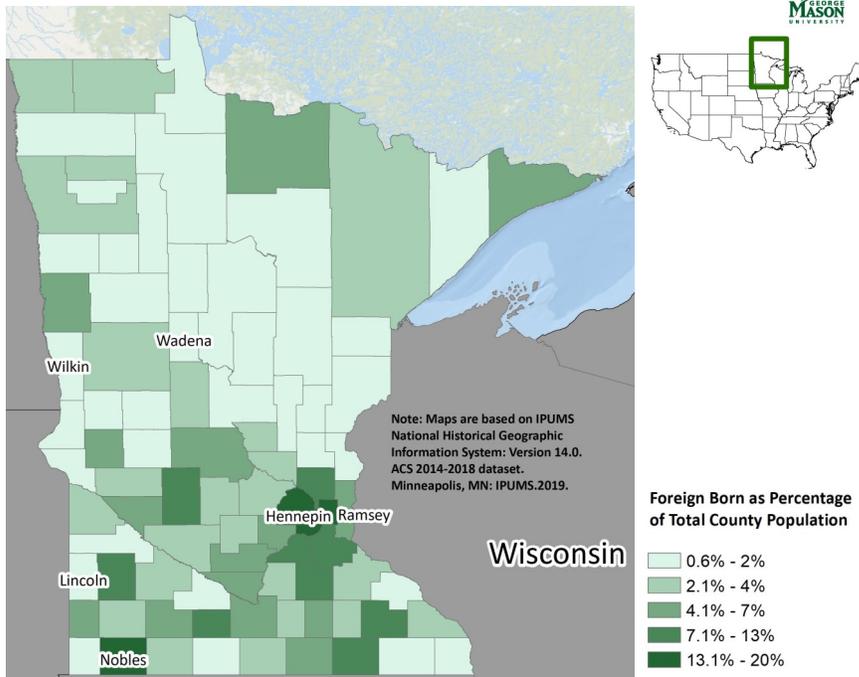


## Immigrants in Minnesota

**Figure 1. Immigrants in the State of Minnesota**



### 2018 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- **43,567,000:** Approximate number of immigrants<sup>1</sup> living in the U.S. (13% of the population).
- **459,700:** Approximate number of immigrants living in the entire state of Minnesota (8% of the state's population).
- **35%:** Estimated increase in the number of immigrants living in the state of Minnesota in the past ten years.
- **23rd:** Rank of the state of Minnesota among the 50 states and the District of Columbia in terms of immigrants as a percentage of the state's total population.

### Distribution of Immigrants in Minnesota

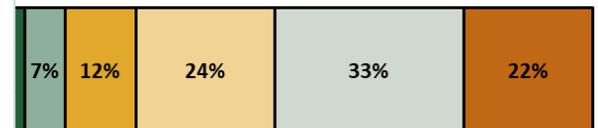
Figure 1 shows where immigrants live in the state of Minnesota as a percent of the county's population. Nobles (19 percent), Ramsey (16 percent), and Hennepin (14 percent) Counties reported the highest percentages of immigrants in this state. Wadena, Lincoln, and Wilkin Counties reported the lowest percentages of immigrants in the state, under 2 percent of each county's population.

**Figure 2. Year of Immigration**

### Year of Immigration

Figure 2 shows that immigrants in the state of Minnesota are more likely to have immigrated into the United States on or after the year 2000 (55 percent) than before this year (45 percent). The median year of immigration for foreign-born individuals in the state of Minnesota is 2001.

Immigrants in Minnesota (Est. Pop.= 451,446)



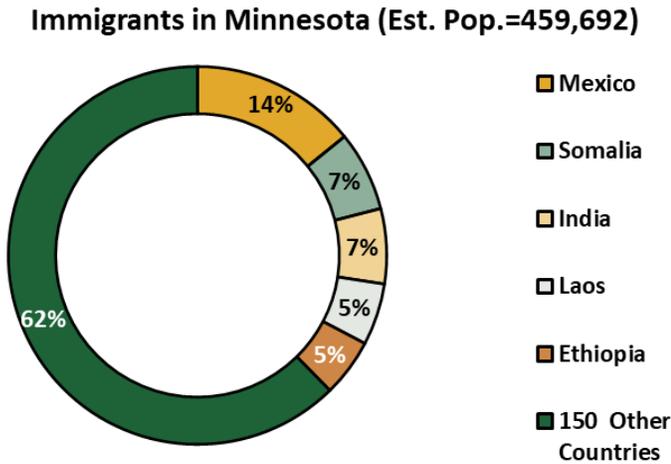
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All analysis in this fact sheet is based on source data from the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2014-2018 distributed through IPUMS-USA, University of Minnesota, [www.ipums.org](http://www.ipums.org), unless otherwise noted.

