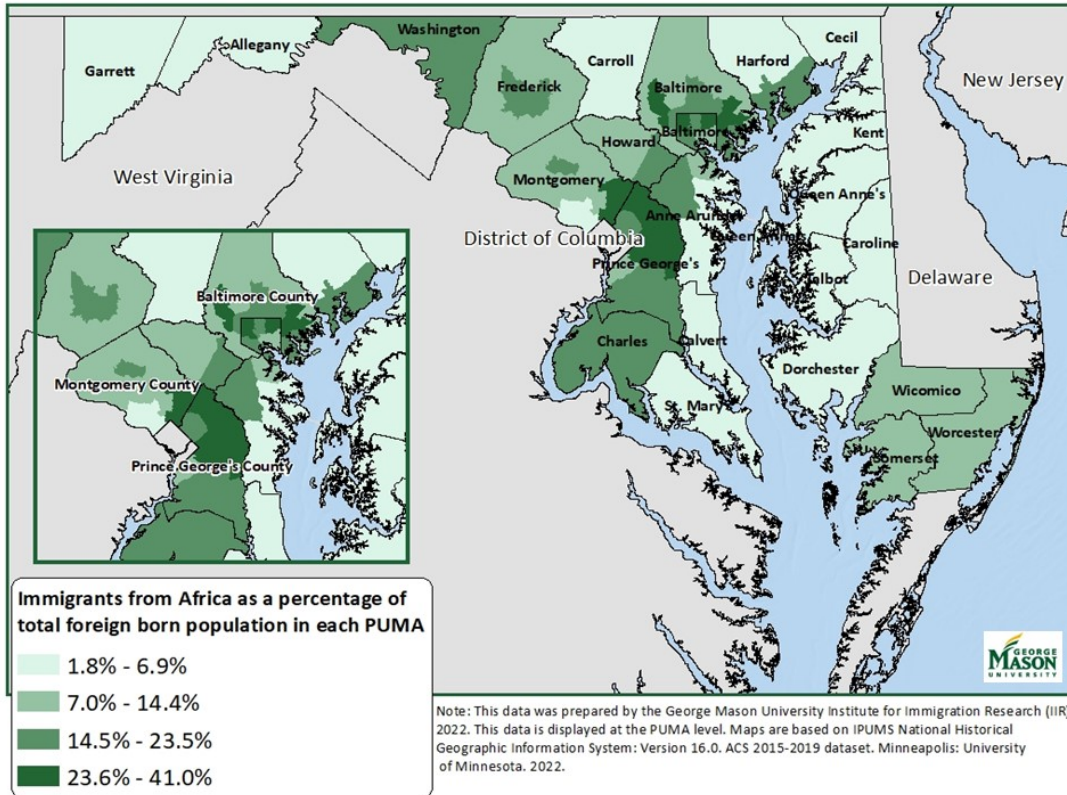


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 **Figure 1. African Immigrants in Maryland**



Distribution of African Immigrants

Figure 1 shows where African immigrants live in Maryland at the Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAs) level. The areas with the highest percentage of immigrants who are born in Africa reside in and around the east, central, and north portion of Prince's George's County near the cities of Bowie, Landover, and Laurel. Similarly, the cities of Calverton, White Oak, Takoma Park, and Silver Spring within Montgomery County, the city of Baltimore, and the areas in and around Frankford, Owings Mills in Baltimore County reported higher rates of immigrants from Africa. Conversely, lower percentages of immigrants from Africa reside in the western part of the state in the counties of Allegany and Garrett and in the counties in the eastern part of the state such as: Queen Anne's, Talbot, Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Cecil, the north and west portion of Harford County, the central and southeast portion of Anne Arundel, St. Mary's, and Calvert.

2019 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- **44,032,500:** Approximate number of immigrants living in the U.S. (14% of the population)
- **911,300:** Approximate number of immigrants in Maryland (15% of the state's population)
- **165,600:** Approximate number of African immigrants in Maryland (18% of the state's immigrant population)
- **53,740:** Approximate number of African immigrants in Prince George County, Maryland (26% of the county's immigrant population)
- **54,860:** Approximate number of African immigrants in Montgomery County, Maryland (16% of the county's immigrant population)
- **22,000:** Approximate number of African immigrants in Baltimore County, Maryland (21% of the county's immigrant population)
- **26%:** Estimated increase in the number of immigrants in Maryland in the past 10 years
- **42%:** Estimated increase in the number of African immigrants in Maryland in the past 10 years
- **9th:** Rank of the state of Maryland among the 50 states the District of Columbia in terms of immigrants as a percentage of the state's total population.

