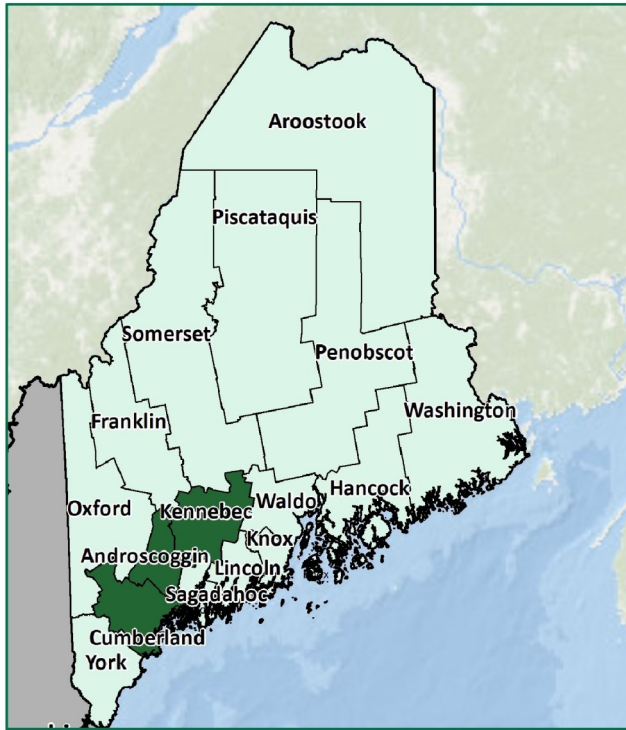


Arab Immigrants in the State of Maine

Figure 1. Arab Immigrants in the State of Maine



Arab Immigrants as a Percentage of Total Immigrant Population



2017 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- **43,079,900:** Approximate number of immigrants¹ living in the U.S. (13% of the population)
- **1,119,500:** Approximate number of Arab immigrants² living in the United States (3% of the immigrant population)
- **46,800:** Approximate number of immigrants living in the state of Maine (4% of the state's population)
- **3,500:** Approximate number of Arab immigrants living in Maine (7% of the state's immigrant population)
- **35th:** The state of Maine is home to the 35th largest share of immigrants from the Arab region living in the U.S. (<1% of the Arab immigrant population in U.S.)

Note: Maps are based on IPUMS National Historical Geographic Information System: Version 14.0. ACS 2013-2017 dataset. Minneapolis, MN: IPUMS.2019.

Distribution of Arab Immigrants in the State of Maine

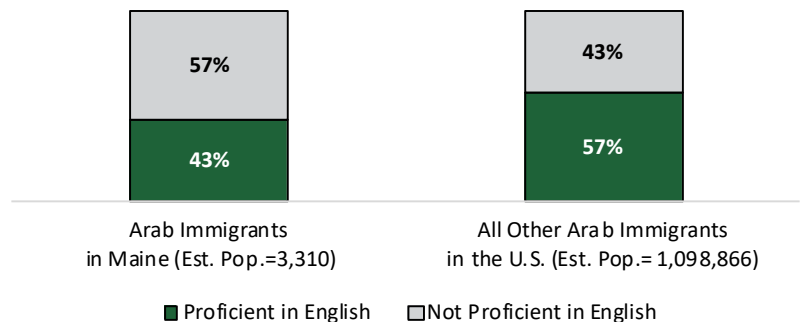
Figure 1 shows where immigrants live in the state of Maine. Cumberland (14 percent), Androscoggin (12 percent), and Kennebec (12 percent) counties reported the highest percentages of Arab immigrants in this state. Knox, Penobscot, and York counties reported the lowest percentages of Arab immigrants in the state.

English Proficiency

Figure 2 shows that Arab immigrants living in Maine are less likely to be proficient in English in comparison to all other Arab immigrants in the United States.³ Specifically, 43 percent of Arab immigrants in Maine are proficient in English (speak only English or speak English very well) compared to 63 percent of all other Arab immigrants in the country.

