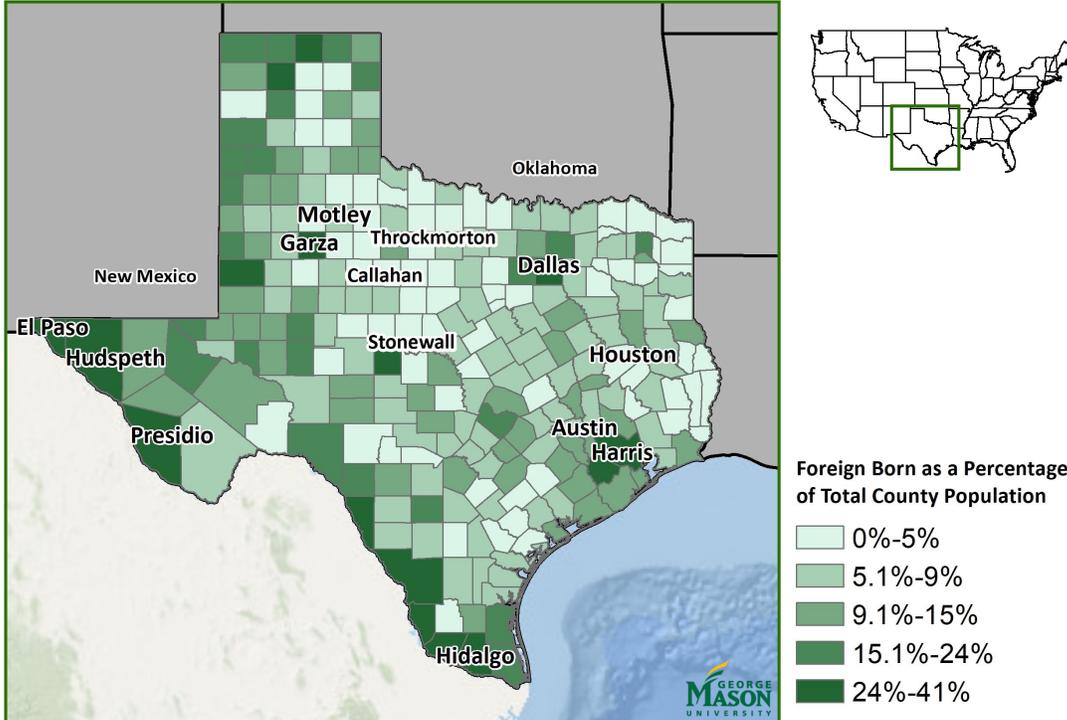


Immigrants in Hidalgo County, Texas

Figure 1. Immigrants in Texas



2019 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- **44,032,500:** Approximate number of immigrants¹ living in the U.S. (14% of the population)
- **4,812,400:** Approximate number of immigrants living in Texas (17% of the state's population)
- **229,230:** Approximate number of immigrants living in Hidalgo County, TX (27% of the county's population)
- **4%:** Estimated increase in the number of immigrants living in Hidalgo County, TX in the past 10 years
- **7th:** Rank of the state of Texas among the 50 states and Washington, DC in terms of immigrants as a percentage of the state's population

Note: Maps are based on IPUMS National Historical Geographic Information System: Version 15.0. ACS 2015-2019 dataset. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota. 2021.

Distribution of Immigrants

Figure 1 shows where immigrants live in the state of Texas. Presidio County (41%), Hudspeth County (37%), and Garza County (35%) reported the highest percentages of immigrants. Immigrants make up the smallest shares of the population in Stonewall, Throckmorton and Motley Counties.

Figure 2. English Proficiency

Age 5+

Hidalgo County, TX (Est.Pop.=228,080)



United States, Excluding Hidalgo County, TX (Est.Pop.=43,507,227)



■ Not Proficient in English ■ Proficient in English

English Proficiency

Figure 3 indicates that immigrants living in Hidalgo County are significantly less likely to be proficient in English (speak English well or very well) compared to all other immigrants in the United States. Twenty-nine percent of the foreign born in Hidalgo County are proficient in English compared to 52 percent of all other immigrants in the United States.