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 2. Countries of Birth Among African**

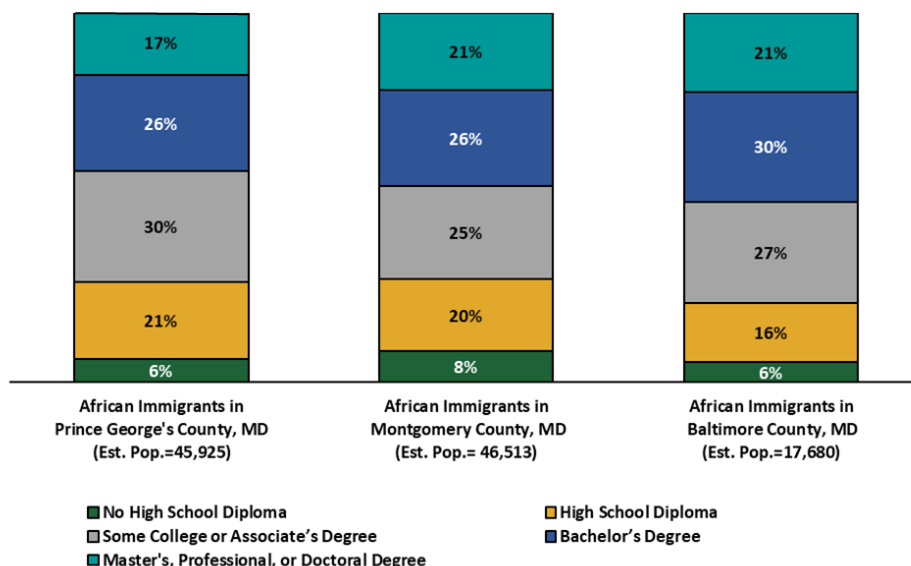
African Immigrants in Prince George's County, MD		African Immigrants in Montgomery County, MD		African Immigrants in Baltimore County, MD	
Nigeria	30%	Ethiopia	28%	Nigeria	39%
Cameroon	18%	Ghana	9%	Kenya	12%
Sierra Leone	13%	Cameroon	9%	Ethiopia	8%
Ethiopia	9%	Nigeria	7%	Liberia	6%
Ghana	8%	Sierra Leone	6%	Ghana	6%
25 Other Countries	22%	28 Other Countries	41%	23 Other Countries	29%
Estimated Immigrant Population	53,736	Estimated Immigrant Population	54,858	Estimated Immigrant Population	22,003

Country of Birth

Figure 2 shows the top five countries of birth among African immigrants living in the following counties in Maryland: Prince George's, Montgomery, and Baltimore. Four out of the five top 5 birthplaces in Prince George's and Montgomery counties are West African countries. In contrast, in Baltimore County, only three of the five top birthplaces are countries in West African and the other two countries are East African (Kenya and Ethiopia). Additionally, there are higher rates of African immigrants from Cameroon and Sierra Leone living in Prince George's County (31 percent) compared to African immigrants from Cameroon and Sierra Leone living in Montgomery County (15 percent) and although not shown, only 6 percent of African immigrants living in Baltimore County are from Cameroon and Sierra Leone. More than one-third (37 percent) of African immigrants living in Montgomery County are born in Ethiopia or Ghana. This is significantly higher compared to African immigrants living in Prince George's County (17 percent) and Baltimore County (14 percent). Lastly, 39 percent of African immigrants living in Baltimore County and 30 percent of African immigrants living in Prince George's County are born in Nigeria. Immigrants from Nigeria only comprise seven percent of African immigrants living in Montgomery County.

 **Figure 3. Educational Attainment Among African Immigrants**

Age 25+



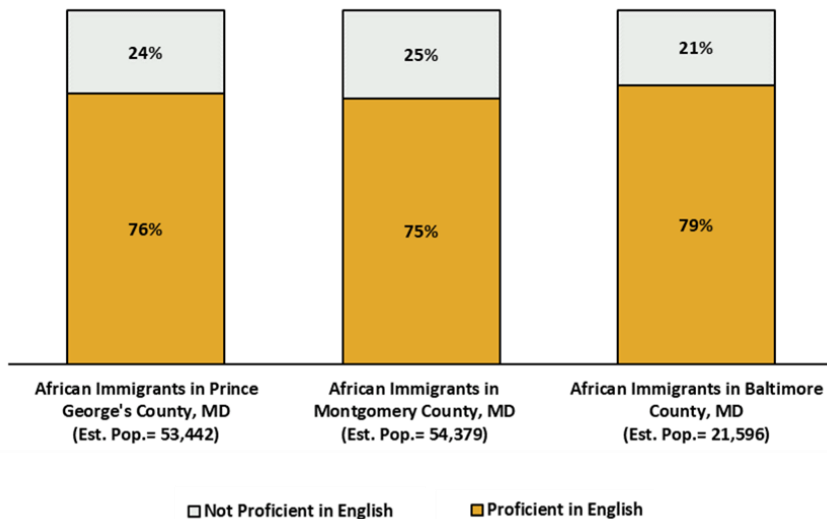
Educational Attainment

Figure 3 highlights that African immigrants living in Prince George's County (43 percent) and Montgomery County (47 percent) earned a bachelor's degree or a master's, professional, or doctoral degree at slightly lower rates compared to African immigrants living in Baltimore County (51 percent).