Figure 2. English Proficiency Among Arab Immigrants

Age 5+



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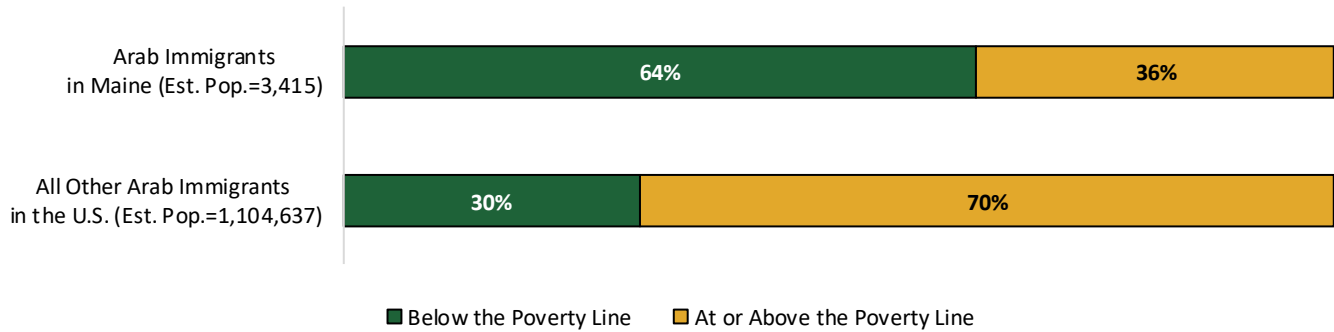
¹Please note that the terms "immigrant" and "foreign born" are used interchangeably throughout this fact sheet. Foreign born refers to individuals who are not a U.S. citizen at birth or who were born outside the U.S., Puerto Rico or other U.S. territories and whose parents are not U.S. citizens. The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

²Arab countries include Algeria, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, United Arab of Emirates, and Yemen Arab Republic (North)

³All other Arab immigrants in the United States excluding Arab immigrants in the state of Maine

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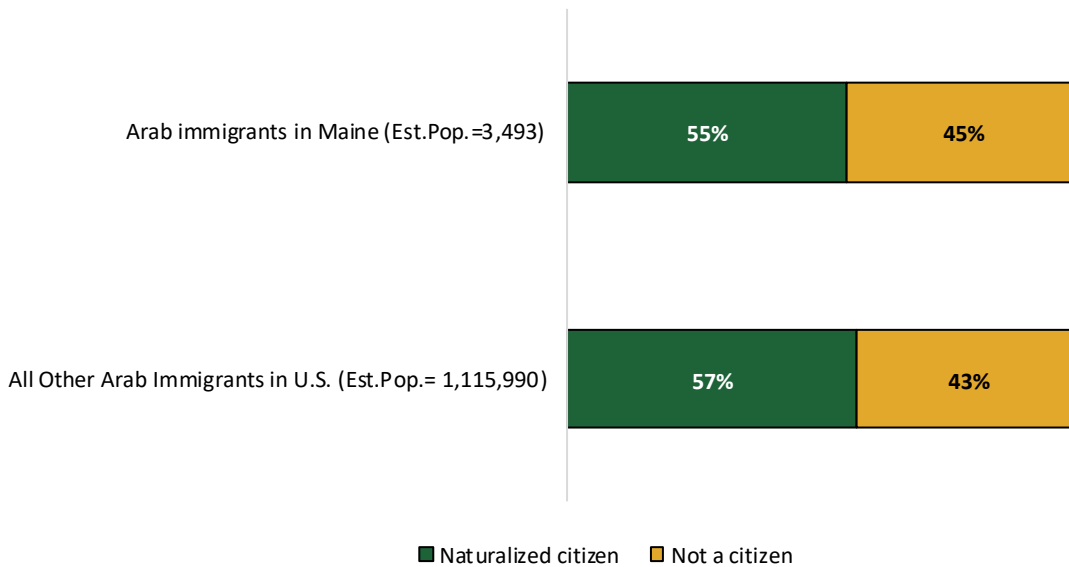
Figure 3. Poverty Among Arab Immigrants



Poverty

Figure 3 shows that Arab immigrants in Maine are two times more likely to live below the poverty line compared to Arab immigrants in the rest of the United States. An estimated 64 percent of Arab immigrants in Maine are living below the poverty line compared to 30 percent of all other Arab immigrants in the United States.

