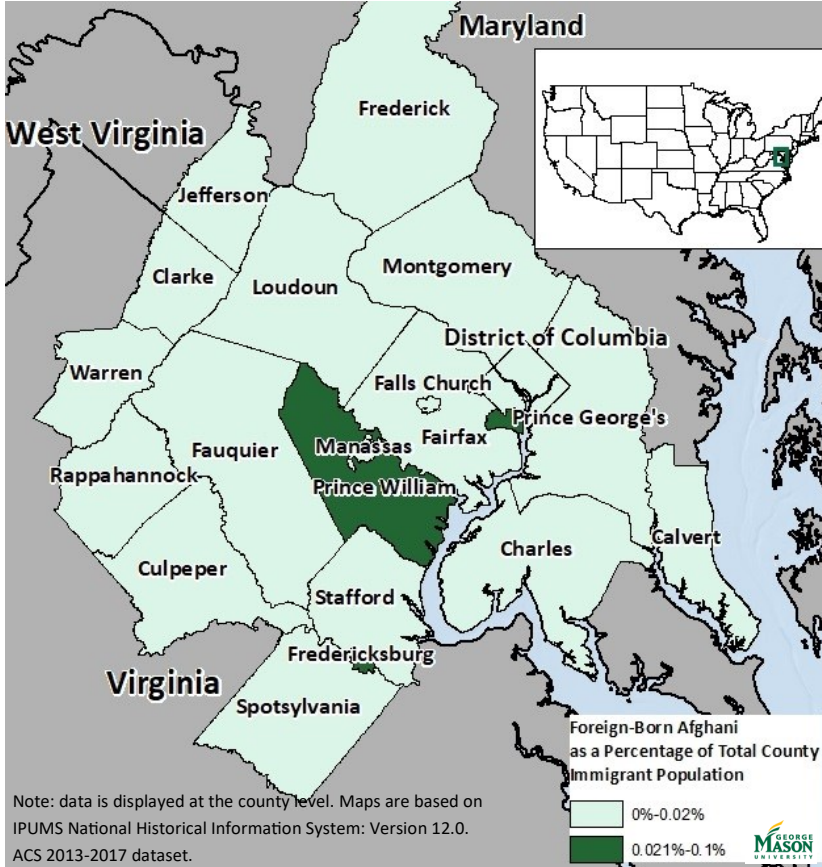


Afghani Immigrants in the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area

Figure 1. Afghani Immigrant Population in DC Metro Area



2017 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- **43,079,900:** Approximate number of immigrants¹ living in the U.S. (13% of the population)
- **1,378,400:** Approximate number of immigrants living in the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area (23% of the area's population)
- **96,000 :** Approximate number of immigrants living in the District of Columbia (14% of the nation's capital)
- **12,150:** Approximate number of Afghani immigrants living in the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area (0.01% of the area's total immigrant population)
- **10th:** Rank of District of Columbia among the 50 states in terms of immigrants as a percentage of the state's population
- **18th:** Rank of metropolitan area among the 260 metropolitan areas in terms of immigrants as percentage of the area's population

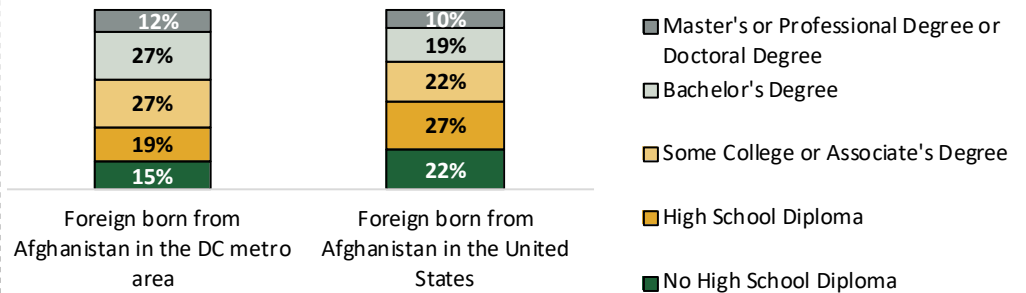
Distribution of Afghani Immigrants in the Washington, DC Metro area

Figure 1 shows where Afghani immigrants live in the Washington, DC metro area. Fredericksburg City (0.7%), Alexandria City (0.03%) and Prince William County (0.03%) reported the highest percentages of Afghani immigrants as a share of the total immigrant population. Afghani immigrants make up the smallest shares of the immigrant population in the District of Columbia, Montgomery County and Frederick County.