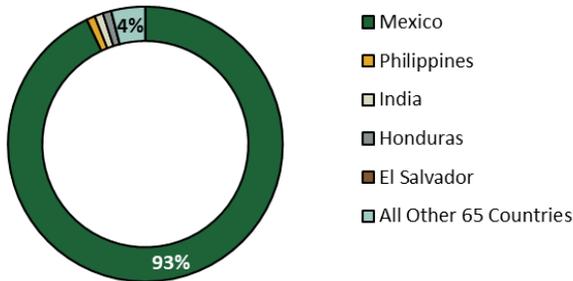
All analysis in this fact sheet is based on source data from the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2015-2019 distributed through IPUMS-USA, University of Minnesota, www.ipums.org, unless otherwise noted.

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.

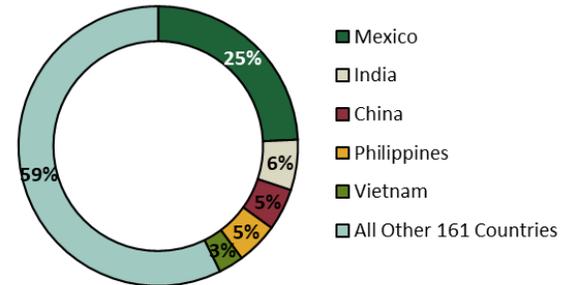
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Figure 3. Country of Birth

Top Five Countries of Birth among Immigrants in Hidalgo County, TX (Est.Pop.=229,227)



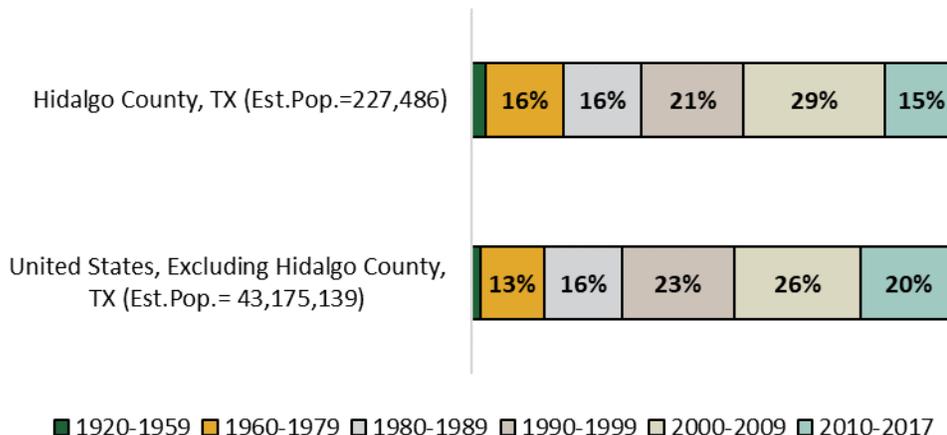
Top Five Countries of Birth among Immigrants in the United States, Excluding Hidalgo County, TX (Est.Pop.=43,803,236)



Country of Birth

Figure 3 shows that Mexico is the top country of birth of immigrants both in Hidalgo County and the rest of the United States. It is noteworthy, however, that in Hidalgo County 93 percent of the foreign born come from Mexico compared to 25 percent of all other immigrants in the United States. Additionally, immigrants in Hidalgo County are more likely to come from countries in Central America such as Honduras and El Salvador compared to all other foreign born in the rest of the United States.

