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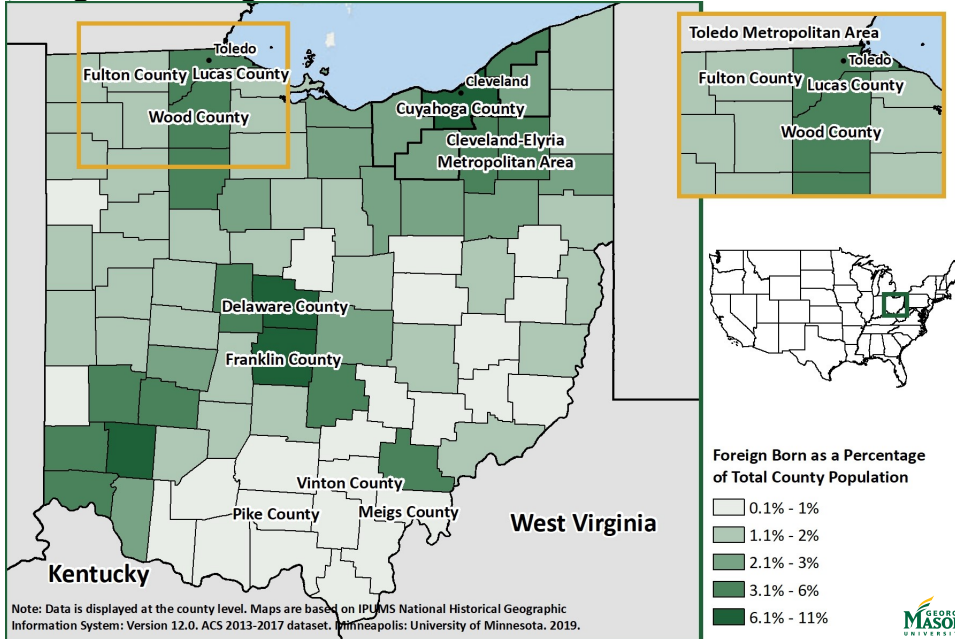## A Comparison of Immigrants in the Toledo and Cleveland Metropolitan Areas

Figure 1. Immigrants in Ohio

Note: Data is displayed at the county level. Maps are based on IPUMS National Historical Geographic Information System: Version 12.0. ACS 2013-2017 dataset. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota. 2019.

Foreign Born as a Percentage of Total County Population
- 0.1% - 1%
- 1.1% - 2%
- 2.1% - 3%
- 3.1% - 6%
- 6.1% - 11%

2018 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- **43,567,000:** Approximate number of immigrants[1] living in the U.S. (13% of the population)

- **520,700:** Approximate number of immigrants living in Ohio (4% of the state's population)

- **22,500:** Approximate number of immigrants living in the Toledo Metropolitan Area (3% of the area's population)

- **119,400:** Approximate number of immigrants living in the Cleveland-Elyria Metropolitan Area (6% of the area's population)

- **4%**: Estimated decrease in the number of immigrants living in the Toledo metro area over the past 10 years

- **3%**: Estimated decrease in the number of immigrants living in the Cleveland metro area over the past 10 years

Distribution of Immigrants in the State of Ohio

Figure 1 shows where immigrants live in the state of Ohio. Franklin County (10.6%), Delaware County (7.3%), and Cuyahoga County (7.2%) reported the highest percentages of immigrants. Immigrants make up the smallest shares of the population in Meigs County, Pike County, and Vinton County. The share of immigrants in the Toledo metro area is half that of the share of immigrants in the Cleveland metro area.

Country of Birth

Figure 2 indicates that immigrants in the Toledo metro area and Cleveland come from a variety of countries. There are larger shares of immigrants from Mexico, China, and Canada living in the Toledo metro area compared to the Cleveland metro area, which has higher shares of immigrants from India and Ukraine.

