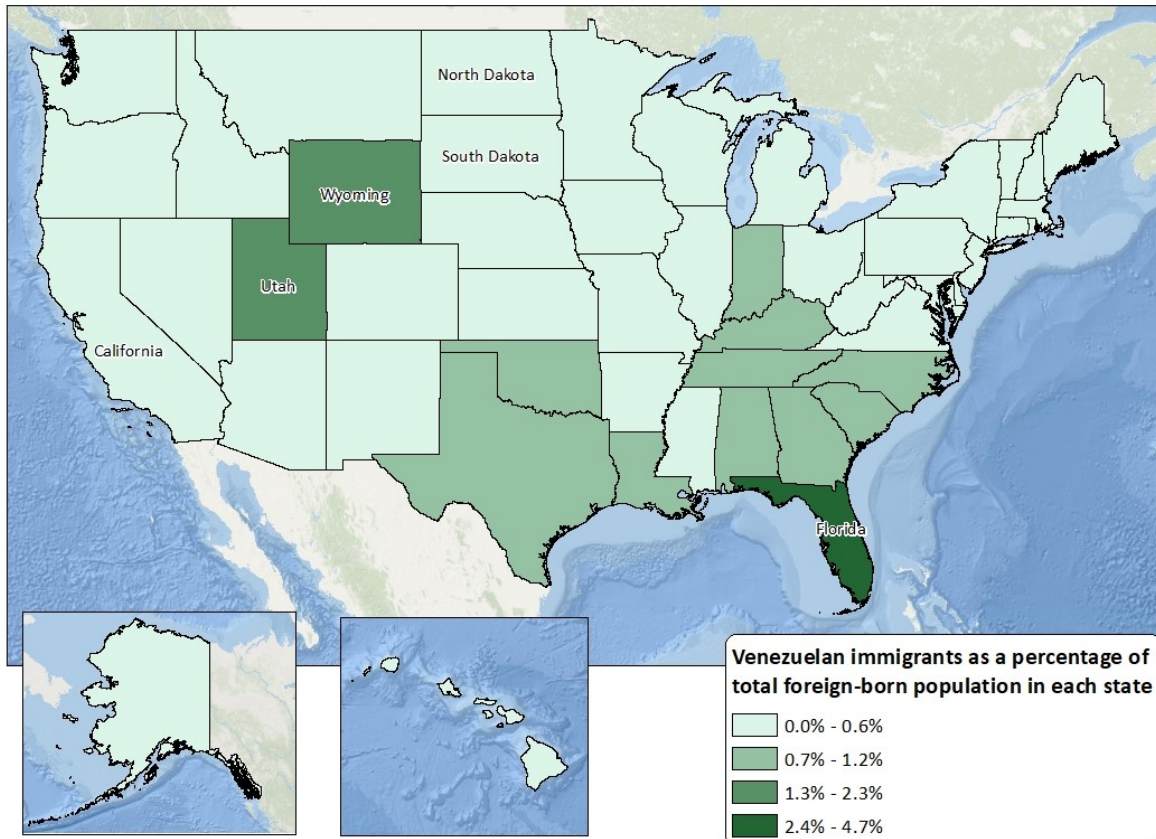


## Venezuelan Immigrants in the United States

**Figure 1. Venezuelan Immigrants**



### 2020 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- **44,411,750:** Approximate number of immigrants living in the U.S. (14% of the population)
- **395,270:** Approximate number of Venezuelan immigrants in the U.S. (1.0% of the foreign-born population)
- **177%:** Estimated increase in the number of Venezuelan immigrants in the United States in the past 10 years

Note: This data was prepared by the George Mason University Institute for Immigration Research (IIR), 2022. This data is displayed at the state level. Maps are based on IPUMS National Historical Geographic Information System: Version 16.0. ACS 2016-2020 dataset. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota, 2022.

### Distribution of Immigrants from Venezuela

Figure 1 shows the distribution of immigrants from Venezuela as a percentage of the state’s foreign-born population. The largest share of Venezuelan immigrants reside in Florida (4.7%), with Utah (2.3%), Wyoming (1.7%), Indiana (1.2%), and Georgia (1.2%) rounding out the rest of the top 5 states for Venezuelan immigrants. North Dakota, South Dakota, California, New Hampshire, and Hawaii have the least amount of Venezuelan immigrants, respectively.

