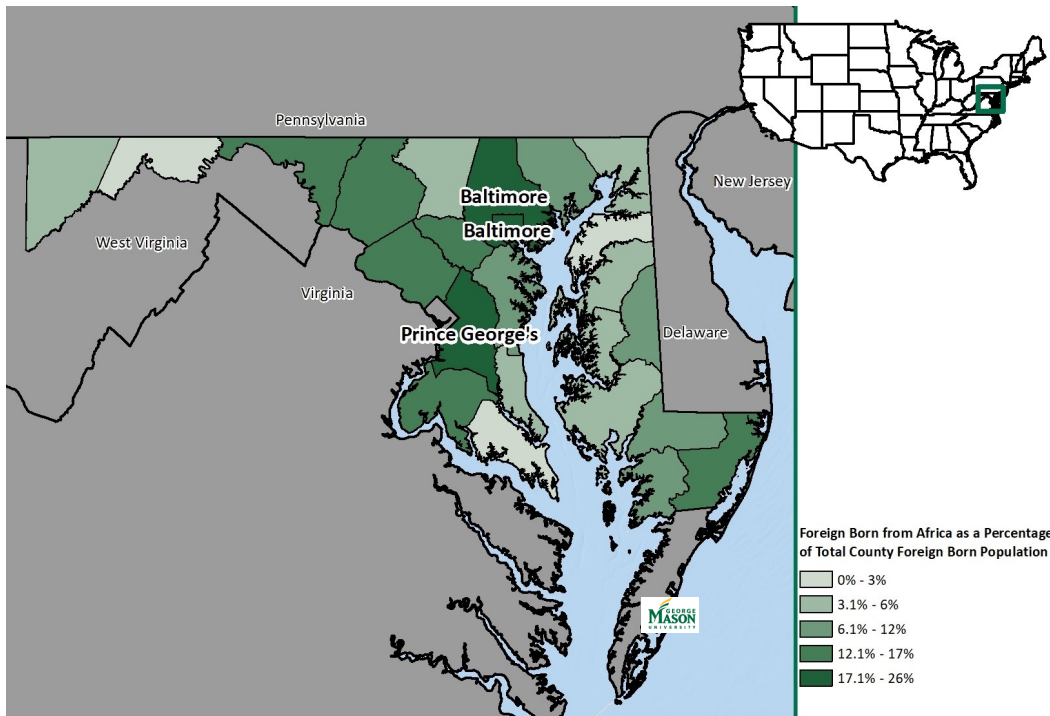


African Immigrants in Howard County, MD

Figure 1. African Immigrants in the State of Maryland



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

2018 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- **43,567,000:** Approximate number of immigrants¹ living in the U.S. (13% of the population)
- **904,300:** Approximate number of immigrants living in Maryland (15% of the total population)
- **9,100:** Approximate number of African² immigrants living in Howard county, MD (14% of the total immigrant population)
- **134%:** Estimated increase in the number of African immigrants living in Howard county, MD over the past 10 years
- **4th:** The state of Maryland is home to the fourth largest share of immigrants from Africa living in the U.S. (8% of the African immigrant population in U.S.)

Distribution of African Immigrants in Maryland

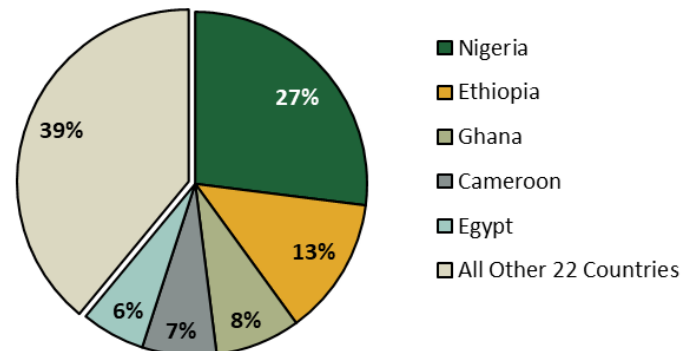
Figure 1 shows where African immigrants live in the state of Maryland as a percent of the total immigrant population. Prince George's County (26%), Baltimore City (23%), and Baltimore County (20%) reported the highest percentages of African immigrants. Immigrants from Africa make up the smallest shares of the population in Kent County, Allegany County, and St. Mary's County.

Figure 2. Country of Birth

Top Five Countries of Birth of Immigrants from Africa in Howard County, MD (Est.Pop.=9,103)

Country of Birth

Figure 2 shows that African immigrants living in Howard County are from countries in West Africa (Nigeria and Ghana), the Horn of Africa (Ethiopia), Central Africa (Cameroon), and North Africa (Egypt). Nigeria and Ethiopia are the top two countries of birth among immigrants from Africa in Howard County. Specifically, two out of five African immigrants come from these two countries.



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, 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.

