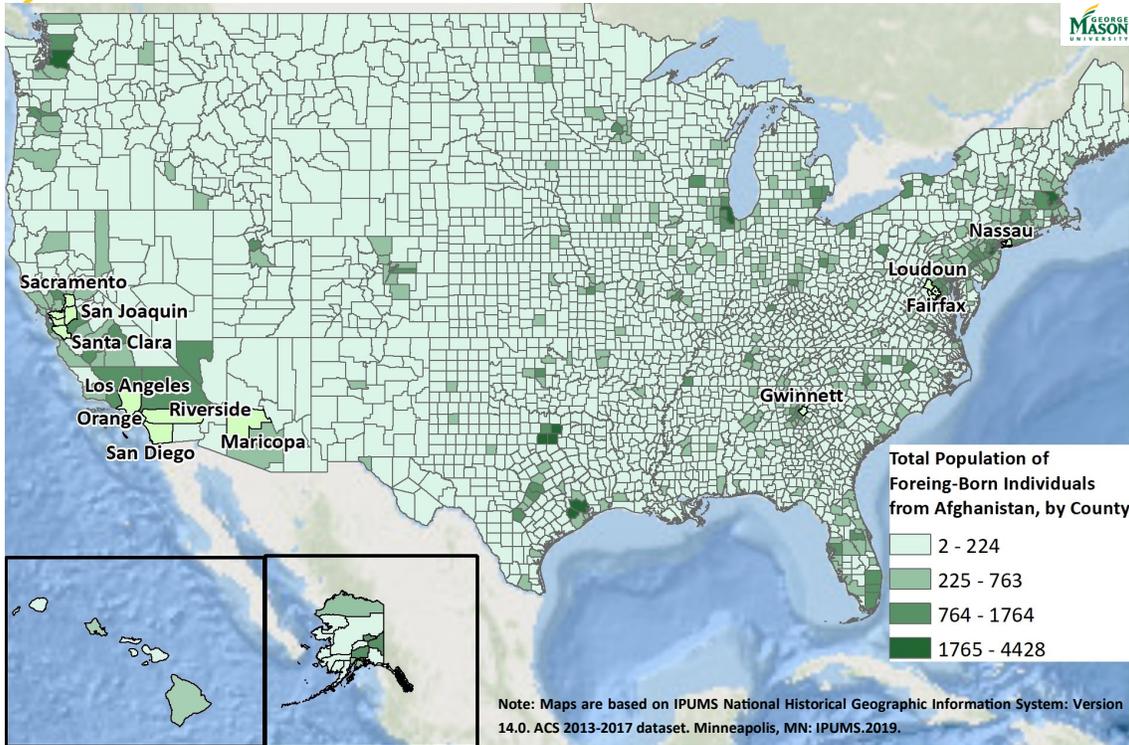


Afghan Immigrants in the United States

Figure 1. Afghan Immigrants in the United States



2017 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- **43,079,900:** Approximate number of immigrants¹ living in the U.S. (13% of the population)
- **80,200:** Approximate number of Afghan immigrants living in the United States (less than 1% of the immigrant population)
- **32%:** Estimated change in the number of Afghan immigrants living in the United States over the past 10 years
- **Virginia, Idaho, South Dakota, Nebraska and Maine** are the top five states in terms of percent of foreign-born Afghans
- **Redding, CA, Sacramento-Roseville-Arden-Arcade, CA, Lincoln, NE, Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY, Stockton-Lodi, CA** are the top five metro areas in terms of percent of foreign-born Afghans

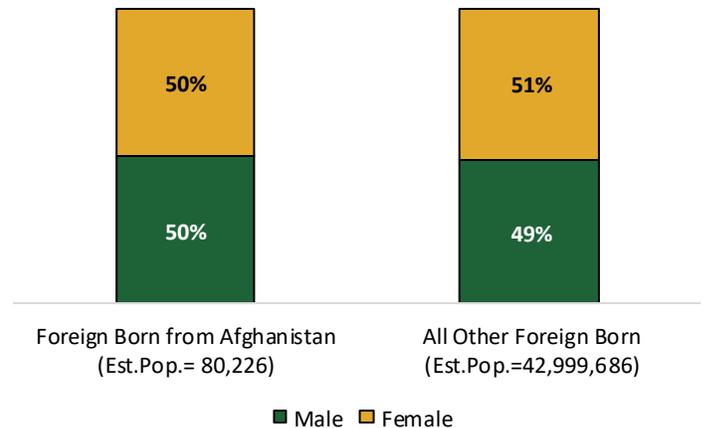
Distribution of Afghan Immigrants in the United States

Figure 1 shows where Afghan immigrants live in the United States. Alameda County, CA (5,632), Fairfax County, VA (5,078), and Sacramento County, CA (4,412) reported the highest count of foreign-born Afghans.

