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2019 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- **44,032,500:** Approximate number of immigrants living in the U.S. (14% of the population)
- **1,047,400:** Approximate number of immigrants in Virginia (12% of the state's population)
- **54,300:** Approximate number of immigrants in Arlington/Alexandria County, VA (34% of the county's population)
- **10,570,100:** Approximate number of immigrants in California (27% of the state's population)
- **956,000:** Approximate number of immigrants in Orange County, CA (30% of the county's population)
- **11%:** Estimated increase in the number of immigrants in Arlington/Alexandria County, VA in the past 10 years
- **3%:** Estimated increase in the number of immigrants in Orange County, CA in the past 10 years

Year of Immigration (1920-2017)

	Immigrants in Arlington/ Alexandria County, VA	Immigrants in Orange County, CA
1920-1959	1.3%	1.8%
1960-1979	9.9%	16.6%
1980-1989	11.2%	21.6%
1990-1999	20.4%	24.8%
2000-2009	28.5%	22.1%
2010-2017	28.7%	13.1%
Estimated Immigrant Population	53,269	944,883
Median Year of Immigration	2002	1993

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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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Sex Among Immigrants

	Immigrants in Arlington/ Alexandria County, VA	Immigrants in Orange County, CA
Male	47.9%	47.8%
Female	52.1%	52.2%
Estimated Immigrant Population	54,317	955,960

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Employment Status Among Immigrants

In the Labor Force, Ages 16-65

	Immigrants in Arlington/ Alexandria County, VA	Immigrants in Orange County, CA
Employed	96.8%	96.1%
Unemployed	3.2%	3.9%
Estimated Immigrant Population (Ages 16-65)	37,711	575,057

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Personal Income

In the Labor Force, Employed Full-Time, Ages 16-65

	Immigrants in Arlington/ Alexandria County, VA	Immigrants in Orange County, CA
Less than \$40,000	32.7%	43.5%
\$40,000 to \$74,999	28.4%	27.8%
\$75,000 and greater	39.0%	28.7%
Estimated Immigrant Population	23,782	403,907
Median Income	\$60,000	\$45,000

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Household Income

Age 16+

	Immigrants in Arlington/ Alexandria County, VA	Immigrants in Orange County, CA
Less than \$40,000	31.1%	31.7%
\$40,000 to \$74,999	27.1%	23.0%
\$75,000 and greater	41.8%	45.2%
Estimated Immigrant Household Head Population	25,429	374,419
Median Income	\$63,922	\$66,218

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Educational Attainment

Age 25+

	Immigrants in Arlington/ Alexandria County, VA	Immigrants in Orange County, CA
No High School Diploma	18.8%	28.3%
High School Diploma	12.9%	17.7%
Some College or Associate's Degree	15.2%	19.4%
Bachelor's Degree	26.0%	22.1%
Master's, Professional, or Doctoral Degree	27.2%	12.5%
Estimated Immigrant Population	46,504	867,391

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Country of Birth

Immigrants in Arlington/Alexandria County, VA	
Country of Birth	Percent
El Salvador	10.8%
Bolivia	6.4%
Ethiopia	6.2%
China	4.9%
India	4.6%
Guatemala	4.3%
Philippines	3.3%
Korea	2.8%
Bangladesh	2.5%
Peru	2.0%
Mexico	2.0%
Vietnam	1.9%
Morocco	1.8%
Nepal	1.7%
Pakistan	1.6%
Colombia	1.6%
Saudi Arabia	1.5%
Japan	1.5%
Asia (not specified)	1.5%
Germany	1.4%
Argentina	1.2%
Russia	1.2%
Turkey	1.2%
Honduras	1.1%
Brazil	1.1%
Nicaragua	1.0%
France	1.0%
Canada	0.9%
United Kingdom	0.9%
Mongolia	0.9%
Romania	0.8%
Ukraine	0.8%
Thailand	0.8%
Iran	0.7%
Venezuela	0.7%
Nigeria	0.7%

Immigrants in Orange County, CA	
Country of Birth	Percent
Mexico	34.0%
Vietnam	15.5%
Korea	6.7%
Philippines	5.7%
China	4.4%
India	3.5%
Iran	3.0%
Taiwan	2.7%
El Salvador	2.0%
Guatemala	1.4%
Japan	1.4%
Canada	1.3%
Egypt	0.9%
Peru	0.7%
England	0.7%
Germany	0.7%
Cambodia (Kampuchea)	0.6%
Hong Kong	0.5%
Colombia	0.5%
United Kingdom	0.5%
Indonesia	0.5%
Other USSR/Russia	0.4%
Argentina	0.4%
Pakistan	0.4%
Brazil	0.4%
Thailand	0.4%
Romania	0.4%
Lebanon	0.4%
France	0.4%
South Africa	0.4%
Afghanistan	0.3%
Cuba	0.3%
Syria	0.3%
Turkey	0.3%
Jordan	0.3%
Honduras	0.3%

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Country of Birth Continued

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Country of Birth	Percent
England	0.7%
Eritrea	0.7%
Spain	0.7%
Taiwan	0.6%
Afghanistan	0.6%
Poland	0.6%
Iraq	0.6%
Egypt	0.5%
Dominican Republic	0.5%
Ecuador	0.5%
Greece	0.4%
Lebanon	0.4%
Chile	0.4%
Indonesia	0.4%
Cuba	0.4%
Serbia	0.4%
Kenya	0.4%
Austria	0.4%
Israel/Palestine	0.4%
Africa (not specified)	0.4%
South Sudan	0.4%
Sri Lanka (Ceylon)	0.4%
Haiti	0.3%
Italy	0.3%
Sudan	0.3%
Ireland	0.3%
Bosnia	0.3%
Australia	0.3%
Jamaica	0.3%
Uruguay	0.3%
Hong Kong	0.3%
Albania	0.3%
Byelorussia	0.3%
Costa Rica	0.3%
New Zealand	0.2%
Burma (Myanmar)	0.2%
Bulgaria	0.2%
Jordan	0.2%

