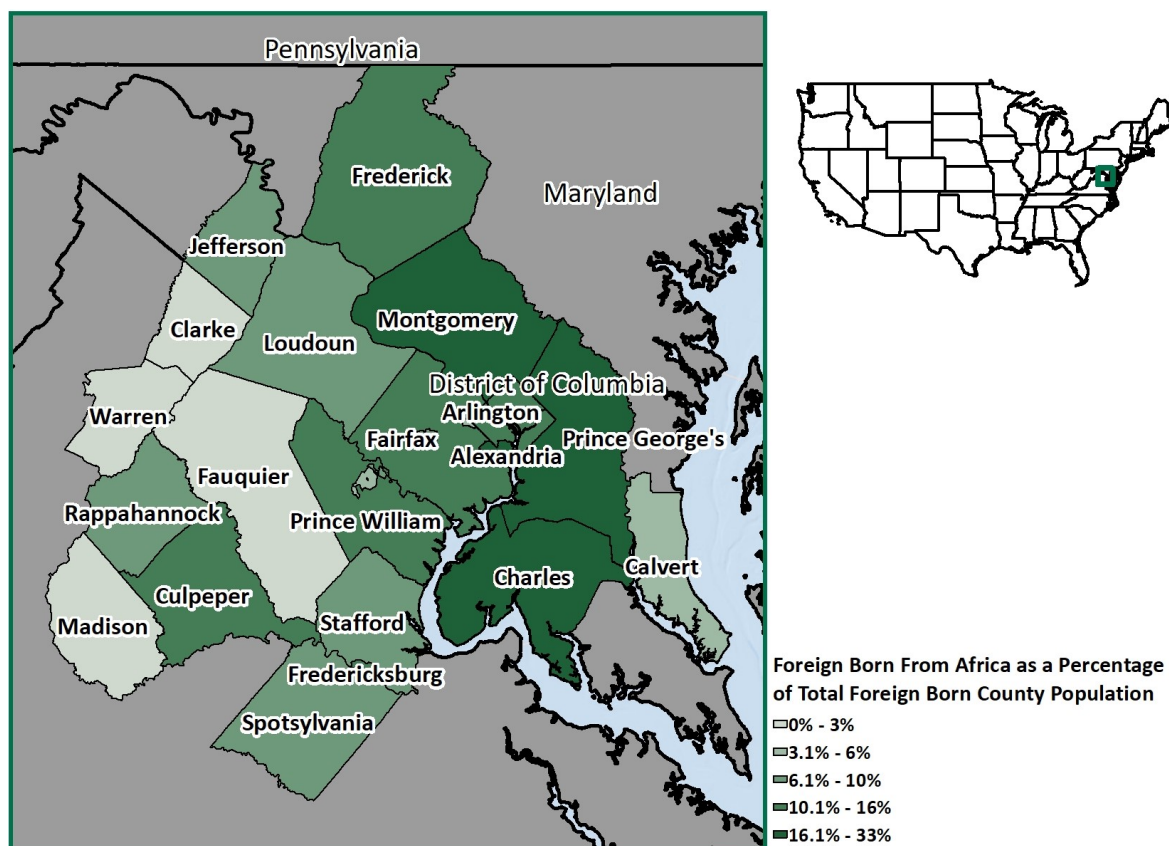


Immigrants From Africa in the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV

Figure 1. Immigrants¹ From Africa² in the Washington, DC Metro Area



Distribution of Immigrants

Figure 1 shows where immigrants from Africa live in the Washington, DC metro area. Alexandria City (32%), Prince George's County (26%) and Charles County (16%) reported the highest percentages of immigrants from Africa in the DC metro area.

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 immigrants living in the U.S. (14% of the population)
- **1,408,300:** Approximate number of immigrants living in the Washington, DC Metro Area (23% of the metro's population)
- **215,000:** Approximate number of immigrants from Africa living in the Washington, DC Metro Area (15% of the metro's immigrant population)
- **46%:** Estimated increase in the number of immigrants from Africa living in the Washington, DC Metro Area in the past 10 years
- **19th:** Rank of the metro area among the 260 identified metro areas in terms of immigrants as a percentage of the metro'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.

²Africa includes data on persons who identified their birthplace as one of 30 African countries and other unspecified African countries. Details available at <https://usa.ipums.org/usa/>. The children of African immigrants born in the United States are counted as native-born. We could not distinguish between native-born Blacks with immigrant parents and those whose parents are native born.

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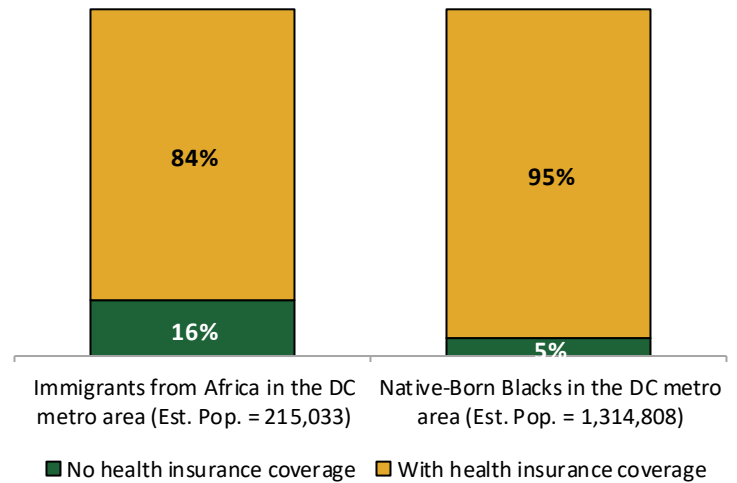
Figure 2. Countries of Birth Among Immigrants from Africa

Top Five Countries of Birth Among Immigrants from Africa in the DC Metro Area	
Ethiopia	25%
Nigeria	12%
Ghana	10%
Cameroon	8%
Sierra Leone	7%
All Other 28 African Countries	38%
Estimated Immigrant Population	215,033

Country of Birth

Figure 2 shows that one out of four immigrants from Africa living in the DC metro area came from Ethiopia. In addition, more than one out of three immigrants from Africa living in the DC metro area came from Nigeria, Ghana, Cameroon, or Sierra Leone.

