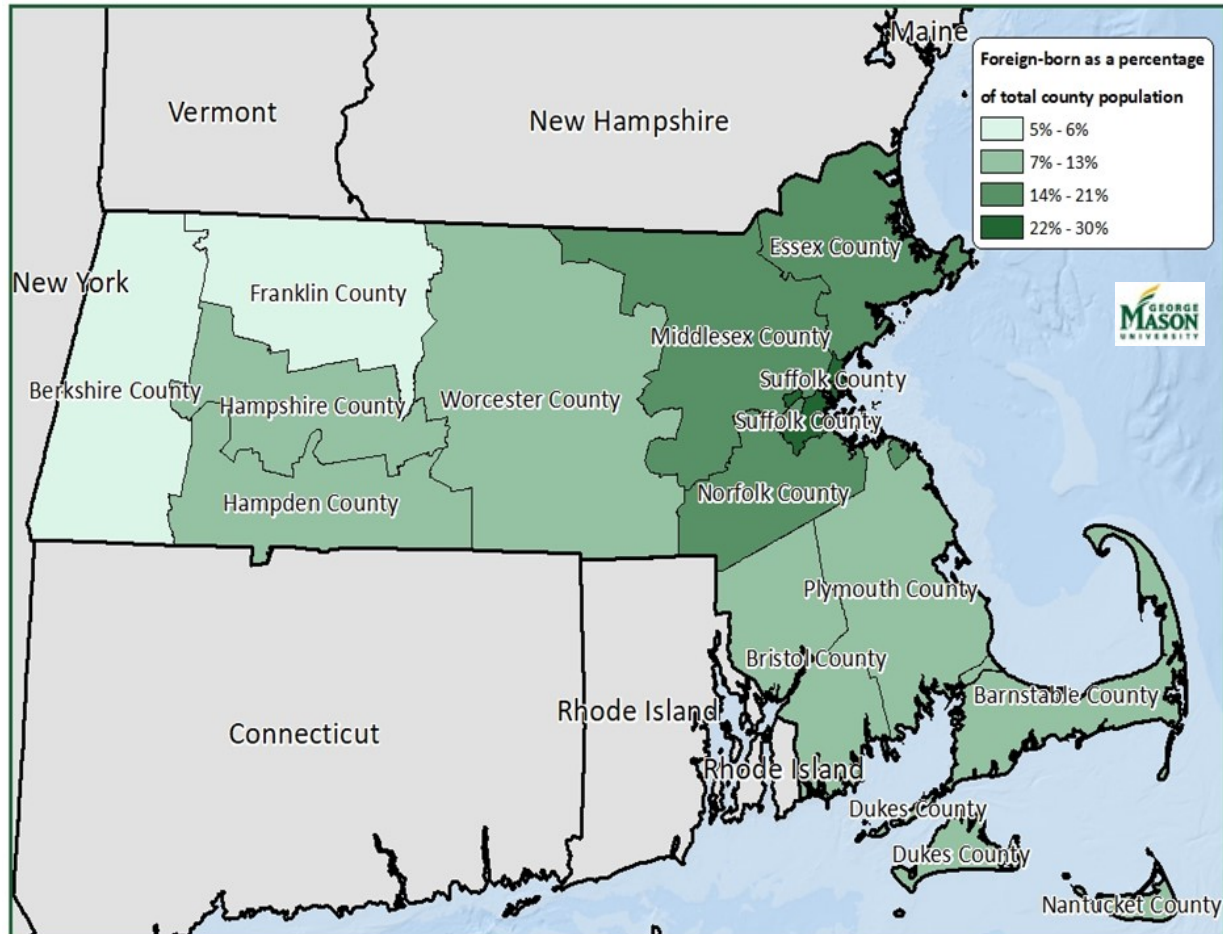


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### 2019 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- **44,032,500:** Approximate number of immigrants living in the U.S. (14% of the population)
- **1,153,700:** Approximate number of immigrants in Massachusetts (17% of the state's population)
- **26%:** Estimated increase in the number of immigrants in Massachusetts in the past 10 years
- **8th:** Rank of Massachusetts among the 50 states and Washington, D.C. in terms of immigrants as a percentage of the state's population

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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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### Age Among Immigrants

	Immigrants in Massachusetts	All Other Immigrants in the United States
0 thru 4	0.8%	0.7%
5 to 15 years	4.1%	3.8%
16 to 24 years old	9.5%	7.9%
25 to 34 years old	18.5%	17.0%
35 to 44 years old	19.9%	21.0%
45 to 54 years old	18.0%	19.4%
55 to 64 years old	13.9%	14.6%
65 years and older	15.3%	15.7%
Estimated Immigrant Population	1,153,706	42,878,757
Median Age	43 Years Old	44 Years old

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### Year of Immigration, 1920-2017

	Immigrants in Massachusetts	All Other Immigrants in the United States
1920-1959	2.7%	2.4%
1960-1979	12.1%	13.4%
1980-1989	13.4%	15.6%
1990-1999	20.3%	22.7%
2000-2009	26.2%	26.4%
2010-2017	25.2%	19.4%
Estimated Immigrant Population	1,130,319	42,272,306
Median Year of Immigration	2000	1998

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### Employment Status Among Immigrants

#### In the Labor Force, Ages 16-65

	Immigrants in Massachusetts	All Other Immigrants in the United States
Unemployed	4.6%	4.5%
Employed	95.4%	95.5%
Estimated Immigrant Population (Ages 16-65)	730,810	26,143,447

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### Country of Birth Among Immigrants

Immigrants in Massachusetts		All Other Immigrants in the United States	
China	8.3%	Mexico	26.2%
Dominican Republic	7.7%	India	5.8%
Brazil	6.7%	China	4.8%
India	6.5%	Philippines	4.6%
Haiti	5.2%	El Salvador	3.1%
All Other Countries of Birth (N=158)	65.5%	All Other Countries of Birth (N=161)	55.5%
Estimated Immigrant Population	1,153,706	Estimated Immigrant Population	42,878,757

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### Naturalization Rates Among Immigrants

	Immigrants in Massachusetts	All Other Immigrants in the United States
Naturalized Citizen	53.0%	49.6%
Not a Citizen	47.0%	50.4%
Estimated Immigrant Population	1,153,706	42,878,757

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