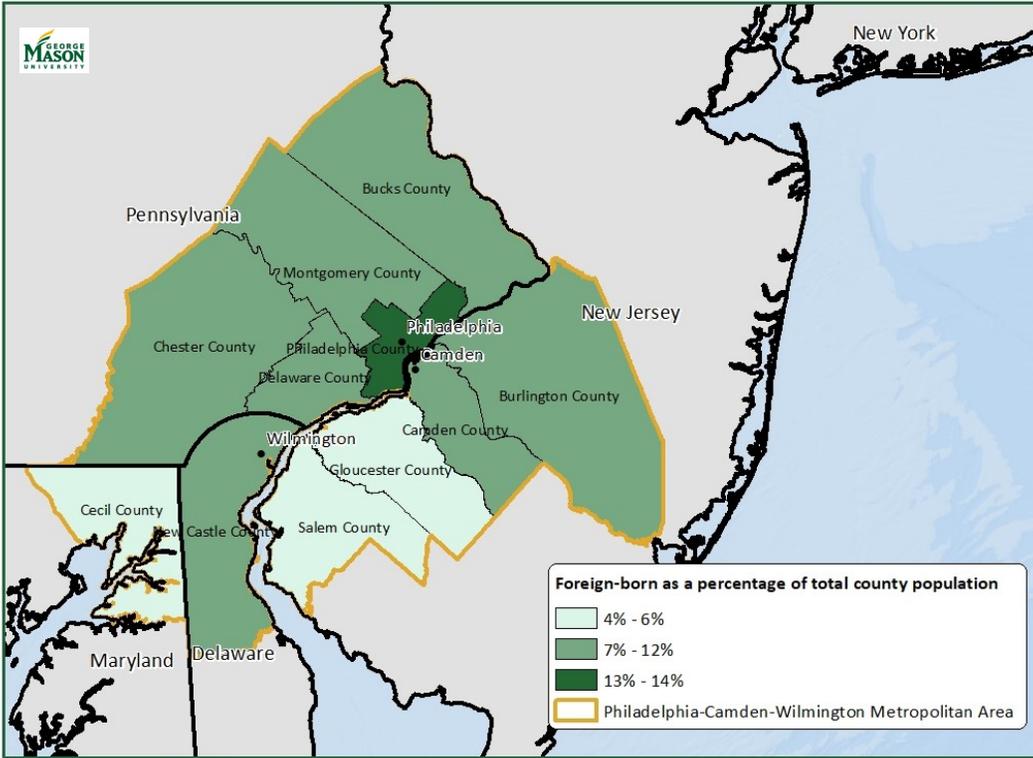


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**Figure 1. Immigrants in the Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington Metro Area**



Note: This data was prepared by the George Mason University Institute for Immigration Research (IIR), 2021. 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.

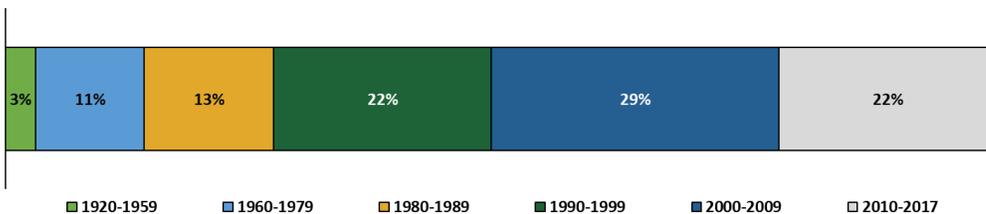
**2019 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE**

- **44,032,500:** Approximate number of immigrants living in the U.S. (14% of the population)
- **675,100:** Approximate number of immigrants in the Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington metropolitan area (11% of the metropolitan area population)
- **24%:** Estimated increase in the number of immigrants in the Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington metropolitan area in the past 10 years
- **75th:** Rank of the Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington metropolitan area among the 260 identified metro areas in terms of immigrants as a percentage of the metro's population.

**Distribution of Immigrants**

Figure 1 shows where immigrants live in the Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington metropolitan area at the county level. The county of Philadelphia in Pennsylvania reported higher percentages of immigrants (14 percent). Conversely, the counties of Gloucester (6 percent) and Salem County (4 percent) in New Jersey and the county of Cecil (4 percent) in Maryland reported the lowest percentages of immigrants.

**Figure 2. Year of Immigration Among Immigrants**



Est. pop.: 664,926 who immigrated between 1920 and 2017

**Year of Immigration**

Figure 2 shows that more than half (51 percent) of the foreign born in the Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington metropolitan area arrived in the United States in 2000 or later. Additionally, the median year of arrival for foreign-born individuals in the Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington metropolitan area is 2000.

