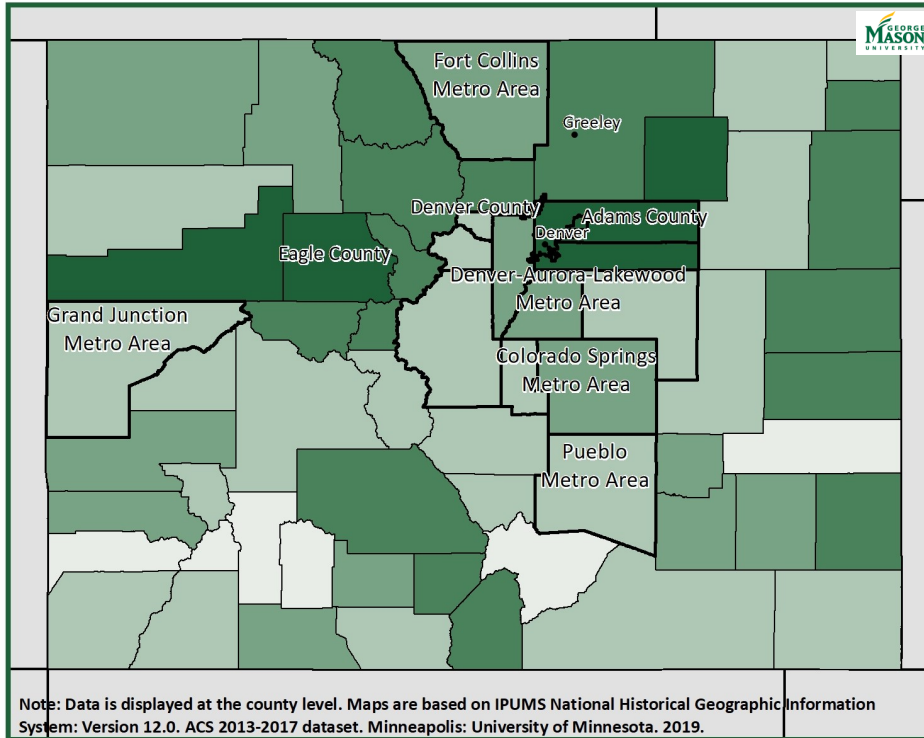


## Immigrants in Colorado and Select Metropolitan Areas

**Figure 1. Immigrants in Colorado**



### Distribution of Immigrants in the State of Colorado

Figure 1 shows where immigrants live in Colorado. Eagle County (17.7 percent), Denver County (15.8 percent), and Adams County (15.3 percent) reported the highest shares of immigrants.

### 2017 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- **43,079,900:** Approximate number of immigrants<sup>1</sup> living in the United States (13% of the population)
- **532,300:** Approximate number of immigrants living in the state of Colorado (10% of the state's population)
  - **352,100:** Approximate number of immigrants living in the Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO Metropolitan Area (12% of the population in the area)
  - **46,800:** Approximate number of immigrants living in the Colorado Springs, CO Metropolitan Area (7% of the population in the area)
  - **17,000:** Approximate number of immigrants living in the Fort Collins, CO Metropolitan Area (5% of the population in the area)
  - **11,300:** Approximate number of immigrants living in Greeley City, CO<sup>2</sup> (11% of the population in the city)
  - **5,500:** Approximate number of immigrants living in the Grand Junction, CO Metropolitan Area (4% of the population in the area)
  - **5,500:** Approximate number of immigrants living in the Pueblo, CO Metropolitan Area (4% of the population in the area)
- **20th:** Rank of the state of Colorado among the 50 states and Washington, D.C. in terms of immigrants as a percentage of the state's population

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>Data on immigrants in Greeley City is from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2017 American Community Survey

<sup>3</sup>Data on country of birth is not available for immigrants in Greeley City, CO and is therefore not included in this factsheet

