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

Figure 1. Colombian Immigrant Population in the DC and Baltimore Metro Areas

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- **22,600**: Estimated number of Colombian immigrants* living in the DC and Baltimore metro areas (1% of the area’s immigrant population).
  - Among them:
    - **43%** Male and **57%** Female
    - **16 years**: Median years in the U.S.
    - **45**: Median age
    - **48%** Eligible to vote (naturalized U.S. citizens age 18+)

Figure 2. Citizenship Status
Foreign-Born Individuals in the DC and Baltimore Metro Areas

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<tr>
<th>Foreign Born from Colombia</th>
<th>All Other Foreign Born</th>
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<tr>
<td>Naturalized Citizen</td>
<td>Not a Citizen</td>
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<tr>
<td>49%</td>
<td>51%</td>
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Figure 3. English Proficiency
Foreign-Born Individuals, age 5+, in the DC and Baltimore Metro Areas

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<th>Foreign Born from Colombia</th>
<th>All Other Foreign Born</th>
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<tr>
<td>Not Proficient in English</td>
<td>Proficient in English</td>
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<tr>
<td>58%</td>
<td>42%</td>
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<td>62%</td>
<td>38%</td>
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All analysis in this fact sheet is based on source data from the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2014-2018 distributed through IPUMS-USA, University of Minnesota, www.ipums.org.

*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

86% of foreign born from Colombia living in the DC and Baltimore metro areas have health insurance coverage compared to 80% of all other foreign born and 96% of native-born U.S. citizens.

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

- Master's, Professional Degree, Doctoral Degree
- Bachelor's Degree
- Some College or Associate's Degree
- High School Diploma
- No High School Diploma

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 Colombia: $52,369
- All Other Foreign Born: $51,321
- Native-Born U.S. Citizens: $68,803

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

- Own a Home or Buying a Home
- Rent, Do not Own Home

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

**Figure 7. Top Five Occupational Groups**

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

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<td>Service</td>
<td>27%</td>
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<td>23%</td>
<td>Management, Business, Science, and Arts</td>
<td>23%</td>
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<td>Management, Business, and Financial</td>
<td>16%</td>
<td>Management, Business, and Financial</td>
<td>15%</td>
<td>Education, Legal, Community Service, Arts, and Media</td>
<td>14%</td>
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<td>Education, Legal, Community Service, Arts, and Media</td>
<td>13%</td>
<td>Computer, Engineering, and Science</td>
<td>12%</td>
<td>Service</td>
<td>14%</td>
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<td>Office and Administrative Support</td>
<td>12%</td>
<td>Construction and Extraction</td>
<td>9%</td>
<td>Office and Administrative Support</td>
<td>12%</td>
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<td>Computer, Engineering, and Science</td>
<td>8%</td>
<td>Education, Legal, Community Service, Arts, and Media</td>
<td>8%</td>
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<td>11%</td>
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<td>8 Other Occupational Groups</td>
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<td>Estimated Population</td>
<td>14,320</td>
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<td>1,073,409</td>
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**In 2018, foreign born from Colombia in the labor force have the same unemployment rates (5%) compared to all other foreign born (5%) and native born (5%) living in the DC and Baltimore metro areas.**

**Figure 8. Employment in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Occupations**

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## Self-Employment

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<th>Self-employed, incorporated</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<tr>
<td>Foreign Born from Colombia</td>
<td>9%</td>
<td>4%</td>
<td>87%</td>
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<tr>
<td>All Other Foreign Born</td>
<td>6%</td>
<td>4%</td>
<td>90%</td>
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<td>Native-Born U.S. Citizens</td>
<td>4%</td>
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<td>93%</td>
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- **Foreign Born from Colombia:** 9% self-employed, not incorporated, 4% self-employed, incorporated, 87% total.
- **All Other Foreign Born:** 6% self-employed, not incorporated, 4% self-employed, incorporated, 90% total.
- **Native-Born U.S. Citizens:** 4% self-employed, not incorporated, 0% self-employed, incorporated, 93% total.

*Legend:* Self-employed, not incorporated, Self-employed, incorporated, Works for wages or salary.

**Figure 10. Colombian Immigrant Population in the United States, 1950-2018**

- **$33,026:** Median personal income of Colombian immigrants who are self-employed and living in the DC and Baltimore metro areas.
- **$41,895:** Median personal income of all other foreign born who are self-employed and living in the DC and Baltimore metro areas.
- **$68,769:** 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.*