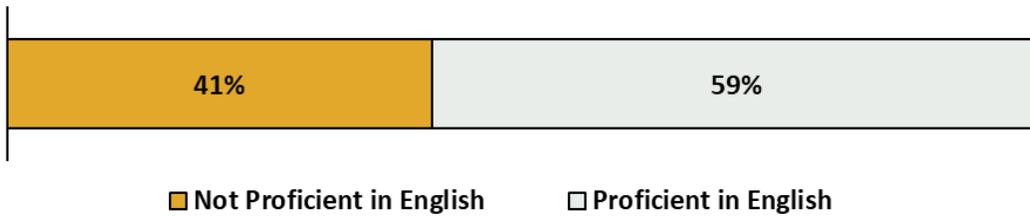
All analysis in this fact sheet is based on source data from the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2015-2019 distributed through IPUMS-USA, University of Minnesota, [www.ipums.org](http://www.ipums.org), unless otherwise noted.

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**

Age 5+



Est. pop.: 669,538 who are 5 and older

**English Proficiency**

Figure 3 shows that more than half (59 percent) of immigrants ages five and older and living in the Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington metropolitan area are proficient in English.

**Figure 4. Countries of Birth Among Immigrants**

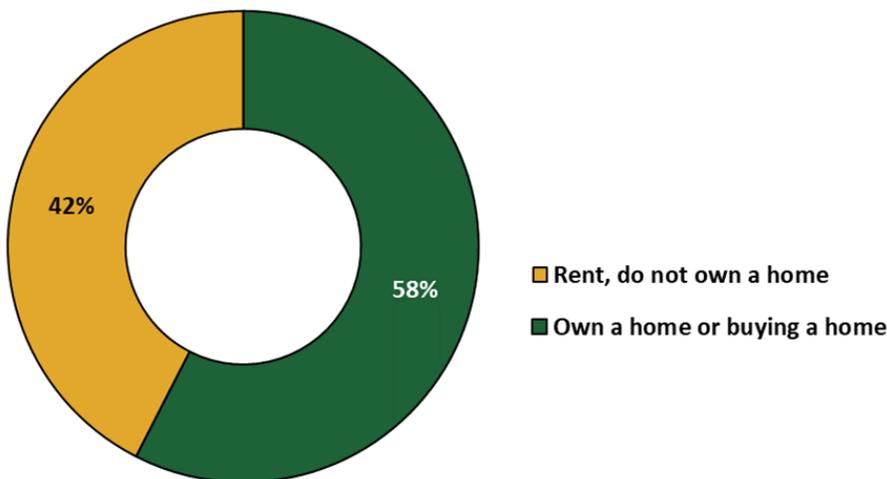
Country of Birth	Percent
India	12%
Mexico	9%
China	7%
Dominican Republic	4%
Vietnam	4%
153 other countries	64%
Estimated Population	675,111

**Country of Birth**

Figure 4 shows the top five countries of birth among immigrants in the Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington metropolitan area. Slightly more than one-quarter (28 percent) of immigrants in the Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington metropolitan area came from either India, Mexico, or China.

**Figure 5. Home Ownership Among Immigrants**

Immigrant Household Head, Age 16+



**Home Ownership**

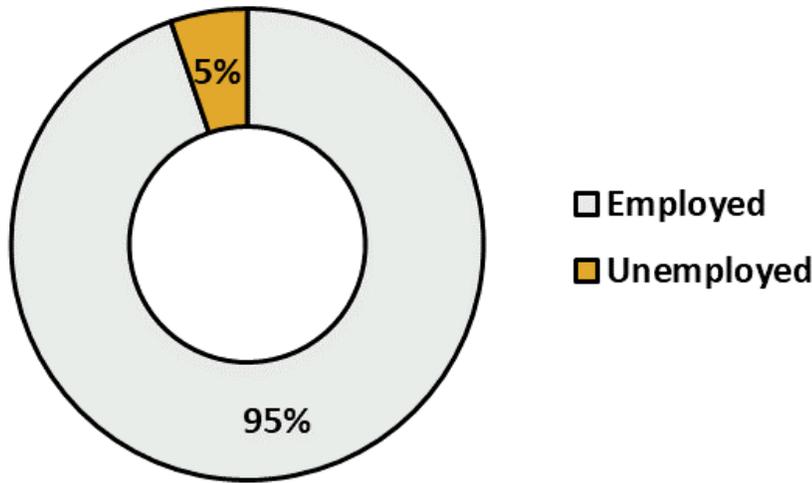
Figure 5 shows the percentage of home ownership among immigrant-headed households in the Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington metropolitan area. More than half (58 percent) of immigrants in the Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington metropolitan area own a home or are buying a home.

Est. Household Head pop. (Age 16+): 289,496

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**Figure 6. Employment Status Among Immigrants**

In the Labor Force, Ages 16-65



### Employment Status

As shown in Figure 6, among immigrants who are in the labor force and who live in the Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington metropolitan area, 95 percent are employed and only 5 percent are unemployed.

Est. pop.: 419,592 who are 16 to 65 years old

**Figure 7. Occupation**

In the Labor Force, Employed, Ages 16-65

Top 5 Occupational Groups	Percent
Service Occupations	22%
Management, Business, and Financial Occupations	14%
Computer, Engineering, and Science Occupations	11%
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	8%
Sales and Related Occupations	8%
Eight (8) other occupational groups	37%
Estimated Population	397,542

### Occupation

Figure 7 shows that nearly half (47 percent) of immigrants in the Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington metropolitan area work in either service occupations; management, business, and financial occupations; or computer, engineering, and science occupations.

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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