Figure 2. Sex Distribution Among Afghan Immigrants

Sex Distribution

Figure 2 shows that Afghan immigrants are equally likely to be males than females. In contrast, all other foreign born are slightly more likely to be females than males.

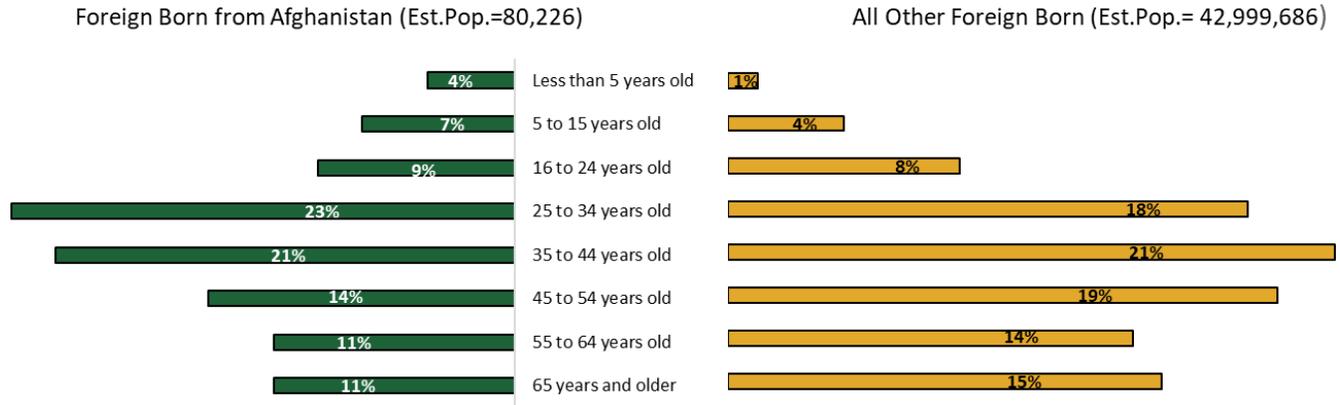


All analysis in this fact sheet is based on source data from the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2013-2017 distributed through IPUMS-USA, University of Minnesota, www.ipums.org, unless otherwise noted.

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.

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Figure 3. Age Distribution Among Afghan Immigrants

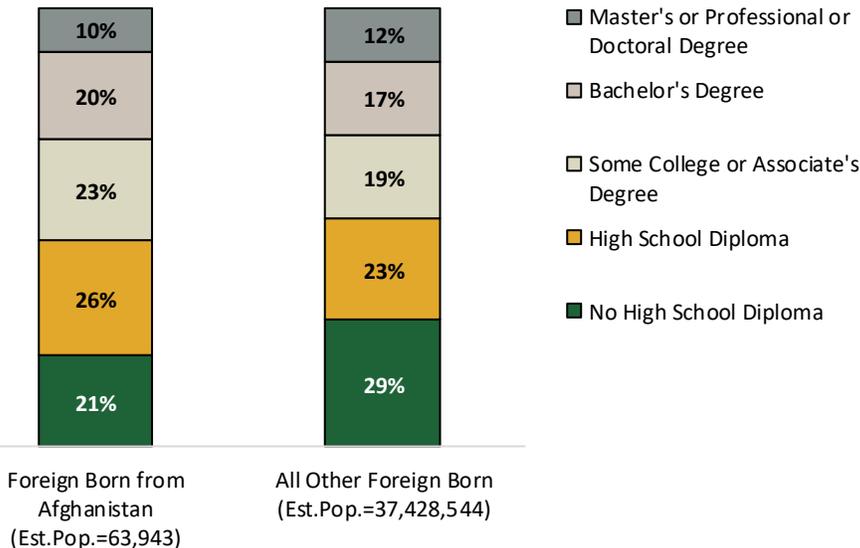


Age Distribution

Figure 3 shows that Afghan immigrants are more likely to be 44 years old or younger, and all other foreign born are much more likely to be 45 or older. Sixty four percent of Afghan immigrants in the United States are below 44 years old compared to 52 percent of all other native-born individuals. The median age of foreign-born Afghans is 37 years old which is six years younger compared to the median age of all other immigrants (43 years old).

