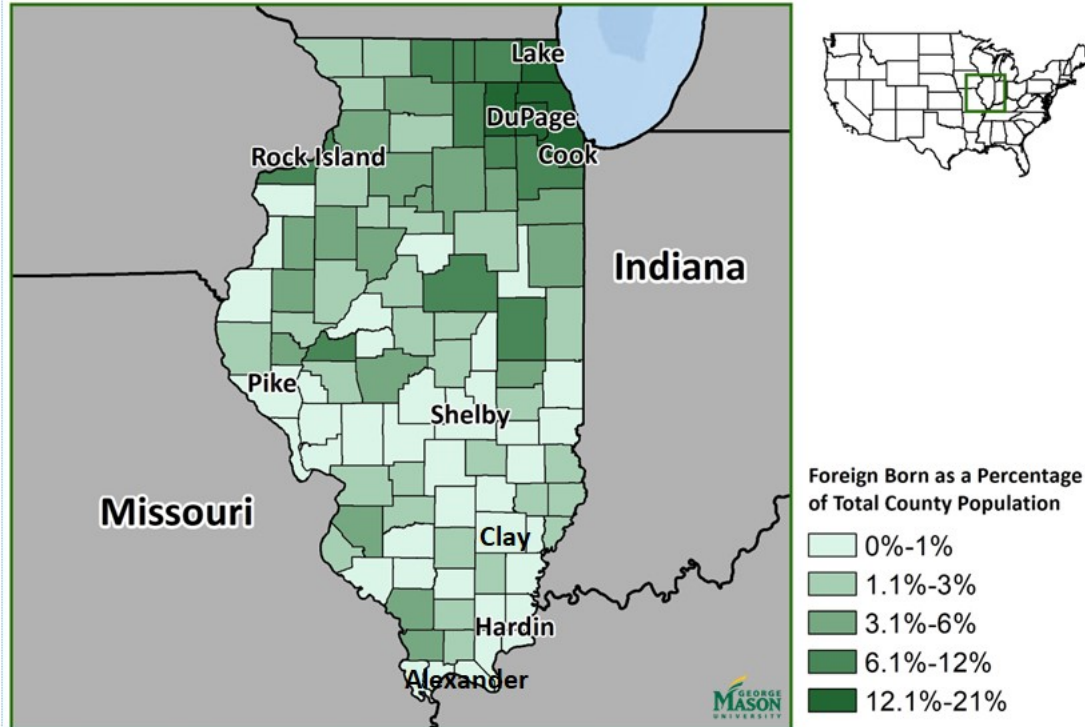


Immigrants in Rock Island County, Illinois

Figure 1. Immigrants in Illinois



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

2019 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

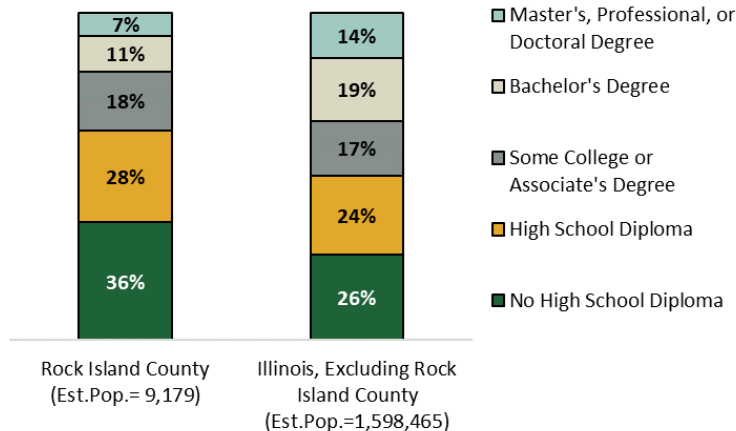
- **44,032,500:** Approximate number of immigrants¹ living in the U.S. (14% of the population)
- **1,795,300:** Approximate number of immigrants living in Illinois (14 % of the state's population)
- **11,600:** Approximate number of immigrants living in Rock Island County, IL (8% of the county's population)
- **13%:** Estimated increase in the number of immigrants living in Rock Island County, IL in the past 7 years
- **12th:** Rank of the state of Illinois among the 50 states and Washington, DC in terms of immigrants as a percentage of the state's population

Distribution of Immigrants

Figure 1 shows where immigrants live in the state of Illinois. Cook County (21%), Du Page County (19 %), and Lake County (18 %) reported the highest percentages of immigrants. Immigrants make up the smallest shares of the population in Clay, Hardin and Alexander Counties.