Figure 2. Top Five Countries of Birth Among Immigrants

Toledo Metro Area		Cleveland Metro Area	
Mexico	11%	India	10%
China	8%	China	6%
India	6%	Mexico	6%
Canada	5%	Ukraine	5%
Philippines	4%	Germany	4%
99 Other Countries	66%	143 Other Countries	69%
Estimated Immigrant Population	**22,453**	**Estimated Immigrant Population**	**119,379**

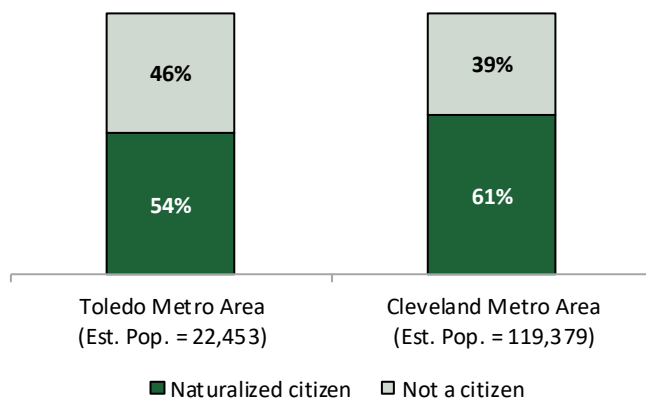GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY | Institute for Immigration Research

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Naturalization

Immigrants in the Toledo metro area are less likely to be naturalized U.S. citizens compared to immigrants in the Cleveland metro area (Figure 3). An estimated 54 percent of immigrants in the Toledo metro area and 61 percent of immigrants in the Cleveland metro area are naturalized citizens.
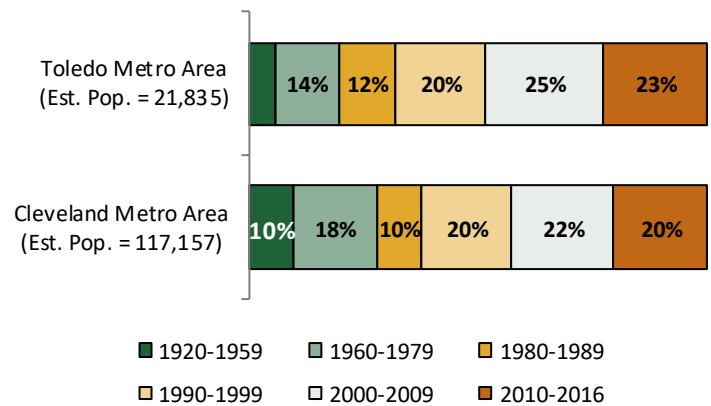
🖊 **Figure 3. Naturalization Rates Among Immigrants**

Toledo Metro Area (Est. Pop. = 22,453): Naturalized citizen 54%, Not a citizen 46%
Cleveland Metro Area (Est. Pop. = 119,379): Naturalized citizen 61%, Not a citizen 39%

■ Naturalized citizen □ Not a citizen

Year of Immigration

Figure 4 indicates that immigrants in the Toledo metro area reported arriving to the United States later than immigrants in the Cleveland metro area. An estimated 48 percent of immigrants in the Toledo metro area and 42 percent of immigrants in Cleveland reported arriving in the United States after 1999. The median year of immigration to the United States for immigrant in Toledo is 1999, which is slightly later than immigrants living in the Cleveland metro area (1996).

🖊 **Figure 4. Year of Immigration Among Immigrants**

Toledo Metro Area (Est. Pop. = 21,835): 14% 12% 20% 25% 23%
Cleveland Metro Area (Est. Pop. = 117,157): 10% 18% 10% 20% 22% 20%

■ 1920-1959 ■ 1960-1979 ■ 1980-1989
□ 1990-1999 □ 2000-2009 ■ 2010-2016

Race and Ethnicity[2]

Figure 5 indicates that there are higher shares of immigrants who identify as Asian and Black and lower proportions of immigrants who identify as White in the Toledo metro area compared to immigrants in the Cleveland metro area. With regard to ethnicity, there are larger shares of immigrants in the Toledo metro area who identify as Hispanic (which can be of any race) compared to immigrants living in the Cleveland metro area.