Figure 4. Year of Immigration



Year of Immigration

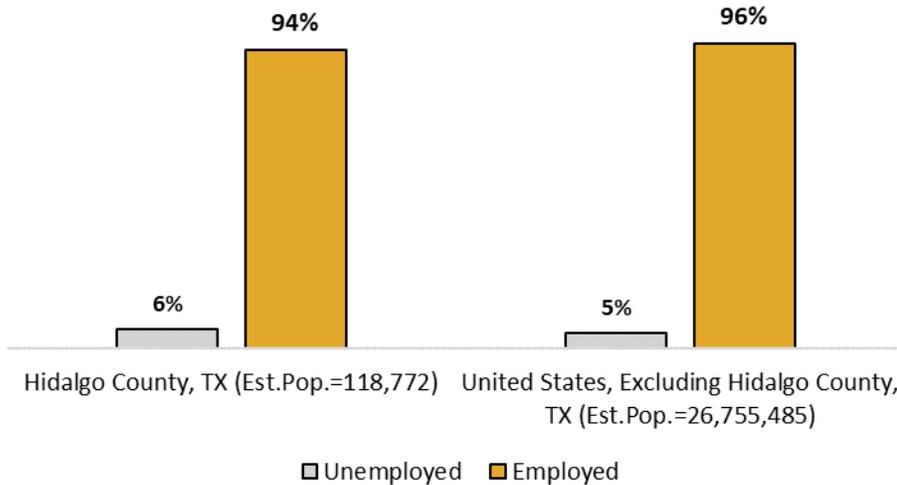
Figure 4 shows that 56 percent of the foreign born in Hidalgo County arrived in the United States before 2000 compared to 54 percent of immigrants living in the rest of the United States. The median year of arrival for foreign-born individuals in Hidalgo County is 1997 whereas for foreign born living in the rest of the United States is 1998.

■ 1920-1959 ■ 1960-1979 ■ 1980-1989 ■ 1990-1999 ■ 2000-2009 ■ 2010-2017

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Figure 5. Employment Status

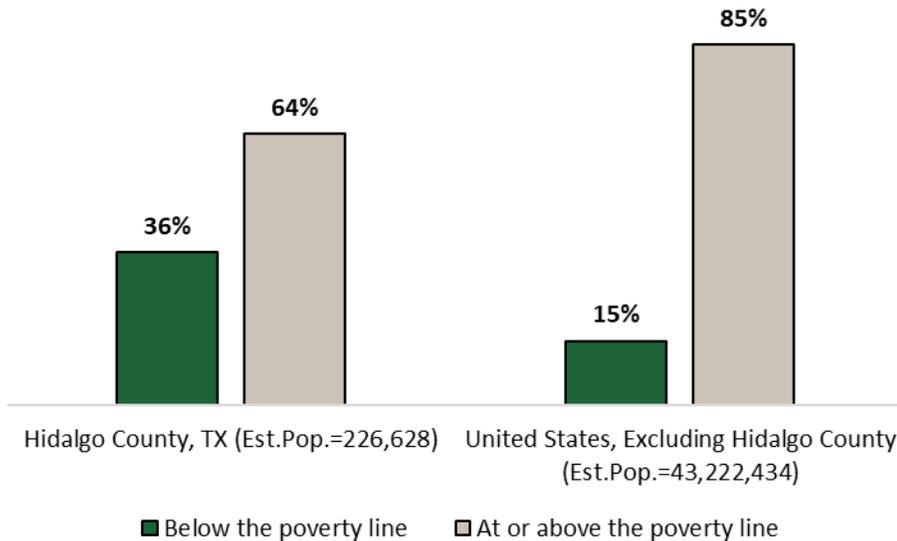
In the Labor force, Age 16-65



Employment Status

Figure 5 shows that the foreign born in Hidalgo County are slightly more likely to be unemployed (6 percent) compared to all other immigrants in the rest of the United States (5 percent).

Figure 6. Poverty Rate



Poverty Rate

Figure 6 shows that immigrants in Hidalgo County are much more likely to live in poverty compared to foreign-born individuals in the rest of the United States. Specifically, 36 percent of foreign born in Hidalgo County live below the poverty line compared to 15 percent of the foreign born in the remainder of the United States.



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