Figure 2. Educational Attainment

Age 25+



Educational Attainment

Figure 2 indicates that immigrants living in Rock Island County are much more likely to have a High School Diploma or less compared to all other immigrants in Illinois. Sixty-four percent of the foreign born in Rock Island County have a High School Diploma or below compared to 50 percent of all other immigrants in Illinois.

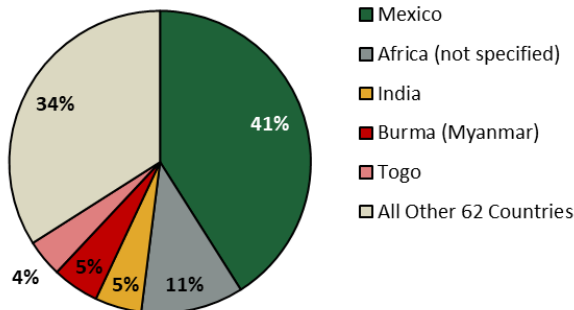
All analysis in this fact sheet is based on source data from the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2015-2019 distributed through IPUMS-USA, University of Minnesota, www.ipums.org, unless otherwise noted.

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.

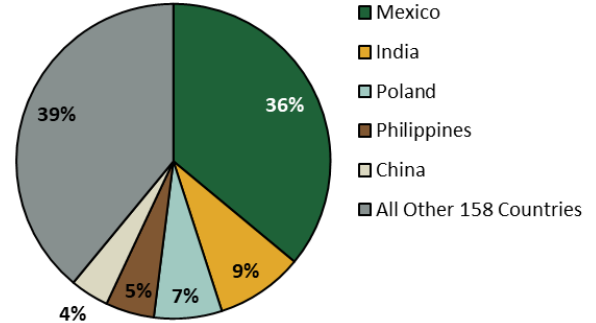
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Figure 3. Country of Birth

Top Five Countries of Birth among Immigrants in Rock Island County, IL (Est.Pop.= 11,617)



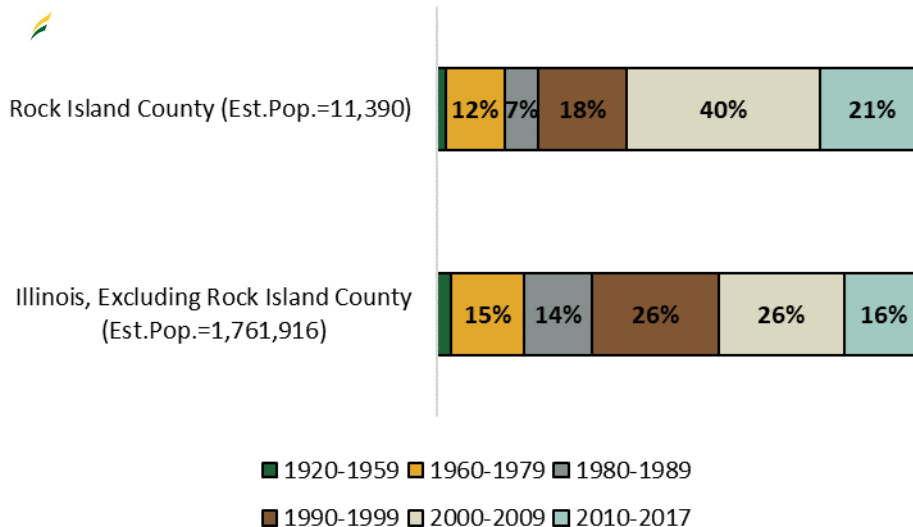
Top Five Countries of Birth among Immigrants in Illinois, Excluding Rock Island County (Est.Pop.=1,783,663)



