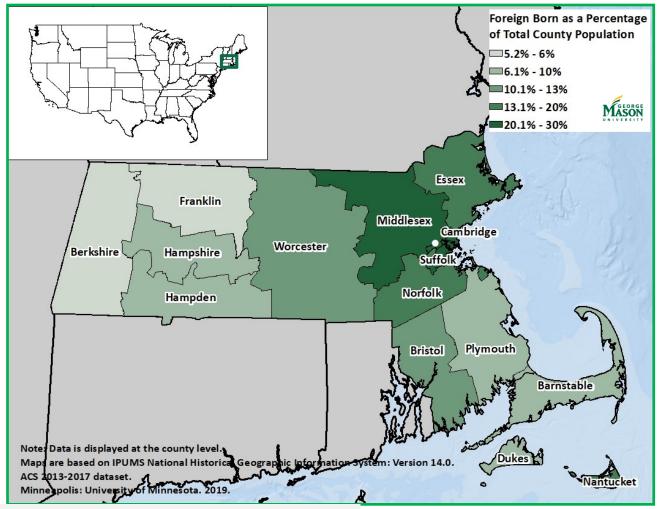


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# Immigrants in Cambridge, Massachusetts





### **2017 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE**

- **43,079,900:** Approximate number of immigrants<sup>1</sup> living in the U.S. (13% of the population)
- **31,900:** Approximate number of immigrants living in Cambridge (29% of the city's population)
- **1,103,500:** Approximate number of immigrants living in Massachusetts (16% of the state's population)
- 8th: Rank of the state of Massachusetts 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 Massachusetts

Figure 1 shows where immigrants live in the state of Massachusetts. Suffolk County (30%), Middlesex County (20%), and Norfolk County (17%) reported the highest percentages of foreign-born individuals in Massachusetts. Franklin County (5%), Berkshire County (6%) and Barnstable County (7%) reported the lowest percentages of foreign-born individuals in Massachusetts. The city of Cambridge reported that 29 percent of individuals are foreign-born.

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.

<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.



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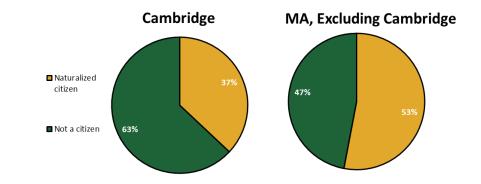
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#### Figure 2. Naturalization Rate of Immigrants



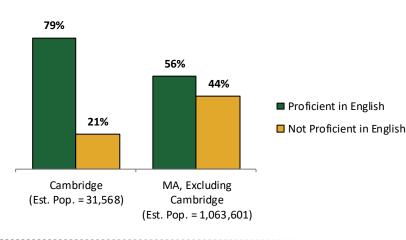
Figure 2 shows that immigrants living in Cambridge are much less likely to be naturalized (37 percent) compared to all other immigrants in Massachusetts (53 percent). Foreign-Born Individuals



#### Figure 3. English Proficiency Among Immigrants

Foreign-Born Individuals, Age 5+

Figure 4 shows that immigrants in Cambridge are more likely to came from China and Ethiopia compared to the rest of Massachusetts. Immigrants in Massachusetts are more likely to come from the Dominican Republic and Brazil.



### **English Proficiency**

Overall, immigrants living in Cambridge report much higher rates of English Proficiency (speaks only English or speaks English very well) compared to all other immigrants in Massachusetts (Figure 3).

# Figure 4. Top Five Country of Birth Among Immigrants

Foreign-Born Individuals

Top 5 Country of	Cambridge	Top 5 Country of	MA, Excluding Cambridge
China	12%	Dominican Republic	8%
India	6%	China	8%
Ethiopia	5%	Brazil	6%
Canada	5%	India	6%
Haiti	4%	Haiti	5%
114 Other Countries	68%	157 Other Coun- tries	67%
Estimated Immigrant Population	31,915	Estimated Immi- grant Population	1,071,555



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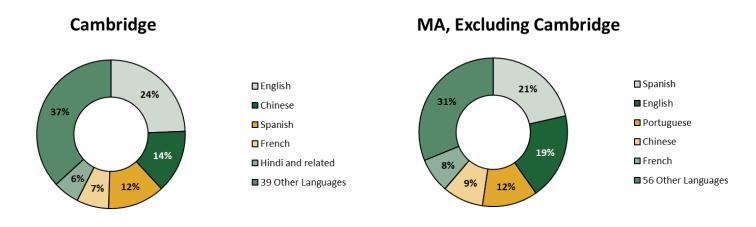
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#### Figure 5. Year of Immigration Among Immigrants, 1920-2015 Year of Immigration Immigrants living in Cambridge are much more Cambridge likely to have migrated to the 10% 9% 16% 28% 36% (Est. Pop. = 30,186) United States after 2009 compared to all other immigrants in Massachusetts (Figure 5). MA, Excluding Cambridge 14% 15% 22% 28% 18% (Est. Pop. = 1,046,337) □ 1920-1959 □ 1960-1979 □ 1980-1989 □ 1990-1999 □ 2000-2009 ■ 2010-2015

### Immigrants in Cambridge are more likely to speak English or Chinese at home, and less likely to speak Spanish at home, compared to the rest of Massachusetts. Immigrants in Massachusetts are more likely to speak Portuguese, which is not among the top five languages spoken at home among immigrants in Cambridge. This reflects the differences in countries of origin in the two locations, as seen in Figure 4.

## 差 Figure 6. Languages Spoken at Home Among Immigrants

Foreign-Born Individuals, Age 5+



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