

## Immigrants in Oakland County, MI

### 2019 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- **44,032,500:** Approximate number of immigrants living in the U.S. (14% of the population)
- **683,500:** Approximate number of immigrants in Michigan (7% of the state's population)
- **160,400:** Approximate number of immigrants in Oakland County, Michigan (13% of the county's population)
- **24%:** Estimated increase in the number of immigrants in Oakland County, Michigan in the past 10 years

	Native-born	Foreign-born	Estimated Total Population
United States	86.4%	13.6%	324,697,800
Michigan (including Oakland County)	93.1%	6.9%	9,965,300
Michigan (excluding Oakland County)	94.0%	6.0%	8,712,000
Oakland County, MI	87.2%	12.8%	1,253,300

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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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### Year Of Immigration, 1920-2017

	Immigrants in Oakland County, MI	Immigrants in Michigan (Excludes Oakland County)
1920-1959	4.2%	5.5%
1960-1979	12.4%	11.8%
1980-1989	9.9%	10.0%
1990-1999	20.8%	22.3%
2000-2009	23.0%	24.2%
2010-2017	29.7%	26.3%
Estimated Immigrant Population	157,120	514,817
Median Year of Immigration	2000	2000

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### Country of Birth

Immigrants in Oakland County, MI		Immigrants in Michigan (Excludes Oakland County)	
Country of Birth	Percent	Country of Birth	Percent
India	20.8%	Mexico	13.3%
Iraq	10.7%	India	7.6%
China	7.0%	Iraq	7.2%
Mexico	6.9%	Canada	5.3%
Canada	5.3%	China	5.0%
All Other Countries (N=132)	49.3%	All Other Countries (N=158)	61.6%
Estimated Immigrant Population	160,430	Estimated Immigrant Population	523,091

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### English Proficiency Among Immigrants (Age 5+)

	Immigrants in Oakland County, MI	Immigrants in Michigan (Excludes Oakland County)
Proficient in English	31.1%	40.8%
Not Proficient in English	68.9%	59.2%
Estimated Immigrant Population (Age 5+)	158,733	518,532

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### Languages Spoken at Home (Age 5+)

Immigrants in Oakland County, MI		Immigrants in Michigan (Excludes Oakland County)	
Language	Percent	Language	Percent
English	19.2%	English	21.0%
Arabic	10.2%	Spanish	17.8%
Spanish	8.8%	Arabic	15.3%
Chinese	5.8%	Chinese	3.9%
Hindi	5.6%	Bengali	3.0%
All Other Languages (N=80)	50.4%	All Other Languages (N=96)	39.0%
Estimated Immigrant Population (Age 5+)	158,733	Estimated Immigrant Population (Age 5+)	518,532

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### Race and Ethnicity

	Immigrants in Oakland County, MI	Immigrants in Michigan (Excludes Oakland County)
White	47.5%	54.1%
Asian	43.7%	29.3%
Black	3.7%	6.3%
Other Race	3.1%	7.5%
Two or More Races	2.0%	2.8%
Not Hispanic	90.5%	81.0%
Hispanic	9.5%	19.0%
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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.

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