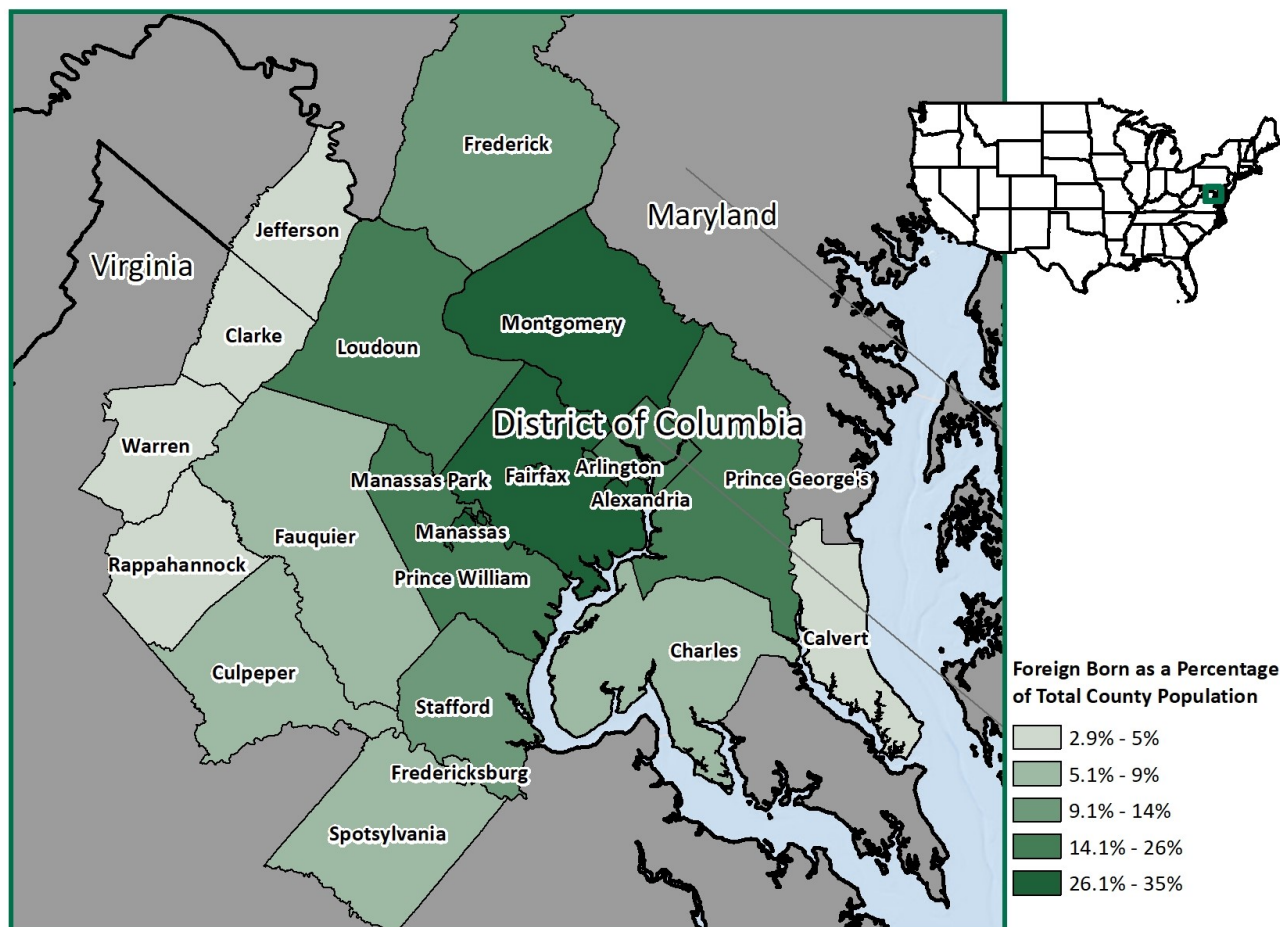


## Immigrants in the Washington, DC-Arlington, VA-Alexandria, VA Metro Area

**Figure 1. Immigrants in the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria Metro Area**



Note: Maps are based on IPUMS National Historical Geographic Information System: Version 14.0. ACS 2014-2018 dataset. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota. 2020.