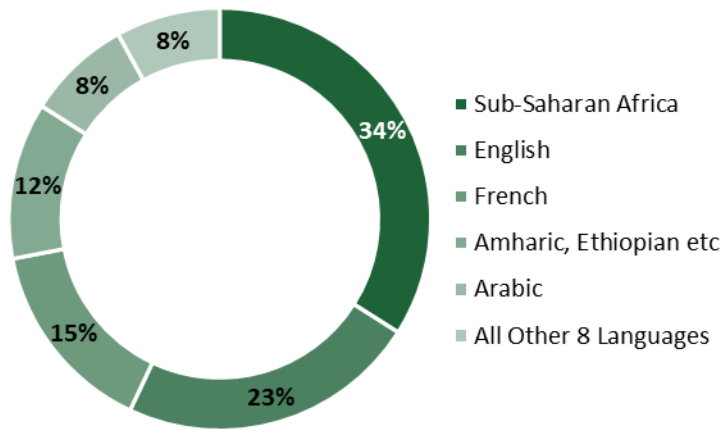
²African countries include Algeria, Egypt/United Arab Republic, Libya, Morocco, Sudan, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Eritrea, Cameroon, Congo, Zaire, and South Africa (Union Of).

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Figure 3. Language Spoken at Home

Age 5+

Top Five Languages Spoken at Home among
Immigrants from Africa in Howard County, MD
(Est.Pop.=9,070)

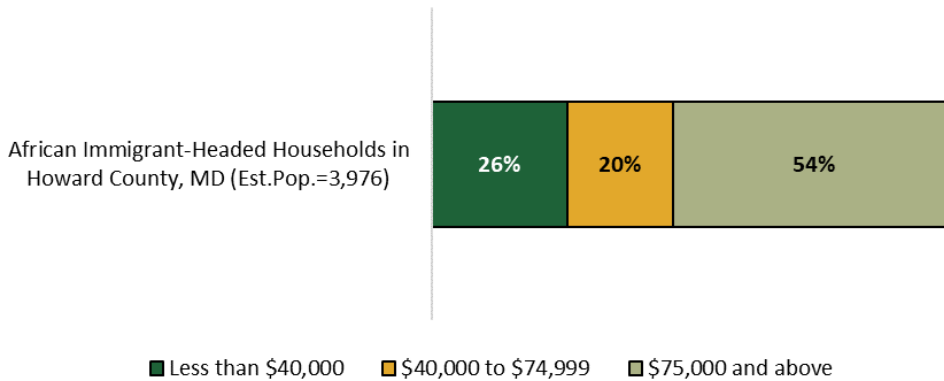


Language Spoken at Home

Figure 3 shows that the largest share of African immigrants in Howard County speak a Sub-Saharan African language at home. Twenty-three percent of them speak English and 15 percent speak French. Finally, 12 percent of immigrants from Africa in Howard County speak Amharic, Ethiopian and 8 percent Arabic. This aligns with the countries in Africa from which immigrants come, as shown in Figure 2.

Figure 4. Household Income³

Household Heads, Age 16-65



Household Income

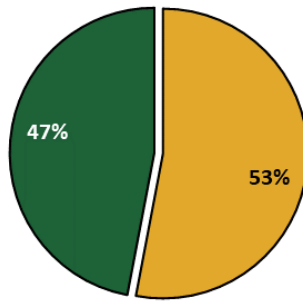
Figure 4 shows that the majority of immigrant-headed households in Howard County earn \$75,000 and above. Twenty-six percent earn less than \$40,000 and 20 percent earn between \$40,000 and \$74,999. The median household income of immigrant-headed households in Howard county is \$80,000.

³A household includes all the people who occupy a housing unit. A native-born U.S. citizen household is defined as a household which is headed by a native-born U.S. citizen, regardless of the immigration status of the spouse. Conversely, an immigrant headed household is defined as a household which is headed by a foreign-born individual, regardless of the immigration status of the spouse. With regard to income, the total family income is used. This includes the total annual income of all family members in the household.

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Figure 5. Homeownership

African Immigrants in Howard County, MD
(Est.Pop.=3,976)



■ Rent, do not own a home ■ Own a home or buying a home

Homeownership

Figure 5 highlights that 53 percent of African immigrants in Howard County do not own a home compared to 47 percent of them who own a home.

Figure 6. Occupation⁴

In the Labor Force and Employed, Age 16-65

Top Five Occupational Groups	African Immigrants in Howard County, MD
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	19%
Management, Business, and Financial	18%
Service	14%
Computer, Engineering, and Science	12%
Education, Legal, Community Service, Arts, and Media	11%
5 Other Occupational Groups	26%
Estimated African Immigrant Population	6,417

Occupation

African immigrants in Howard County hold various occupations. As shown in Figure 6, the largest share of African immigrants are employed as healthcare practitioners or technicians (19 percent). Eighteen percent of African immigrants hold occupations in management, business, and finance, while 14 work in service occupations. Finally, 12 percent work in computer, engineering, science occupations and 11 percent in education, legal, community service, arts, and media occupations.

⁴IIR 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 industry and occupation or between race and ethnicity.

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