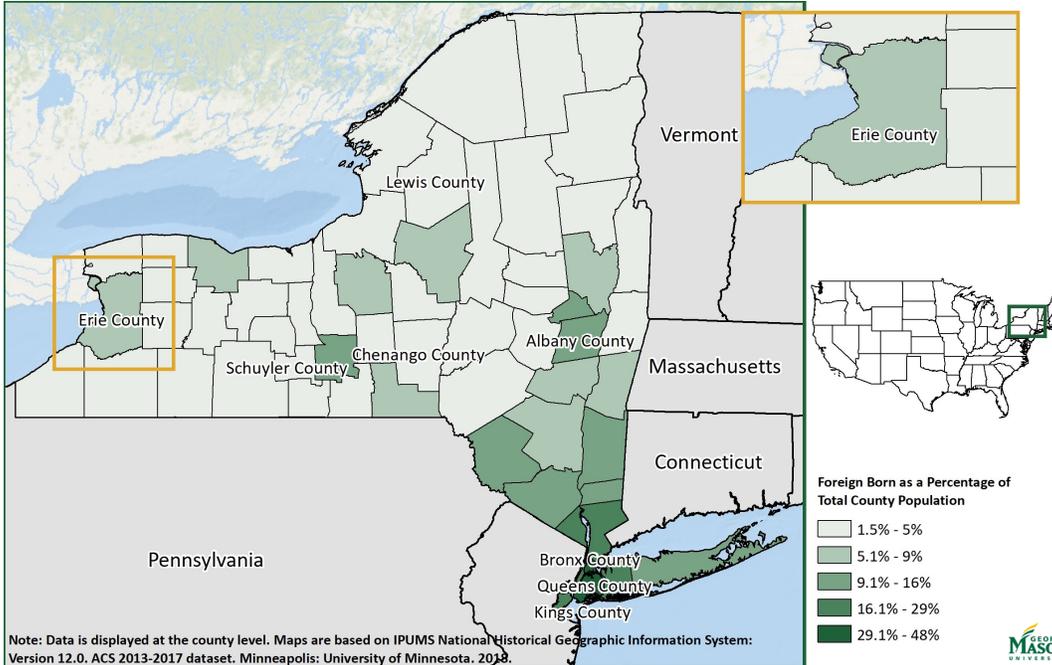


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**Figure 1. Immigrants in New York**



### 2017 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- **43,079,900:** Approximate number of immigrants<sup>1</sup> living in the U.S. (13% of the population)
- **4,503,900:** Approximate number of immigrants living in New York (23% of the state's population)
- **63,100:** Approximate number of immigrants living Erie County, NY (7% of the county'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 State of New York

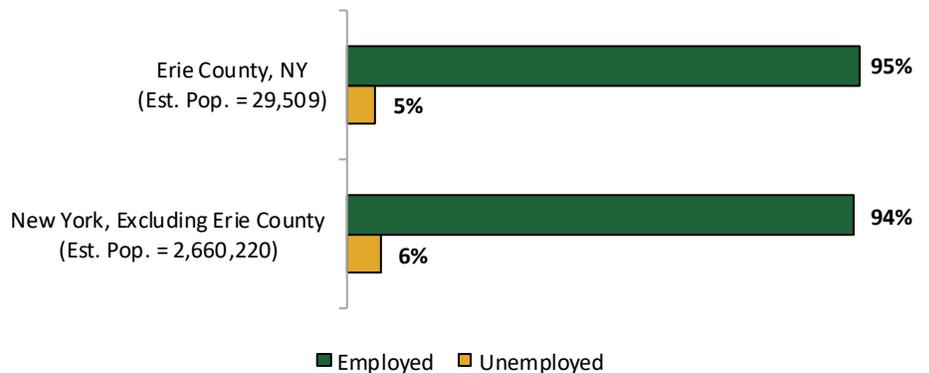
Figure 1 shows where immigrants live in the state of New York. Erie County is located in Western New York, and has an estimated immigrant population of 63,071 people, which represents 6.8 percent of the total county population. Queens County (47.5 percent), Kings County (36.9 percent), and Bronx County (35.3 percent) reported the highest share of immigrants. Immigrants make up the smallest percentages of the population in Lewis County, Chenango County, and Schuyler County.

### Employment Status

Figure 2 shows that immigrants age 16 to 65 living in the Erie County, NY report slightly higher rates of employment compared to all other immigrants<sup>2</sup> in the state of New York.