Country of Birth

Figure 3 shows that Mexico is the top country of birth of immigrants both in Rock Island County and the rest of Illinois. Immigrants in Rock Island County are more likely to come from countries in Africa (11 percent), Burma (Myanmar) (5 percent), and Togo (4 percent) compared to all other foreign born in Illinois who are more likely to come from India (9 percent), Poland (7 percent), China (4 percent), and the Philippines (5 percent).²

Figure 4. Year of Immigration



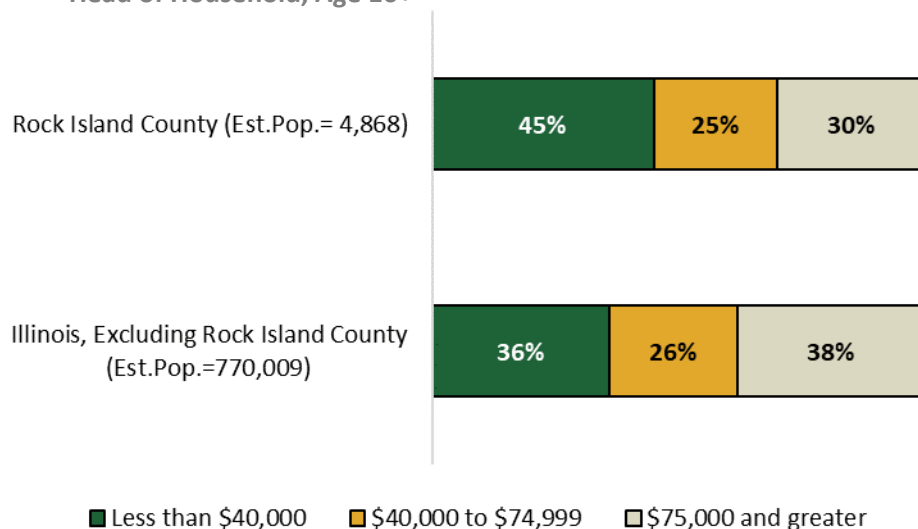
Year of Immigration

Figure 4 shows that 61 percent of the foreign born in Rock Island County arrived in the United States after 2000 compared to 42 percent of immigrants living in the rest of Illinois. The median year of arrival for foreign-born individuals in Rock Island County is 2002 whereas for foreign born living in the rest of Illinois is 1997.

²A refugee resettlement program in Rock Island County might account for the large numbers of immigrants from Africa and Burma. Check <https://worldreliefmoline.org/who-we-are> for more details.

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Figure 5. Family Income
Head of Household, Age 16+



Family Income³

Immigrant families in Rock Island County earn much less compared to all other immigrant families in the rest of Illinois, as indicated in Figure 5. Specifically, 70 percent of immigrant families in Rock Island County earn less than \$75,000 compared to 62 percent of all other immigrant families in Illinois. The median family income of immigrant-headed households in Rock Island County is \$45,100 compared to \$56,000 for all other immigrant-headed households in Illinois.

Figure 6. Occupation
In the Labor Force, Employed, Age 16-65

Top 5 Occupational Groups	Rock Island County	Top 5 Occupational Groups	Illinois, Excluding Rock Island County
Production	34%	Service	22%
Service	20%	Management, Business and Finance	12%
Transportation and Material Moving	16%	Production	11%
Management, Business and Finance	5%	Transportation and Material Moving	11%
Sales and Related	5%	Computer, Engineering and Science	8%
All Other 7 Occupational Groups	20%	All Other 8 Occupational Groups	36%

Occupation⁴

Figure 6 shows that immigrants in Rock Island County are much more likely to work in production occupations (34%), transportation and material moving (16%), and sales occupations (5%) compared to foreign-born individuals in the rest of Illinois. Immigrants in the rest of Illinois are more likely to work in service (22%), management, business, and finance (12%) and computer, engineering, and science occupations (8%).

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.

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.



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