Salvadoran Immigrants Living in the Washington, DC and Baltimore, MD Metropolitan Areas

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- **208,800**: Approximate number of Salvadoran immigrants* living in the DC and Baltimore metro areas (2% of the areas’ population). Among them:
  - **54% Male and 46% Female**
  - **15 years**: Median years in the U.S.
  - **38**: Median age
  - **24% Eligible to vote** (naturalized U.S. citizens age 18+)

Note: data is displayed at the county level. Maps are based on IPUMS National Historical Information System: Version 14.0. ACS 2013-2017 dataset.2019

*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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**Education, Income, Health Insurance, and Housing**

56% of foreign born from El Salvador living in the DC and Baltimore metro areas have health insurance coverage compared to 82% of all other foreign born and 95% of native-born U.S. citizens.

- **Figure 4. Educational Attainment**
  Individuals, age 25+, in the DC and Baltimore Metro Areas

  - Foreign Born from El Salvador: 56%
  - All Other Foreign Born: 25%
  - Native-Born U.S. Citizens: 22%

- **Figure 5. Median Total Family Income and Personal Earned Income**
  Individuals who are employed full time, age 16-65, in the DC and Baltimore Metro Areas

  - Foreign Born from El Salvador: $31,026
  - All Other Foreign Born: $53,108
  - Native-Born U.S. Citizens: $65,363

  12% of Salvadoran immigrants in the DC and Baltimore metro areas are living below the poverty line compared to 10% of all other foreign born and 9% of native-born U.S. citizens.

- **Figure 6. Home Ownership**
  Household Heads in the DC and Baltimore Metro Areas

  - Foreign Born from El Salvador: 52%
  - All Other Foreign Born: 57%
  - Native-Born U.S. Citizens: 66%

  - Own a Home or Buying a Home: 34%
  - Rent, Do not Own Home: 66%
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Employment and Occupation

Foreign born from El Salvador are less likely to work in STEM or STEM-related occupations compared to all other immigrants and native born but much more likely to work in important occupations such as construction, building, and grounds cleaning and maintenance, food preparation and serving, transportation and material moving, and sales compared to all other foreign born and native born in the DC and Baltimore metro areas.

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**Figure 7. Top Five Occupational Groups**

Individuals who are employed, age 16-65, in the DC and Baltimore Metro Areas

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<td>26%</td>
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<td>Food Preparation and Serving</td>
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<td>Transportation and Material Moving</td>
<td>6%</td>
<td>Sales</td>
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<td>Sales</td>
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**Figure 8. Employment in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Occupations**

Individuals who are employed, age 16-65, in the DC and Baltimore Metro Areas

- **Foreign Born from El Salvador**: 1% (STEM), 1% (STEM-related), 98% (Non-STEM)
- **All Other Foreign Born**: 14% (STEM), 7% (STEM-related), 79% (Non-STEM)
- **Native-Born U.S. Citizens**: 11% (STEM), 6% (STEM-related), 83% (Non-STEM)
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Self-Employment

Figure 9. Self-Employment
Individuals who are employed, age 16-65, in the DC and Baltimore Metro Areas

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<td>Foreign Born from El Salvador</td>
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<td>All Other Foreign Born</td>
<td>4%</td>
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<td>3%</td>
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$33,000:* Median personal income of Salvadoran immigrants who are self-employed and living in the DC and Baltimore metro areas

$41,367:* Median personal income of all other foreign born who are self-employed and living in the DC and Baltimore metro areas

$62,125:* Median personal income of native-born U.S. citizens who are self-employed and living in the DC and Baltimore metro areas

*Please note that these numbers are generated based on individuals who are employed full time.