Figure 4. Naturalization Rate of Arab Immigrants



Naturalization Rate

Arab immigrants in Maine are slightly less likely to be naturalized U.S. citizens compared to all other Arab immigrants in the United States (Figure 4). An estimated 55 percent of Arab immigrants in Maine are naturalized citizens compared to 57 percent of all other Arab immigrants.

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Figure 5. Race and Ethnicity Among Arab Immigrants

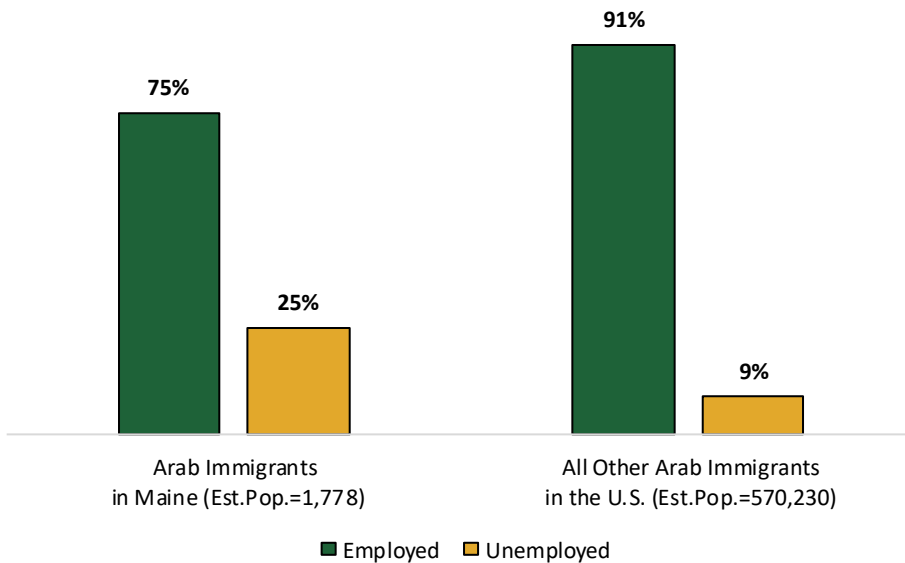
| | Arab Immigrants in Maine | All Other Arab Immigrants in the U.S. |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| White | 40% | 77% |
| Black | 50% | 13% |
| Asian | 1% | 3% |
| Other race | 0% | 1% |
| Two or more races | 9% | 6% |
| Not Hispanic | 99% | 99% |
| Hispanic | 1% | 1% |
| Estimated Arab Immigrant Population | 3,493 | 1,115,990 |

Race and Ethnicity

Figure 5 shows that Arab immigrants in Maine are more likely to identify as Black (50 percent) in comparison to all other Arab immigrants in the United States, who are more likely to identify as White (77 percent). This is due to the large Somalian population in Maine who identify as Black. With regards to ethnicity, the vast majority of Arab immigrants both in Maine and the rest of the United States identify as non-Hispanic (of any race).

Figure 6. Employment Status Among Arab Immigrants

In the Labor Force, Age 16 - 65



Employment Status

Figure 6 shows that Arab immigrants age 16 to 65 in Maine reported lower rates of employment compared to all other Arab immigrants living in the United States. Seventy five percent of Arab immigrants in Maine are employed in comparison to 91 percent in the United States.

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