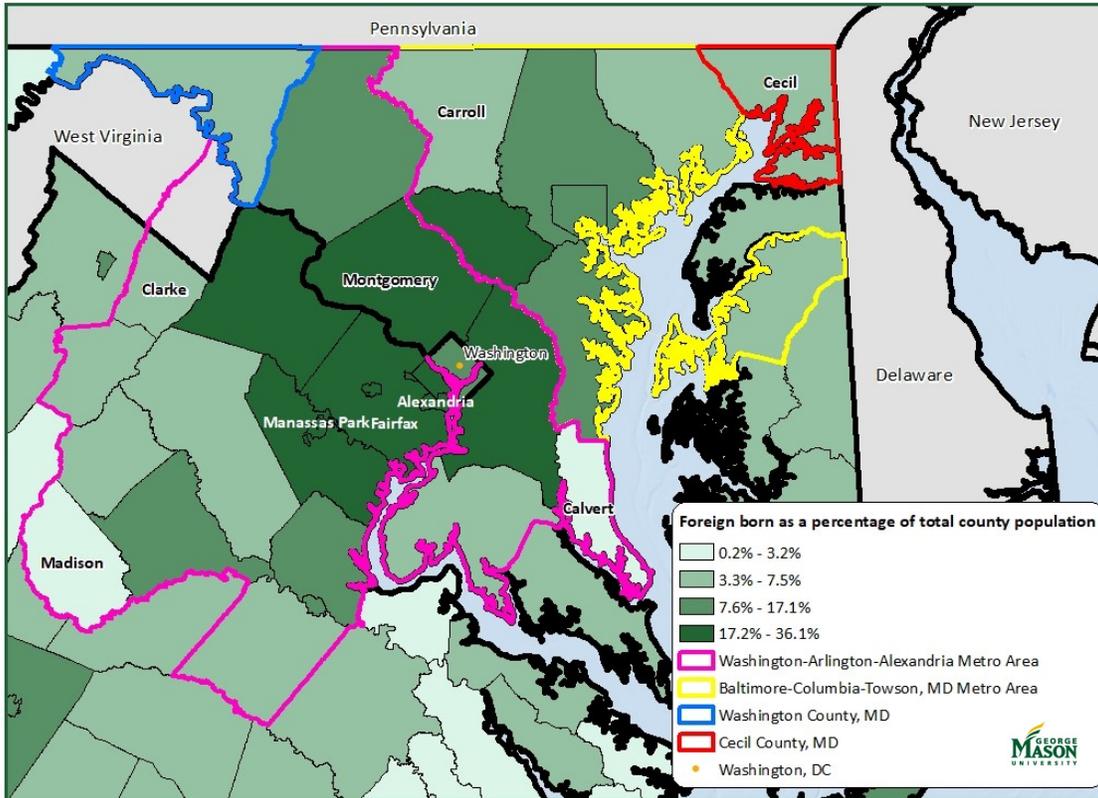


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Figure 1. Immigrants in the DMV Metropolitan Area



Note: This data was prepared by the George Mason University Institute for Immigration Research (IIR), 2022. This data is displayed at the county level. Maps are based on IPUMS National Historical Geographic Information System: Version 16.0. ACS 2015-2019 dataset. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota, 2021.

2019 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

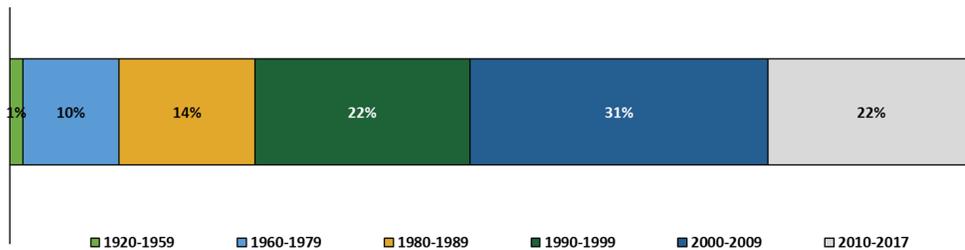
- **44,032,500:** Approximate number of immigrants living in the U.S. (14% of the population)
- **1,706,700:** Approximate number of immigrants living in the DMV Metropolitan Area (18% of the metropolitan population)
- **30%:** Estimated increase in the number of immigrants in the DMV metropolitan area in the past 10 years (*Note: does not include Cecil County in Maryland due to a lack of available data).

Distribution of Immigrants

Figure 1 shows where immigrants live in the DMV metropolitan area at the county level. The counties north and west of Washington,

D.C. had higher rates of immigrants. Specifically, the counties of Manassas Park City (36 percent) in Virginia, Montgomery County in Maryland (32%), and the Virginia counties of Fairfax (31 percent), Fairfax City (29 percent), and Alexandria City (27 percent) reported higher percentages of immigrants. Conversely, the counties of Calvert (3 percent), Cecil (4 percent), and Carroll (4 percent) in Maryland and the counties of Madison (3 percent) and Clarke (4 percent) in Virginia reported the lowest percentages of immigrants.