Figure 4. Educational Attainment Among Afghan Immigrants

Age 25+



Educational Attainment

Figure 4 shows that Afghan immigrants are more likely to have a high school degree or some college compared to all other foreign born in the United States, and slightly more likely to have a Bachelor's degree or higher. An estimated 49 percent of foreign-born Afghans have a high school or some college compared to 42 percent of all other foreign born in the United States.

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Figure 5. Employment Status Among Afghan Immigrants
In the Labor Force, Age 16-65

Employment Status

Figure 5 shows that Afghan immigrants in the United States reported slightly lower rates of employment compared to all other foreign born. Ninety percent of Afghan immigrants are employed compared to 94 percent of all other immigrants in the United States.

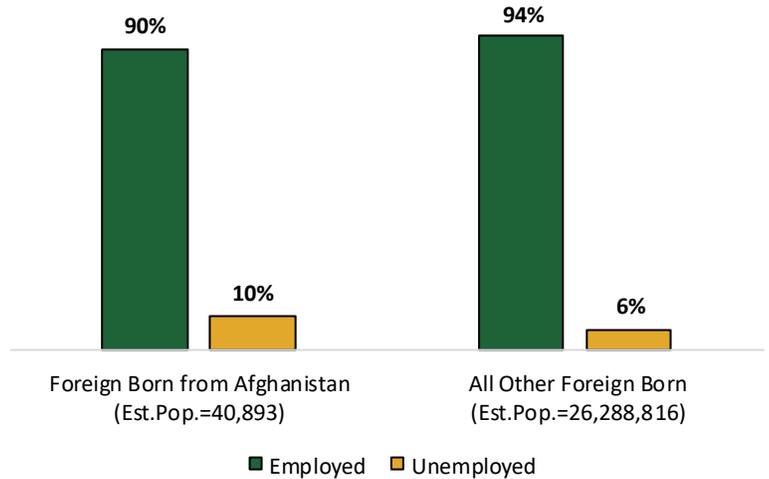
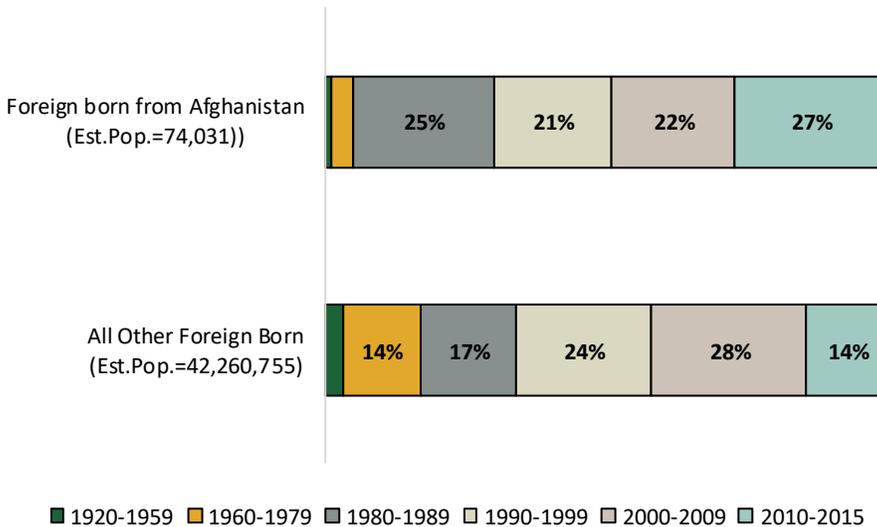


Figure 6. Year of Immigration



Year of Immigration

Afghan immigrants are more likely to report arriving in the U.S. either between 1980 and 1989 or between 2010 and 2015 compared to all other foreign born, as shown in Figure 6. The median year of immigration to the U.S. for foreign-born Afghans is 1999, which is two years later compared to all other immigrants in the United States (1997).

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