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Country of Birth	Percent
Poland	0.2%
Italy	0.2%
Laos	0.2%
Nicaragua	0.2%
Saudi Arabia	0.2%
Ukraine	0.2%
Sri Lanka (Ceylon)	0.2%
Ecuador	0.2%
Iraq	0.2%
Malaysia	0.2%
Australia	0.2%
Israel/Palestine	0.2%
Asia (not specified)	0.2%
Bolivia	0.2%
Ireland	0.1%
Hungary	0.1%
Netherlands	0.1%
Kenya	0.1%
Venezuela	0.1%
Chile	0.1%
Ethiopia	0.1%
Scotland	0.1%
Costa Rica	0.1%
Nepal	0.1%
Bangladesh	0.1%
New Zealand	0.1%
Spain	0.1%
Greece	0.1%
Singapore	0.1%
Burma (Myanmar)	0.1%
Nigeria	0.1%
Austria	0.1%
United Arab Emirates	0.1%
Armenia	0.1%
Switzerland	0.1%
Bulgaria	0.1%
Africa (not specified)	0.1%
Sweden	0.1%

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Country of Birth	Percent
Scotland	0.2%
Panama	0.2%
Uganda	0.2%
South America (not specified)	0.2%
South Africa	0.2%
Sweden	0.2%
Switzerland	0.2%
Algeria	0.2%
Hungary	0.2%
Guyana/British Guiana	0.2%
Azerbaijan	0.2%
Laos	0.2%
Moldavia	0.2%
Europe (not specified)	0.2%
Netherlands	0.2%
Zimbabwe	0.2%
Ivory Coast	0.2%
Kazakhstan	0.1%
Croatia	0.1%
Syria	0.1%
Belgium	0.1%
Western Africa (not specified)	0.1%
Cambodia (Kampuchea)	0.1%
Trinidad and Tobago	0.1%
Norway	0.1%
Eastern Africa (not specified)	0.1%
USSR (not specified)	0.1%
Samoa, 1940-1950	0.1%
Senegal	0.1%
Cameroon	0.1%
Zaire	0.1%
Slovakia	0.1%
North Africa (not specified)	0.1%
Liberia	0.1%
Malaysia	0.1%
Czechoslovakia	0.1%
Fiji	0.1%
Uzbekistan	0.1%
Latvia	0.1%
Tunisia	0.1%
Paraguay	0.05%
Portugal	0.05%
Finland	0.04%
Yemen Arab Republic (North)	0.04%
Czech Republic	0.03%

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Czech Republic	0.1%
Morocco	0.1%
USSR (not specified)	0.1%
Belgium	0.1%
Kuwait	0.1%
Yugoslavia	0.1%
Byelorussia	0.1%
Europe (not specified)	0.1%
Denmark	0.1%
Sudan	0.1%
Trinidad and Tobago	0.1%
Panama	0.05%
Zambia	0.05%
American Samoa	0.05%
Fiji	0.05%
Croatia	0.05%
Samoa, 1940-1950	0.05%
Belize/British Honduras	0.04%
Somalia	0.04%
Serbia	0.04%
Norway	0.04%
Yemen Arab Republic (North)	0.04%
South America (not specified)	0.04%
Slovakia	0.03%
Jamaica	0.03%
Ghana	0.03%
Uruguay	0.03%
Lithuania	0.03%
Portugal	0.03%
Tonga	0.03%
Guyana/British Guiana	0.03%
Senegal	0.03%
Albania	0.03%
Marshall Islands	0.03%
Finland	0.03%
Americas (not specified)	0.02%
Algeria	0.02%
Zimbabwe	0.02%
Azerbaijan	0.02%
Haiti	0.02%
Tanzania	0.02%
Uzbekistan	0.02%
Czechoslovakia	0.02%
Dominican Republic	0.02%
Eritrea	0.02%

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Country of Birth	Percent
Ghana	0.02%
Sierra Leone	0.02%
Denmark	0.02%
Caribbean (not specified)	0.02%
Estimated Immigrant Population	54,317

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Country of Birth	Percent
Bosnia	0.02%
Montenegro	0.02%
Uganda	0.02%
Kazakhstan	0.02%
Macedonia	0.02%
Latvia	0.02%
Republic of Georgia	0.02%
Caribbean (not specified)	0.01%
Iceland	0.01%
Northern Ireland	0.01%
Kirghizia	0.01%
Dominica	0.01%
Moldavia	0.01%
Sierra Leone	0.01%
Western Africa (not specified)	0.01%
Bahamas	0.01%
Paraguay	0.01%
Libya	0.01%
Other (not elsewhere classified)	0.01%
Eastern Africa (not specified)	0.01%
Barbados	0.01%
Liberia	0.01%
Mongolia	0.01%
Zaire	0.005%
Azores	0.004%
Congo	0.004%
Antigua-Barbuda	0.002%
Micronesia	0.001%
Bermuda	0.001%
Ivory Coast	0.001%
Cape Verde	0.001%
Rwanda	0.001%
West Indies (not specified)	0.001%
St. Vincent	0.001%
Tunisia	0.001%
Estimated Immigrant Population	955,960

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