Educational Attainment

Figure 2 indicates that Afghani immigrants in the DC metro area are much more likely to have Bachelor's Degrees or higher than Afghani immigrants in the rest of the United States.

Figure 2. Educational Attainment
Individuals, age 25+



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, 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.

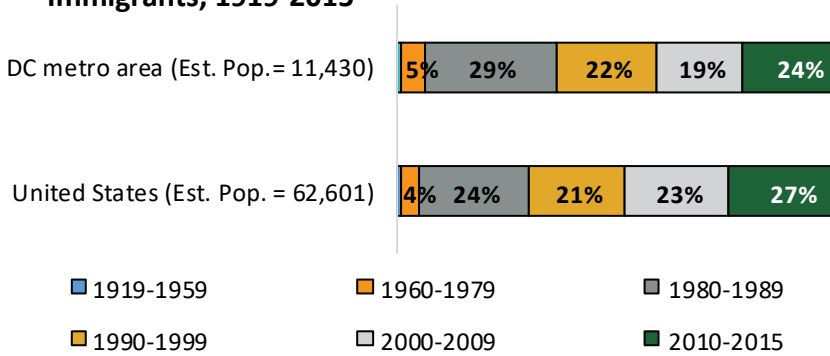
²A household includes all the people who occupy a housing unit. A native-born U.S. citizen household is defined as a household which is headed by a native-born U.S. citizen, regardless of the immigration status of the spouse. Conversely, an immigrant headed household is defined as a household which is 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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Year of Immigration

Afghani immigrants in the DC metro area are more likely to report arriving in the U.S. between 1960 and 1999 compared to Afghani immigrants in the rest of the United States, as shown in Figure 3. The median year of immigration to the U.S. for foreign-born Afghans living in the DC metro area is 1996, which is one year earlier compared to all other Afghans in the U.S (1997).

Figure 3. Year of Immigration Among Afghani Immigrants, 1919-2015



Poverty

Figure 4 indicates that Afghani immigrants in the DC metro area are less likely to live below the poverty line compared to Afghani immigrant in the rest of the United States.

Figure 4. Poverty Status

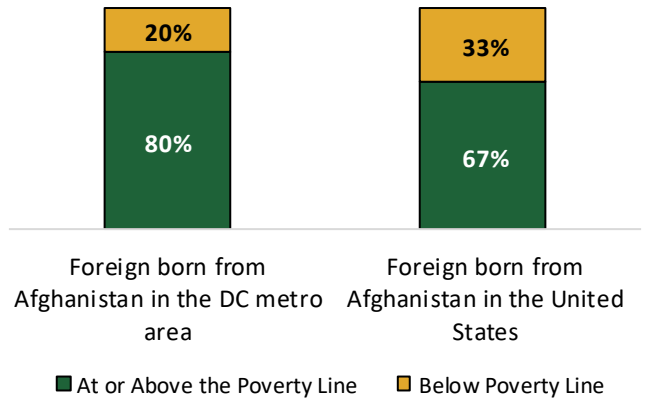
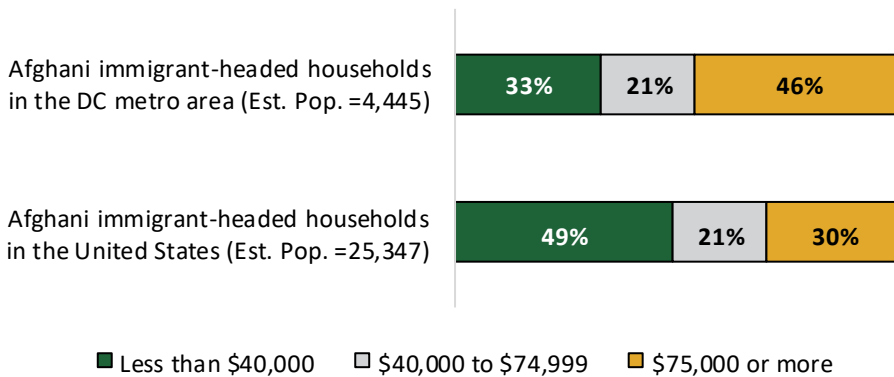


Figure 5. Household Income Among Afghani Immigrants²



Household Income

Figure 5 shows that Afghani immigrant-headed households in the DC metro area are much more likely to earn \$ 75,000 or more compared to Afghani immigrant-headed households in the rest of the United States. The median income of Afghani-headed households in the DC metro area is \$65,000, which is 44 percent greater than Afghani-headed households (\$41,367) in the rest of the United States.

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