<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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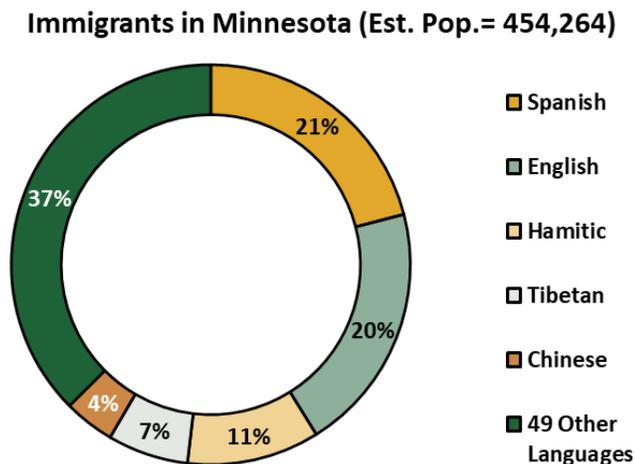
**Figure 3. Country of Birth**



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Figure 3 shows that Mexico is the top country of origin for immigrants in the state of Minnesota (14 percent) with Somalia and India in second and third place (each with 7 percent). Mexico and India are also in the top five countries of origin for immigrants in the United States as a whole. However, Somalia, Laos, and Ethiopia do not fall in the top five nationally, and their presence in Minnesota reflects the fact that refugees from these countries have been resettled there.

**Figure 4. Language Spoken at Home**  
Foreign-Born Individuals Ages 5+

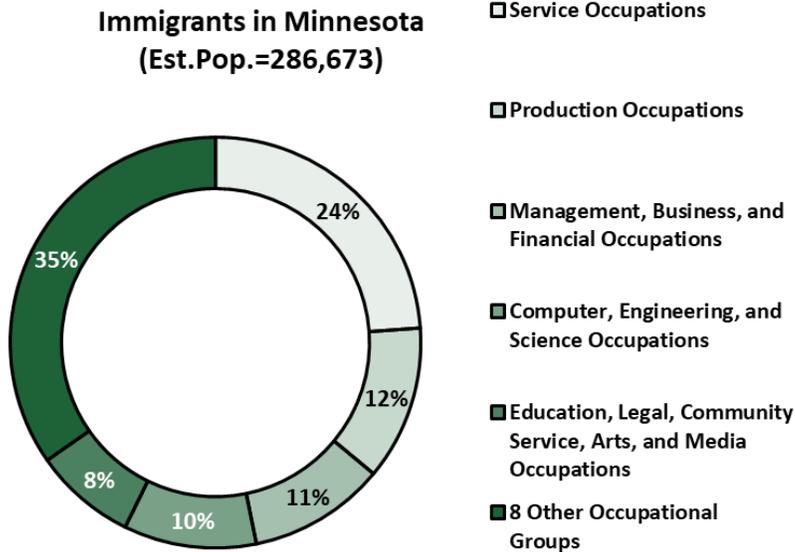


**Language**

Figure 4 shows that foreign-born individuals in the state of Minnesota are slightly more likely to speak Spanish (21 percent) than English (20 percent) at home. In third and fourth place we find the Hamitic family of languages (11 percent) and Tibetan (7 percent) as languages spoken at home. These top languages reflect the top countries of origin as shown in Figure 3.

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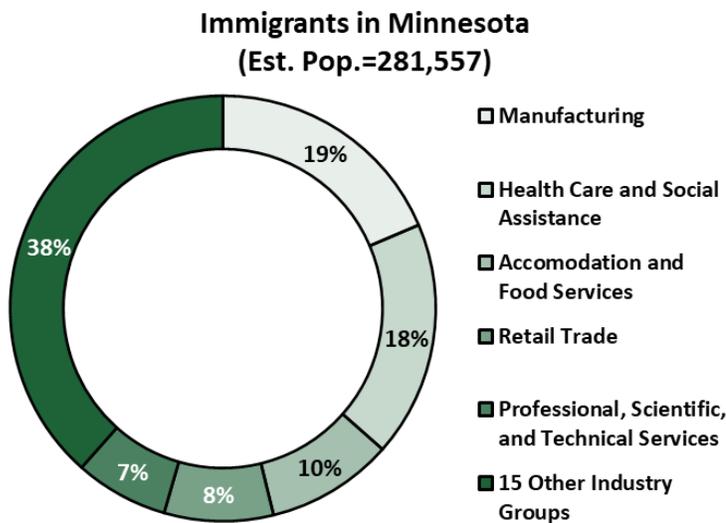
**Figure 5. Occupational Groups<sup>2</sup>**  
Foreign-Born Individuals in the Labor Force, Ages 16-65



**Occupation**

Figure 5 shows that the largest share of foreign-born individuals in the state of Minnesota work in the Service Occupations group (24 percent) followed by the Production Occupations group (12 percent).

**Figure 6. Industry Groups<sup>2</sup>**  
Foreign-Born Individuals in the Labor Force, Ages 16-65



**Industry**

In regard to Industry, Figure 6 shows that the largest share of immigrants in the state of Minnesota work in the Manufacturing Industry group (19 percent) closely followed by the Health Care and Social Assistance Industry group in second place (18 percent).

<sup>3</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 industry and occupation or between race and ethnicity.

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 **Figure 7. Naturalization Rates**

### Naturalization

Figure 7 shows that immigrants in the state of Minnesota are more likely to be naturalized citizens (52 percent) than non-citizens (48 percent).

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