### Distribution of Immigrants

Figure 1 shows where immigrants live in the DC metro area. Manassas Park (34%), Montgomery County (32%), and Fairfax County (31%) reported the highest percentages of immigrants in the metro area. Calvert County (3%), Warren County (3%), and Rappahannock County (4%) reported the lowest percentages of immigrants.

### 2018 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- **43,567,000:** Approximate number of immigrants<sup>1</sup> living in the U.S. (13% of the population)
- **1,394,200:** Approximate number of immigrants living in the DC metro area (23% of the area's population)
- **29%:** Estimated increase in the number of immigrants living in the DC metro area in the past 10 years

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](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.

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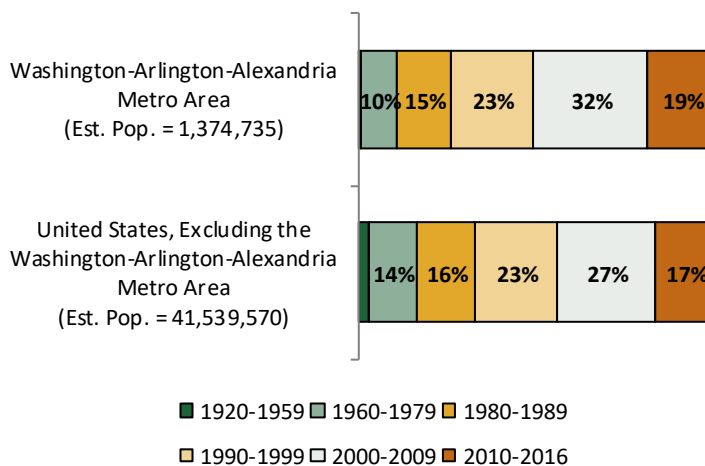
 **Figure 2. Race and Ethnicity<sup>2</sup>**

	Washington-Arlington-Alexandria Metro Area	United States, Excluding the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria Metro Area
White	32%	47%
Asian	31%	27%
Black	18%	9%
Other Race	16%	15%
Two or more races	3%	2%
Not-Hispanic	65%	55%
Hispanic	35%	45%
<b>Estimated Population</b>	<b>1,394,186</b>	<b>42,172,776</b>

### Race and Ethnicity

Figure 2 indicates that nearly one-third of the immigrants in the DC metro identify as Asian compared to 27 percent in the U.S. Eighteen percent of immigrants in the DC metro identify as Black compared to only 9 percent in the U.S. With respect to ethnicity, two-thirds of the foreign born in the DC metro identify as Not-Hispanic, which can be of any race. Immigrants are more likely to identify as Hispanic nationwide.

 **Figure 3. Year of Immigration Among Immigrants**



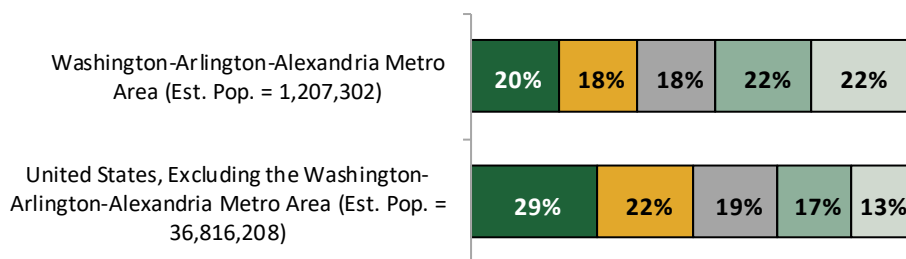
### Year of Immigration

Figure 3 indicates that more than half of the foreign born in the DC metro arrived in the United States after 2009. The median year of arrival for immigrants living in the DC metro is 2000, while the median year of arrival for immigrants nationwide is 1997.

