

Nigerian Immigrant Women in the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria Metropolitan Area

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 in the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria metropolitan area (23% of the metropolitan area population)
- **13,400:** Approximate number of Nigerian immigrant women in the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria metropolitan area (1% of the metropolitan area's immigrant population)
- **30%:** Estimated increase in the number of immigrants in the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria metropolitan area in the past 10 years
- **3%:** Estimated increase in the number of Nigerian women immigrants in the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria metropolitan area in the past 10 years
- **19:** Rank of the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria metropolitan area among the 260 identified metro areas in terms of immigrants as a percentage of the metro's population

	Native Born	Foreign Born	Estimated Total Population
United States	86.4%	13.6%	324,697,795
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria Metropolitan Area	76.9%	23.1%	6,087,770

Employment Status Among Immigrants

In the Labor Force, Ages 16-65

	Nigerian Immigrant Women in the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria Metro Area	All Other Immigrant Women in the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria Metro Area, Excluding Nigerian Immigrant Women
Employed	93.9%	94.7%
Unemployed	6.1%	5.3%
Estimated Immigrant Population (Ages 16-65)	9,466	435,690

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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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Occupation

In the Labor Force, Employed, Ages 16-65

	Number of Nigerian Immigrant Women Workers in the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria Metro Area	Share of All Nigerian Immigrant Women Workers in the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria Metro Area	Number of All Other Immigrant Women Workers in the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria Metro Area, Excluding Nigerian Immigrant Women	Share of All Other Immigrant Women Workers in the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria Metro Area, Excluding Nigerian Immigrant Women
In Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	2,659	30%	32,045	8%
12 Other Occupational Groups*	6,229	70%	380,757	92%
Estimated Immigrant Population	8,888	100%	412,802	100%

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	Number of Immigrant Workers in the United States	Share of All Immigrant Workers in the United States	Number of Native-Born Workers in the United States	Share of All Native-Born Workers in the United States
In Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	1,375,893	5%	7,556,166	6%
12 Other Occupational Groups*	24,284,685	95%	115,171,763	94%
Estimated Immigrant Population	25,660,548	100%	122,727,929	100%

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Notes:

Industries are the types of businesses a firm is involved in, and occupations are the tasks or functions performed by individual

*The '12 Other Occupational Groups' were defined as: 1. Management, Business, and Financial Occupations; 2. Computer, Engineering, and Science Occupations; 3. Education, Legal, Community Service, Arts, and Media Occupations; 4. Service Occupations; 5. Sales and Related Occupations; 6. Office and Administrative Support Occupations; 7. Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations; 8. Construction and Extraction Occupations; 9. Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations; 10. Production Occupations; 11. Transportation and Material Moving Occupations; and, 12. Military Specific Occupations.

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Industry

In the Labor Force, Employed, Ages 16-65

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In Health Care and Social Assistance Industry	4,394	50.0%	83,082.0	20.0%
19 Other Industry Groups*	4,384	50.0%	326,246.0	80.0%
Estimated Immigrant Population	8,778	100.0%	409,328.0	100.0%

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	Number of Immigrant Workers in the United States	Share of All Immigrant Workers in the United States	Number of Native-Born Workers in the United States	Share of All Native-Born Workers in the United States
In Health Care and Social Assistance Industry	3,299,081	13.0%	17,116,052.0	14.2%
19 Other Industry Groups*	22,078,302	87.0%	103,310,891.0	85.8%
Estimated Population	25,377,383	100.0%	120,426,943.0	100.0%

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*The '19 Other Industry Groups' were defined as: 1. Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting, and Mining; 2. Construction; 3. Manufacturing; 4. Wholesale Trade; 5. Retail Trade; 6. Transportation and Warehousing; 7. Utilities; 8. Information; 9. Finance and Insurance;

10. Real Estate and Rental and Leasing; 11. Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services; 12. Management of Companies and Enterprise; 13. Administrative and Support and Waste Management Services; 14. Educational Services; 15. Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation;

16. Accommodation and Food Services; 17. Other Services, Except Public Administration; 18. Public Administration; and, 19. Military

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Age Among Immigrants

	Nigerian Immigrant Women in the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria Metro Area	All Other Immigrant Women in the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria Metro Area, Excluding Nigerian Immigrant Women
0 thru 4 years old	0.2%	0.8%
5 to 15 years old	5.4%	3.9%
16 to 24 years old	7.8%	7.6%
25 to 34 years old	19.0%	17.3%
35 to 44 years old	17.0%	23.2%
45 to 54 years old	22.4%	19.1%
55 to 64 years old	17.9%	13.8%
65 years and older	10.5%	14.4%
Estimated Immigrant Population	13,427	719,592
Median Age	45	43

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Educational Attainment Among Immigrants

Age 25+

	Nigerian Immigrant Women in the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria Metro Area	All Other Immigrant Women in the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria Metro Area, Excluding Nigerian Immigrant Women
No High School Diploma	6.0%	19.4%
High School Diploma	12.1%	19.3%
Some College or Associate's Degree	24.5%	18.8%
Bachelor's Degree	32.2%	22.7%
Master's, Professional, or Doctoral Degree	25.2%	19.8%
Estimated Immigrant Population	11,633	631,186

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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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Immigration Data on Demand (iDod)

The goal of iDod is to connect people with customized data about immigrants in particular regions or sectors of interest. This data provides insights into the vital contributions immigrants make to the economy and society.

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