🖊 **Figure 5. Race and Ethnicity Among Immigrants**

	Toledo Metro Area	Cleveland Metro Area
White	49%	58%
Asian	32%	28%
Black	9%	6%
Other Race	8%	5%
Two or More Races	2%	3%
Not Hispanic	82%	87%
Hispanic	18%	13%
Estimated Immigrant Population	**22,453**	**119,379**

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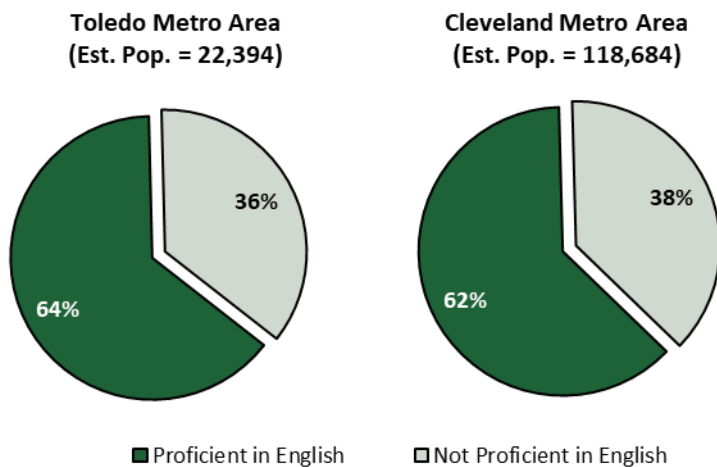
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English Proficiency

Figure 6 shows that immigrants living in the Toledo metro area reported slightly higher rates of English proficiency (speaks only English or speaks English very well) compared to immigrants in the Cleveland metro area. An estimated 64 percent of immigrants in the Toledo metro area and 62 percent of immigrants in the Cleveland metro area reported being English proficient.

Figure 6. English Proficiency Among Immigrants
Age 5+

Toledo Metro Area (Est. Pop. = 22,394)

Cleveland Metro Area (Est. Pop. = 118,684)

- Proficient in English
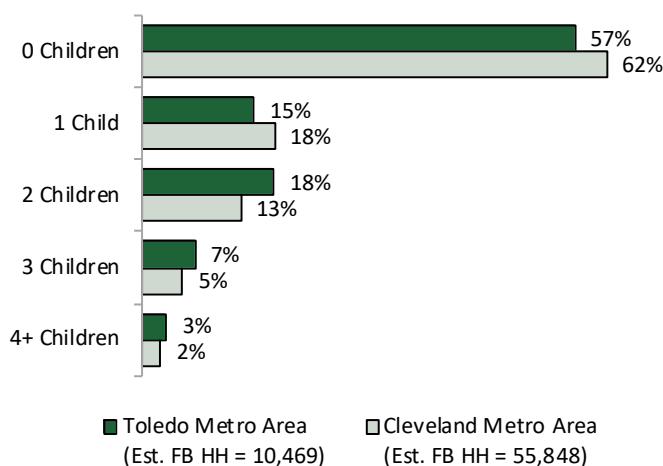- Not Proficient in English

Languages Spoken at Home

The most common languages spoken at home in the Toledo and Cleveland metro areas are English and Spanish (Figure 7). Immigrants in the Toledo metro area are nearly twice as likely to speak Arabic at home compared to immigrants living in the Cleveland metro area who are more likely to speak Hindi.

Figure 7. Top Five Languages Spoken at Home Among Immigrants
Age 5+

Toledo Metro Area		Cleveland Metro Area	
English	25%	English	23%
Spanish	16%	Spanish	12%
Arabic	15%	Hindi and related	9%
Chinese	8%	Arabic	8%
Hindi and	8%	Chinese	6%
28 Other Languages	28%	43 Other Languages	42%
Estimated Immigrant	**22,394**	**Estimated Immigrant**	**118,684**

Figure 8. Number of Children per Immigrant Household

- Toledo Metro Area (Est. FB HH = 10,469)
- Cleveland Metro Area (Est. FB HH = 55,848)

Number of Children per Household[3]

Over half of the immigrant-headed households in the Toledo and Cleveland metro areas reported zero children, as shown in Figure 8. However, immigrant headed households in the Toledo metro area are slightly more likely to report two or more children living at home compared to immigrant headed households in the Cleveland metro area. Additionally, the average number of children living in an immigrant headed household in the Toledo metro area is 0.8, which is greater than the average number of children living in immigrant headed households in Cleveland (0.7).

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