Immigrant Essential Workers in the Transportation Industry in the Washington, DC and Baltimore, MD Metropolitan Areas

All analysis in this fact sheet is based on source data from the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2013-2017 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.

The IIR defines the following the essential transportation industry as: Air transportation, rail transportation, water transportation, truck transportation, bus service and urban transit, taxi and limousine service, pipeline transportation, scenic and sightseeing transportation, services incidental to transportation, postal service, couriers and messengers, warehousing and storage.

For more information on immigrant workers in the top two occupations in the transportation industry (taxi drivers and truck drivers) please see “Top Two Occupations for Immigrants within the Transportation Industry in the DC and Baltimore Metropolitan Areas: Taxi Drivers and Truck Drivers”.

2020 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- **43,079,900**: Approximate number of immigrants living in the U.S. (13% of the population)
- **199,500**: Approximate number of the essential workers in the transportation industry living in the DC and Baltimore metro areas
- **53,200**: Approximate number of immigrant essential workers in the transportation industry living in the DC and Baltimore metro areas (27% of the essential workers in the transportation industry)

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**Figure 1. Immigrant Workers in the Transportation Industry in the DC and Baltimore metro areas**

Note: Data is displayed by Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMA) as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau. Maps are based on the Census Bureau’s Tiger/Line shape files.

**Figure 2. Five Largest Occupations in the Transportation Industry**

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<tr>
<th>Occupation</th>
<th>All Workers</th>
<th>Foreign Born</th>
<th>Share of Foreign Born</th>
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<tr>
<td>Taxi drivers</td>
<td>17,429</td>
<td>10,796</td>
<td>62%</td>
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<td>Truck drivers</td>
<td>32,786</td>
<td>9,305</td>
<td>28%</td>
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<td>Shuttle drivers and Chauffeurs</td>
<td>8,991</td>
<td>5,662</td>
<td>63%</td>
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<td>Laborers and freight, stock, material movers</td>
<td>13,367</td>
<td>2,222</td>
<td>17%</td>
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<td>Postal service mail carriers</td>
<td>10,684</td>
<td>1,796</td>
<td>17%</td>
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<td>All Other Occupations in the Transportation Industry</td>
<td>116,267</td>
<td>23,404</td>
<td>20%</td>
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### Figure 3. Top Five Countries of Birth

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<th>Country</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
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<tr>
<td>Ethiopia</td>
<td>13%</td>
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<td>El Salvador</td>
<td>9%</td>
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<td>Pakistan</td>
<td>6%</td>
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<td>India</td>
<td>5%</td>
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<td>Nigeria</td>
<td>4%</td>
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<td>All Other 125 Countries</td>
<td>63%</td>
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### Figure 4. Race and Ethnicity

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<th>Race/Ethnicity</th>
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<tr>
<td>White</td>
<td>23%</td>
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<td>Asian</td>
<td>25%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Black</td>
<td>40%</td>
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<td>Other Race</td>
<td>10%</td>
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<td>Two or more races</td>
<td>3%</td>
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<td>Not-Hispanic</td>
<td>77%</td>
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<td>Hispanic</td>
<td>23%</td>
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<td>Estimated Immigrant Workers in the Transportation Industry</td>
<td>53,185</td>
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### Figure 5. Gender Distribution

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<th>Native-born</th>
<th>Foreign-born</th>
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<tr>
<td>Male</td>
<td>70%</td>
<td>81%</td>
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<td>Female</td>
<td>30%</td>
<td>19%</td>
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### Figure 6. Year of Immigration

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<td>1920-1959</td>
<td>9%</td>
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<td>1960-1979</td>
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<td>1980-1989</td>
<td>25%</td>
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<td>1990-1999</td>
<td>33%</td>
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<td>2000-2009</td>
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<td>2010-2016</td>
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Estimated Immigrant Workers in the Transportation Industry (Est.Pop.=52,500)
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Figure 7. English Proficiency

Immigrant Workers in the Transportation Industry (Est.Pop. = 53,185)
- Not Proficient in English: 36%
- Proficient in English: 64%

Figure 8. Citizenship Status

Immigrant Workers in the Transportation Industry (Est.Pop. = 53,185)
- Naturalized Citizen: 38%
- Not a Citizen: 62%

Figure 9. Personal Income

Immigrant Workers in the Transportation Industry (Est.Pop. = 49,891)
- Less than $40,000: 57%
- $40,000 to $74,999: 30%
- $75,000 and greater: 13%

Native-Born Workers in the Transportation Industry (Est.Pop. = 129,674)
- Less than $40,000: 46%
- $40,000 to $74,999: 36%
- $75,000 and greater: 18%