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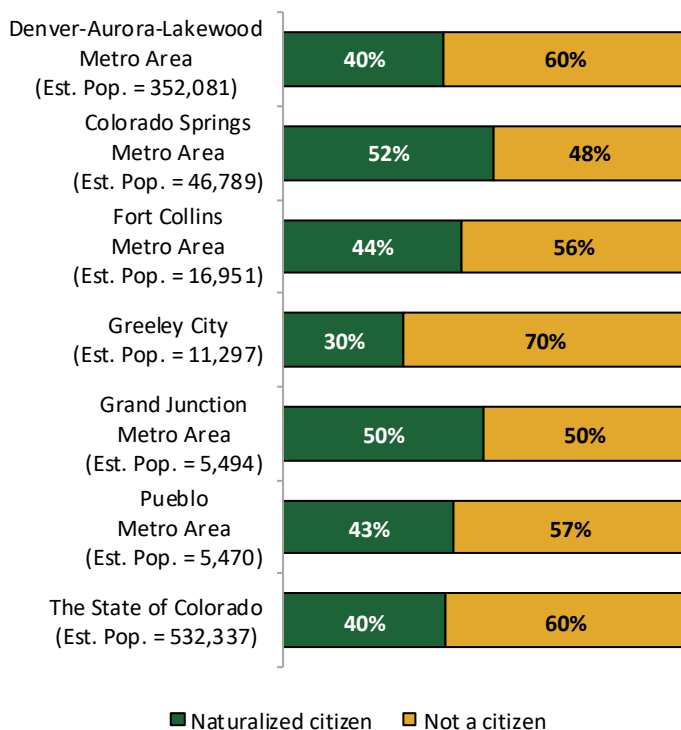
### Country of Birth

Figure 2 shows that immigrants in Colorado come from a variety of countries.<sup>3</sup> While 43 percent of the immigrants in Colorado are from Mexico, there is some variability across the metro areas. Compared to all other regions, the Colorado Springs and Fort Collins metro areas had significantly smaller shares of immigrants from Mexico and larger proportions from Asia (Korea, China, Philippines, and India) and Germany. While over half of the immigrant population in the Grand Junction and Pueblo metro areas is from Mexico, the remainder of the immigrants in these regions come from Dominican Republic, Europe (England and Germany), and Asia (China, Philippines, and India).

 **Figure 2. Top Five Countries of Birth Among Immigrants**

Denver-Aurora-Lakewood Metro Area		Colorado Springs Metro Area		Fort Collins Metro Area		Grand Junction Metro Area		Pueblo Metro Area		State of Colorado	
Mexico	43%	Mexico	25%	Mexico	26%	Mexico	52%	Mexico	58%	Mexico	43%
India	4%	Germany	10%	China	7%	Dominican Republic	4%	Germany	4%	India	4%
Vietnam	4%	Korea	8%	Germany	7%	China	4%	India	3%	Vietnam	3%
China	3%	Philippines	5%	India	4%	England	4%	Philippines	3%	China	3%
Korea	3%	Canada	4%	Korea	4%	Philippines	4%	China	3%	Germany	3%
157 Other Countries	43%	123 Other Countries	48%	90 Other Countries	52%	47 Other Countries	32%	57 Other Countries	29%	161 Other Countries	44%
<b>Estimated Immigrant Population</b>	<b>352,081</b>	<b>Estimated Immigrant Population</b>	<b>46,789</b>	<b>Estimated Immigrant Population</b>	<b>16,951</b>	<b>Estimated Immigrant Population</b>	<b>5,494</b>	<b>Estimated Immigrant Population</b>	<b>5,470</b>	<b>Estimated Immigrant Population</b>	<b>532,337</b>

 **Figure 3. Citizen Status Among Immigrants**



### Citizenship

Figure 3 shows that, while there is some variability across metro areas, less than half of the immigrants in the state of Colorado are citizens. The Colorado Springs metro area has the largest share of immigrants who are naturalized citizens (52 percent). Conversely, Greeley City has the smallest share of foreign-born individuals who are naturalized citizens, with slightly less than one in three immigrants (30 percent) reporting they are U.S. citizens.