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Figure 4. English Proficiency Among African Immigrants

Age 5+

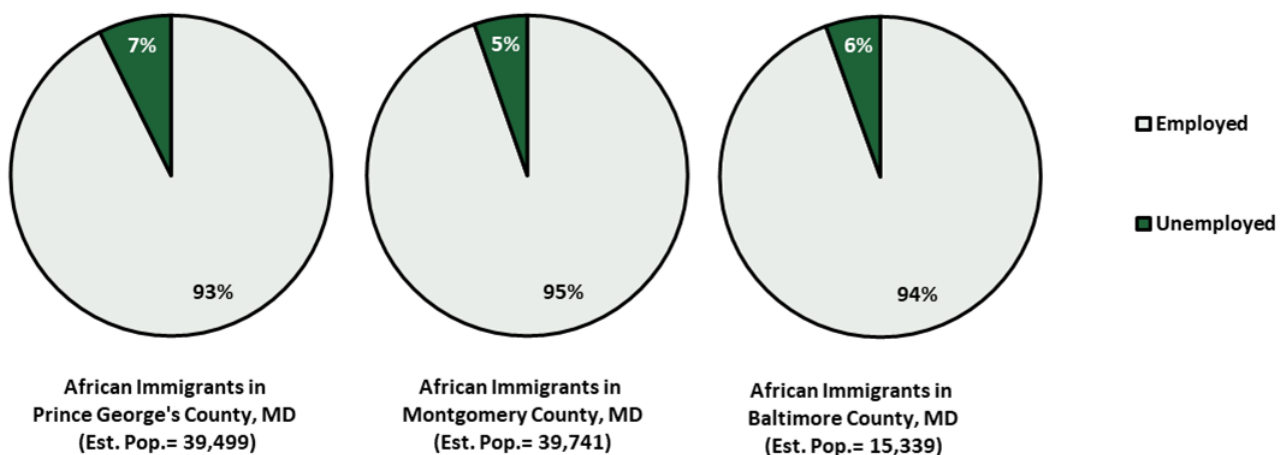


English Proficiency

Figure 4 shows that more than three-fourths of African immigrants ages five and older and living in Prince George's County, Montgomery County, and Baltimore County are proficient in English. African immigrants living in Prince George's County (76 percent) and Montgomery County (75 percent) had slightly lower rates of proficiency in English compared to African immigrants living in Baltimore County (79 percent). High rates of English proficiency in these three counties is attributed to the fact that 30 percent of African immigrants in Prince George's County, 22 percent of African immigrants in Montgomery County, and 25 percent of African immigrants in Baltimore County speak English at home. When examining the top five languages spoken at home, African immigrants in these three counties also speak: one of the sub-Saharan family of languages, French, Amharic, Ethiopian; or Arabic.

Figure 5. Employment Status Among African Immigrants

In the Labor Force, Ages 16-65



Employment Status

As shown in Figure 5, among African immigrants who are in the labor force and who live in Prince George's County, Montgomery County, and Baltimore County, overall, more than 93 percent are employed. African immigrants living in Prince George's County (7 percent) and Baltimore County (6 percent) had slightly higher rates of unemployment compared to African immigrants living in Montgomery County (5 percent).

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 **Figure 6. Self Employment Among African Immigrants**

In the Labor Force, Employed, Ages 16-65

	African Immigrants in Prince George's County, MD	African Immigrants in Montgomery County, MD	African Immigrants in Baltimore County, MD
Self-employed, not incorporated	4%	4%	4%
Self-employed, incorporated	2%	4%	2%
Works for wages	94%	92%	94%
Estimated Immigrant Population	36,603	37,612	14,493

Self-Employment Status

Figure 6 shows the rates of self-employment among African immigrants in the three select counties in Maryland. African immigrants in Montgomery County have slightly higher rates of self-employment (8 percent) compared to African immigrants in Prince George's County (6 percent) and Baltimore County (6 percent). Although not shown, the top three occupational groups among African immigrants who are self-employed in these three counties include: transportation and material moving occupations; service occupations; and management, business, and financial occupations. Nearly three-fourths of self-employed African immigrants in Prince George's County (72 percent) and in Montgomery County (72 percent) are employed in these three occupational groups. Additionally, 68 percent of self-employed African immigrants living in Baltimore County are employed in transportation and material moving occupations; service occupations; and management, business, and financial 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 family income, please note that the total annual income of all family 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.

This iDod fact sheet examines African immigrants in three select counties in Maryland. Foreign born individuals who self-identified as being born in countries or regions in Africa are included in this analysis. These countries and regions include: Africa (not specified), Algeria, Cameroon, Congo, Eastern Africa, Egypt/United Arab Rep, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Liberia, Libya, Morocco, Nigeria, North Africa, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa (Union of), South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Western Africa, Zaire, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

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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