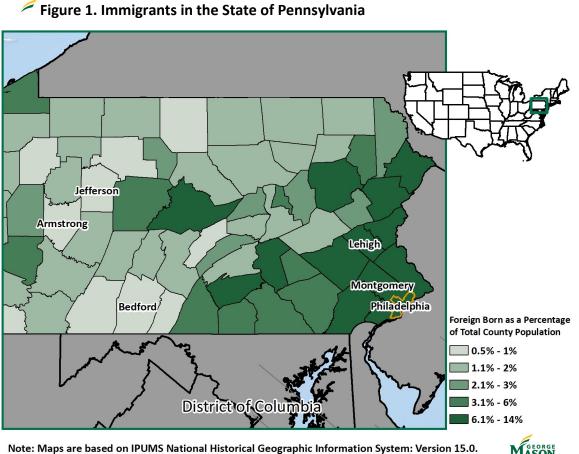


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Immigrants in Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania



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2019 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- 44,032,500: Approximate number of immigrants¹ living in the U.S. (14% of the population)
- 875,300: Approximate number of immigrants living in the state of Pennsylvania (7% of the state's population)
- 223,800: Approximate number of immigrants living in Philadelphia County (14% of the county's population)
- 28%: Estimated increase in the number of immigrants living in the Philadelphia County in the past 10 years
- 29th: Rank of the state of Pennsylvania among the 50 states and Washington, DC in terms of immigrants as a percentage of the state's population

All analysis in this fact sheet is based on source data from the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2015-2019 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.

Distribution of Immigrants

Figure 1 shows where immigrants live in the state of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia County (13%), Lehigh County (12%), and Montgomery County (11%) reported the highest percentages of immigrants. Armstrong County (0.4%), Jefferson County (0.6%), and Bedford County (0.7%) reported the lowest percentages of immigrants.



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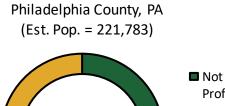
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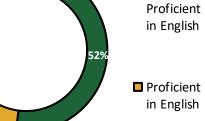
Figure 2. Top Five Country of Birth Among Immigrants Figure 3. English Proficiency Rates Among Immigrants

Philadelphia County, PA		
China	9%	
Dominican Republic	8%	
Vietnam	6%	
India	5%	
Jamaica	5%	
143 Other Countries	67%	
Estimated Immigrant Population	223,773	

Country of Birth

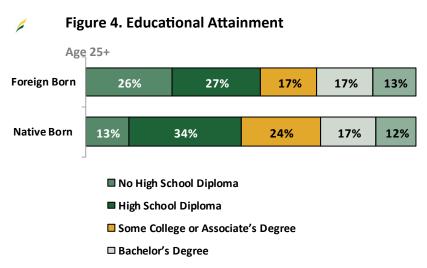
Figure 2 shows that China is the top country of birth of immigrants in Philadelphia County, PA. One third of all immigrants in Philadelphia County come from China, Dominican Republic, Vietnam, India or Jamaica.





English Proficiency

Figure 3 shows that more than half of the immigrants in Philadelphia County are not proficient in English (52%).



Master's, Professional, or Doctoral Degree

Educational Attainment

Figure 4 shows that immigrants living in Philadelphia County, PA are much less likely to have a high school diploma (26%) compared to their native-born counterparts (13%). However, immigrants are also slightly more likely to have a Master's, Professional, or Doctoral Degree.



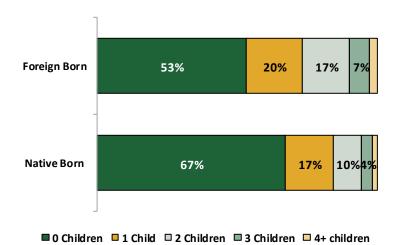
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Figure 5. Number of Children

Household head



Number of Children

Figure 5 shows that immigrants living in Philadelphia County, PA are much more likely to have one or more children compared to their native-born counterparts.

Figure 6. Race and Ethnicity²

	Foreign Born in the Philadelphia County, PA	Native Born in the Philadelphia County, PA
White	30%	42%
Asian	34%	3%
Black	22%	45%
Other Race	11%	6%
Two or more races	3%	4%
Not-Hispanic	80%	86%
Hispanic	20%	14%
Estimated Population	223,773	1,356,060

Race and Ethnicity

Figure 6 indicates that one-third of the immigrants in Philadelphia County, PA identify as Asian compared to only three percent of native born. Nearly half of the native born in Philadelphia County, PA identify as Black compared to only 22 percent of the foreign born. With respect to ethnicity, one out of five of the foreign born in Philadelphia County, PA identify as Hispanic, who can be of any race. Native born are less likely to identify as Hispanic compared to immigrants. This pattern is consistent with that of country of origins, as large proportions of all immigrants in Philadelphia County come from China, Vietnam, and India.

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