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### Race and Ethnicity

Most of the immigrants in Colorado identify as White or Asian (Figure 4). Immigrants in the Grand Junction metro area and Greeley City are more likely to identify as White relative to the other regions, while immigrants living in the Pueblo metro area are less likely to identify as White. Twenty-two percent of immigrants in the Denver metro area and one in four immigrants (26 percent) in the Colorado Springs and Fort Collins metro areas identify as Asian. With respect to ethnicity, a greater share of immigrants in Greeley City and the Grand Junction and Pueblo metro areas identify as Hispanic, who can be of any race.

**Figure 4. Race and Ethnicity Among Immigrants**

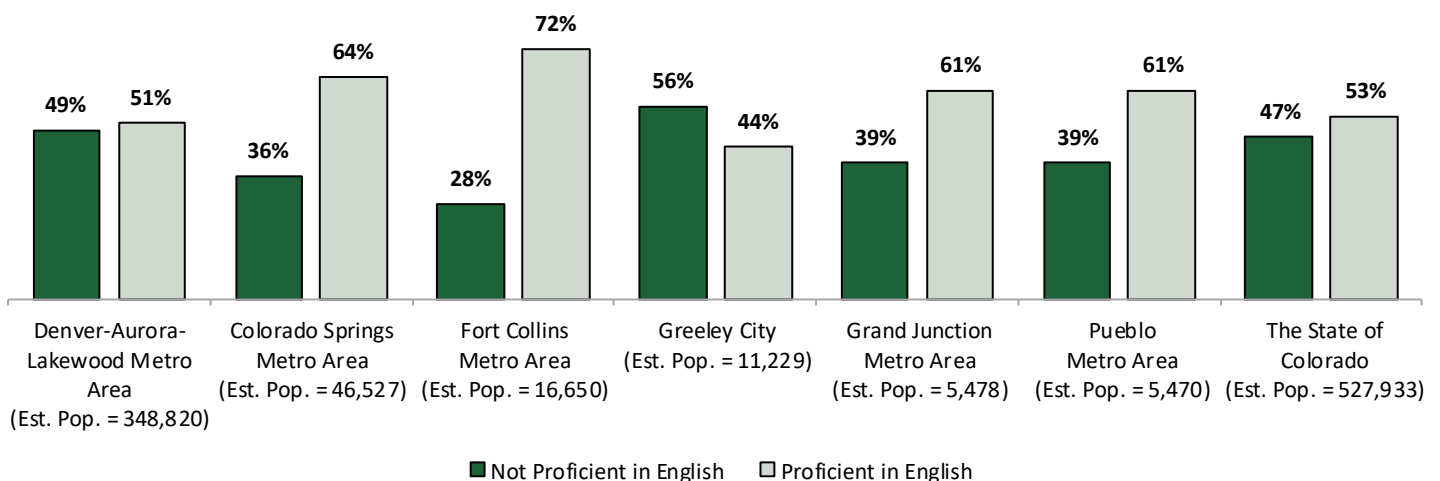
	Denver-Aurora-Lakewood Metro Area	Colorado Springs Metro Area	Fort Collins Metro Area	Greeley City	Grand Junction Metro Area	Pueblo Metro Area	The State of Colorado
White	56%	50%	58%	64%	70%	48%	58%
Asian	22%	26%	26%	8%	14%	11%	20%
Black	7%	6%	3%	6%	2%	3%	6%
Other Race	13%	16%	10%	20%	12%	34%	13%
Two or more races	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	4%	2%
Not Hispanic	50%	64%	66%	22%	35%	36%	49%
Hispanic	50%	36%	34%	79%	65%	64%	51%
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### English Proficiency

Overall, over half of immigrants in Colorado are proficient in English (speaks only English or speaks English very well) (Figure 5). The Fort Collins metro area reported the highest share of immigrants who are proficient in English (72 percent) and Greeley City reported the lowest share of immigrants who are proficient in English (44 percent).

**Figure 5. English Proficiency Among Immigrants**

Foreign-Born Individuals, Age 5+





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