Figure 2. Year of Immigration Among Immigrants



Est. Pop. = 1,680,483 who immigrated between 1920 and 2017

Year of Immigration

Figure 2 shows that more than half (53 percent) of the foreign born in the DMV metropolitan area arrived in the United States in 2000 or later. Additionally, the median year of arrival for foreign-born individuals in this metropolitan area is 2000.

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.

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. English Proficiency Among Immigrants

Age 5+



Est. Pop.= 1,692,463 who are 5 and older

English Proficiency

Figure 3 shows that more than half (62 percent) of immigrants ages five and older and living in the DMV metropolitan area are proficient in English.

Figure 4. Countries of Birth Among Immigrants

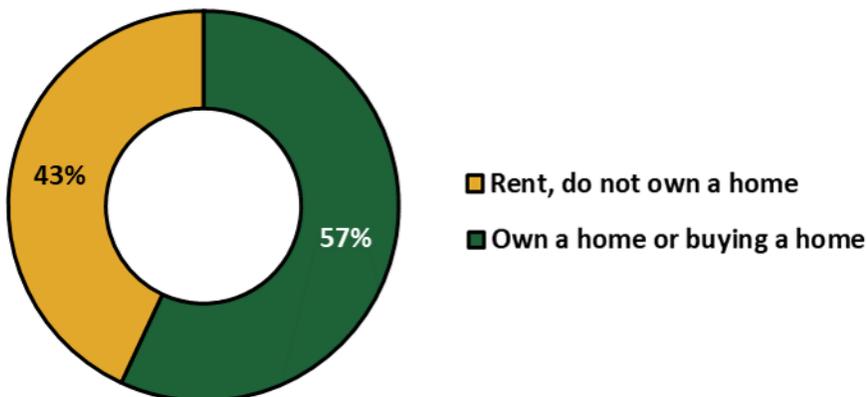
Country	Percent
El Salvador	13%
India	8%
Korea	5%
China	4%
Mexico	4%
160 other countries	66%
Estimated Immigrant Population	1,706,709

Country of Birth

Figure 4 shows the top five countries of birth among immigrants in the DMV metropolitan area. Approximately one-quarter (26 percent) of immigrants in the DMV metropolitan area came from either El Salvador, India, or Korea.

Figure 5. Home Ownership Among Immigrants

Immigrant Household Head, Age 16+



Est. Household Head Pop. (Age 16+): 670,760

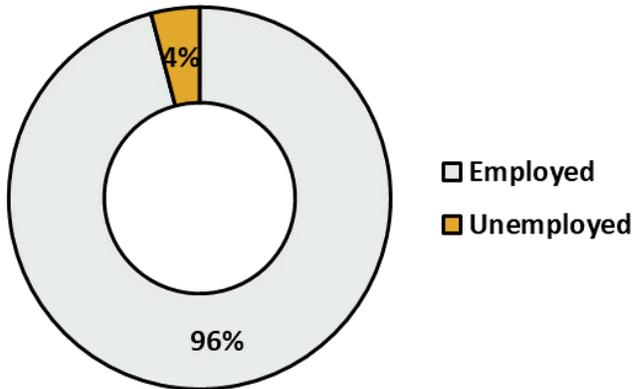
Home Ownership

Figure 5 shows the percentage of home ownership among immigrant-headed households in the DMV metropolitan area. More than half (57 percent) of immigrants in the DMV metropolitan area own a home or are buying a home.

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Figure 6. Employment Status Among Immigrants

In the Labor Force, Ages 16-65



Est. Pop. = 1,151,490 who are 16 to 65 years old

Employment Status

As shown in Figure 6, among immigrants who are in the labor force and who live in the DMV metropolitan area, 96 percent are employed and only 4 percent are unemployed.

Figure 7. Occupation

In the Labor Force, Employed, Ages 16-65

Top 5 Occupational Groups	Percent
Service Occupations	23%
Management, Business, and Financial Occupations	16%
Computer, Engineering, and Science Occupations	12%
Construction and Extraction Occupations	9%
Education, Legal, Community Service, Arts, and Media Occupations	8%
8 other occupational groups	32%
Estimated Immigrant Population	1,104,232

Occupation

Figure 7 shows that more than half (51 percent) of immigrants in the DMV metropolitan area work in either service occupations; management, business, and financial occupations; or computer, engineering, and science occupations.

This fact sheet examines immigrants in the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia (DMV) metropolitan area. This geographic area includes the metropolitan areas of Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV (excluding West Virginia) and Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD; and the counties of Cecil and Washington in Maryland.

For factsheets that examine populations at the household level, please note that a 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. For fact sheets that examine total household income, please note that the total annual income of all members in the household is included in the analysis. For fact sheets that examine personal income, personal income refers to total personal income earned on an annual basis.

For fact sheets that examine poverty status, please note that it excludes individuals who live in group quarters and those who are under the age of 18 with no family.

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