**Figure 2. Employment Status Among Immigrants**

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



All analysis in this fact sheet is based on source data from the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2013-2017 distributed through IPUMS-USA, University of Minnesota, [www.ipums.org](http://www.ipums.org), unless otherwise noted.

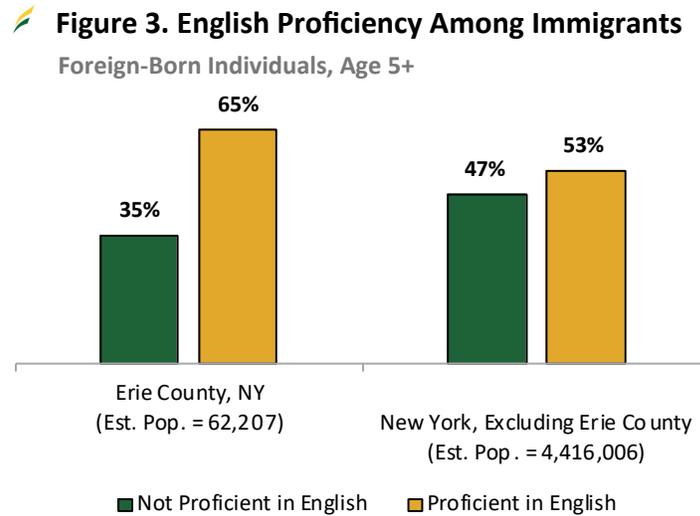
<sup>1</sup>Please note that the terms "immigrant" and "foreign born" are used interchangeably throughout this fact sheet. Foreign born refers to individuals who are not a U.S. citizen at birth or who were born outside the U.S., Puerto Rico or other U.S. territories and whose parents are not U.S. citizens. 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.

<sup>2</sup>All other immigrants in New York excluding Erie County, NY

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### English Proficiency

Figure 3 indicates that immigrants in the Erie County, NY report much higher rates of English proficiency (speaks only English or speaks English very well) compared to all other immigrants in the state of New York. Specifically, 65 percent of immigrants in Erie County, NY are proficient in English, compared to 53 percent of all other immigrants in the state of New York.

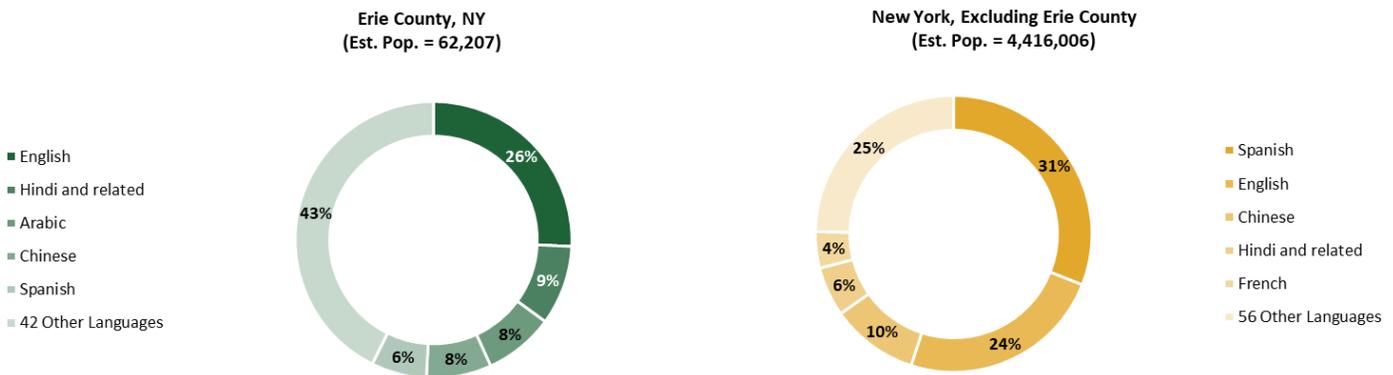


### Language

English is the most common language spoken at home by immigrants in Erie County, NY while Spanish is the most common language spoken at home by all other immigrants in the state of New York (Figure 4). Only 6 percent of immigrants in Erie County, NY speak Spanish at home, compared to 31 percent of all other immigrants in the state. There are greater shares of immigrants in Erie County, NY who speak Hindi and Arabic at home compared to the rest of the state.

### Figure 4. Top Five Languages Among Immigrants

Foreign-Born Individuals, Age 5+



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