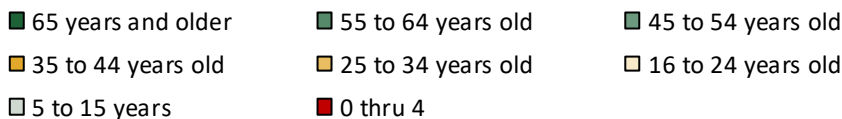
Figure 3. Health Insurance Status



Health Insurance

Figure 3 indicates that immigrants from Africa living in the DC metro area are much less likely to have health insurance coverage (84%) compared to native-born Blacks (95%) in the DC metro area.

Figure 4. Age Distribution



Immigrants from Africa in the DC metro area (Est. Pop. = 215,033) Native-Born Blacks in the DC metro area (Est. Pop. = 1,314,808)

Age Distribution

Figure 4 shows that immigrants from Africa living in the DC metro area are older compared to native-born Blacks in the DC metro area. Immigrants from Africa living in the DC metro area are more likely to be 25 to 54 years old compared to native-born Blacks. The median age of immigrants from Africa living in the DC metro area is 41 while the median age of native-born Blacks is 35. The presence of native-born children of immigrants from Africa likely results in the much younger median age of the native-born population.

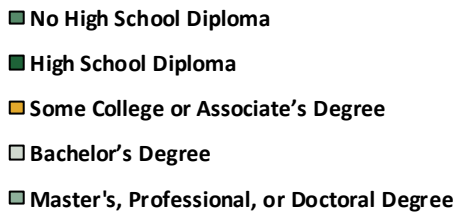
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Figure 5. Educational Attainment

Age 25+

Immigrants from Africa in the DC metro area (Est. Pop. = 185,409)

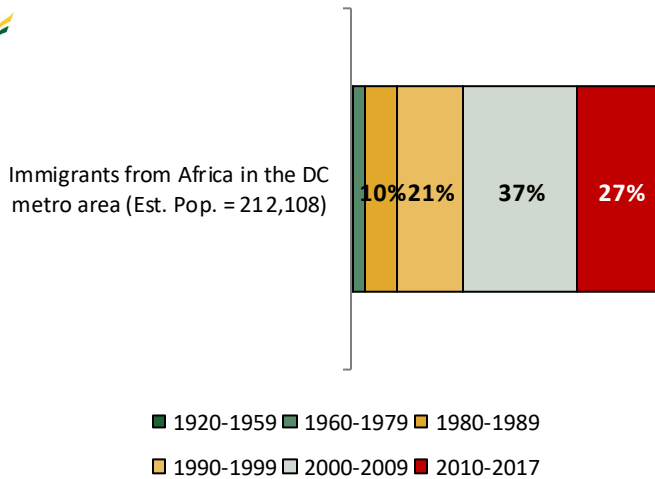
Native-Born Blacks in the DC metro area (Est. Pop. = 842,637)



Educational Attainment

Figure 5 shows that immigrants from Africa living in the DC metro area are much more likely to have a Bachelor's degree or above (45%) compared to native-born Blacks in the DC metro (33%).

Figure 6. Year of Immigration Among Immigrants from Africa

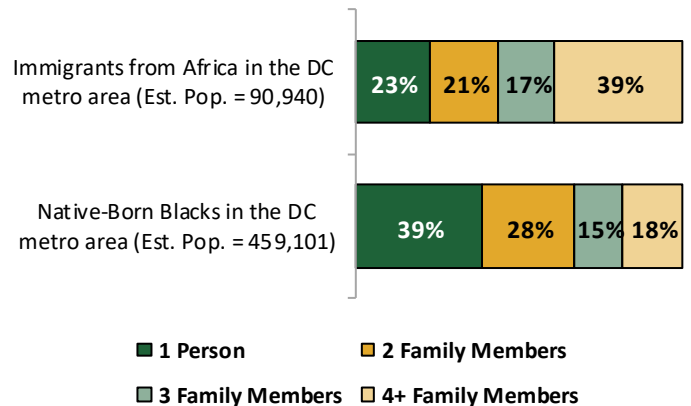


Year of Immigration

Figure 6 shows that nearly two thirds immigrants from Africa living in the DC metro area arrived in the United States after 2000. The median year of arrival for immigrants from Africa living in the DC metro area is 2003.

Figure 7. Family Size

Household Head



Family Size

Figure 7 shows that immigrants from Africa living in the DC metro area are much more likely to have four or more family members (39%) living in the household compared to native-born Blacks (18%). Some of these family members are likely native-born children. Immigrants from Africa living in the DC metro area are less likely to have only one family member (23%) living in the household compared to native-born Blacks in the DC metro (39%).

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