 **Figure 4. Educational Attainment**

Age 25+

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



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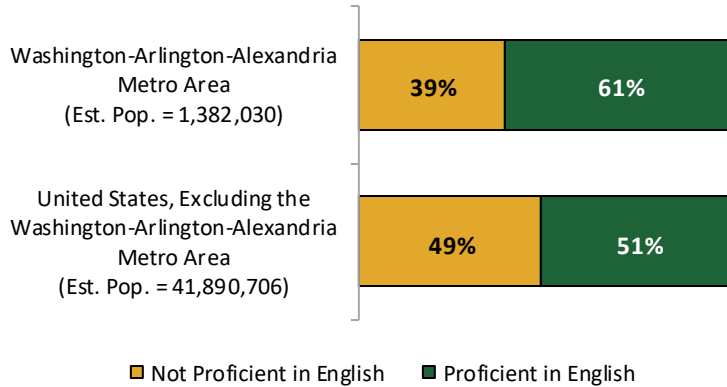
Figure 4 shows that immigrants living in the DC metro area are much more likely to have a Bachelor's degree or above (44%) compared to all other immigrants in the United States (30%).

<sup>2</sup>IIR fact sheets are created following standard definitions established by the U.S. Census Bureau. Please consult <https://www.census.gov/topics/> for clarification as to important distinctions such as those between race and ethnicity.

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**Figure 5. English Proficiency Rate**

Age 5+



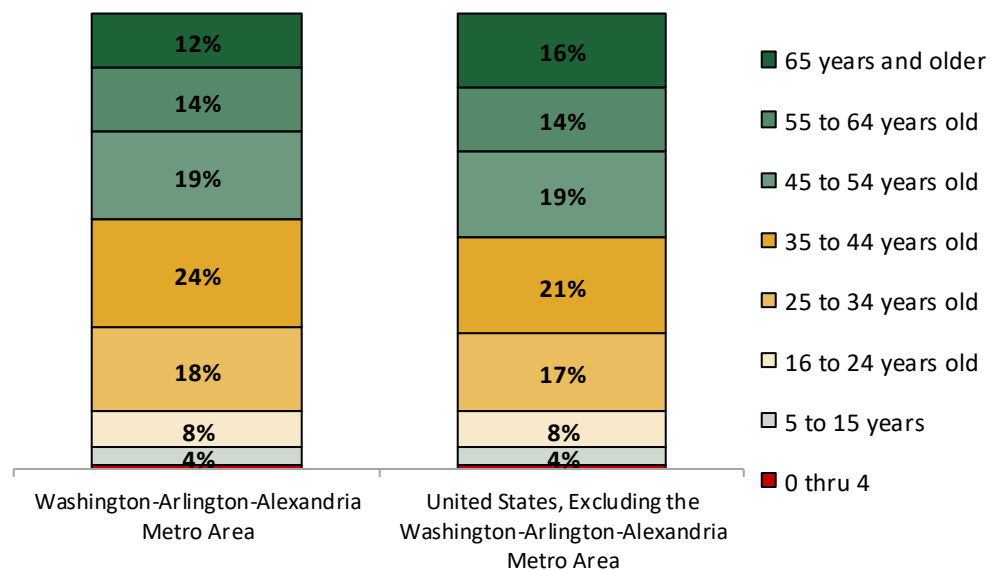
### English Proficiency

Figure 5 shows that immigrants in the DC metro area are more likely to be proficient in English (speaks English well or very well) compared to all other immigrants in the United States.

**Figure 6. Age Distribution**

### Age

Figure 6 shows that immigrants in the DC metro are slightly more likely to be 25 to 44 years old (42%) compared to other immigrants in the United States (38%). Immigrants in the DC metro area are also less likely to be over 65 years old (12%) compared to all other immigrants in the U.S. (16%). Overall, immigrants in the DC metro area are slightly younger with a median age of 42, which is lower than immigrants nationwide (44).





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