All analysis in this fact sheet is based on source data from the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2016-2020 distributed through IPUMS-USA, University of Minnesota, [www.ipums.org](http://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. Age Distribution**

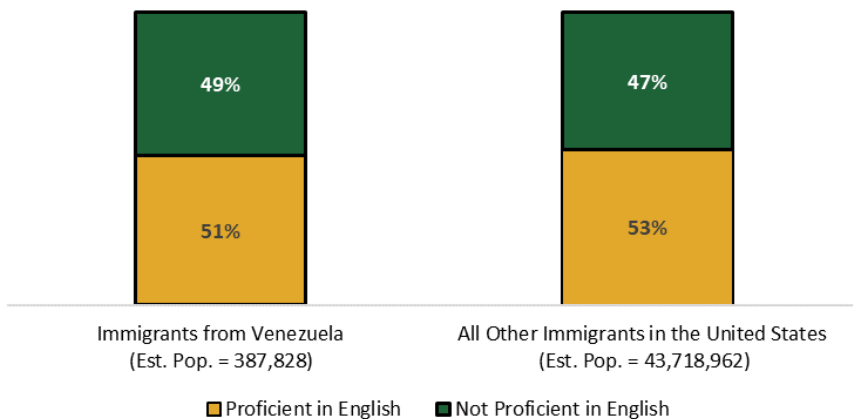
	Immigrants from Venezuela (Est. Pop. = 395,274)	All Other Immigrants in the United States (Est. Pop. = 44,016,477)	Native Born (Est. Pop. = 28,215,558)
0 thru 4 years old	2%	1%	7%
5 to 15 years old	10%	4%	15%
16 to 24 years old	10%	8%	13%
25 to 34 years old	20%	16%	13%
35 to 44 years old	23%	21%	11%
45 to 54 years old	17%	19%	12%
55 to 64 years old	11%	15%	13%
65 years and older	7%	16%	16%
<b>Estimated Population</b>	<b>395,274</b>	<b>44,016,477</b>	<b>282,157,558</b>
<b>Median Age</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>36</b>

### Age Distribution

Figure 2 demonstrates that the Venezuelan immigrant population is much younger than that of all other immigrants with 22% of Immigrants from Venezuela being younger than 25 years of age compared with 12% of all other immigrants. Native-born Americans, however, have the highest share of the population under 25 (32%).

**Figure 3. English Proficiency Among Immigrants**

Age 5+



### English Proficiency

As demonstrated by Figure 3, Venezuelan immigrants are more slightly less likely to be proficient in English (51%) compared with all other immigrants in the United States (53%). This might be attributable to the fact that Venezuelan immigrants are much more likely to be newer immigrants having immigrated to the U.S. post-2000 (77%) compared to all other immigrants (48%).

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**Figure 4. Educational Attainment**

Age 25+

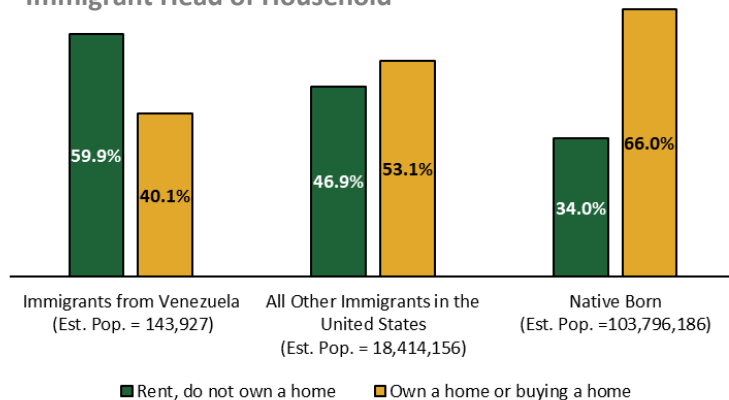
	Immigrants from Venezuela	All Other Immigrants in the United States	Native Born
No High School Diploma	6%	27%	8%
High School Diploma	15%	22%	28%
Some College or Associate's Degree	24%	19%	31%
Bachelor's Degree	35%	18%	21%
Master's, Professional, or Doctoral Degree	20%	14%	12%
Estimated Population	308,218	38,698,321	183,854,265

### Educational Attainment

Figure 4 shows that immigrants from Venezuela are more likely to have obtained a Bachelor's degree or higher (55%) compared with all other immigrants (32%) and native born individuals (33%).

**Figure 5. Home Ownership**

Immigrant Head of Household



### Home Ownership

Native-born Americans are more likely to own a home (66%) compared to all other immigrants (53%). Additionally, Venezuelan immigrants are the least likely to own a home or be in the process of buying a home (40%).

**Figure 6. Personal Income**

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

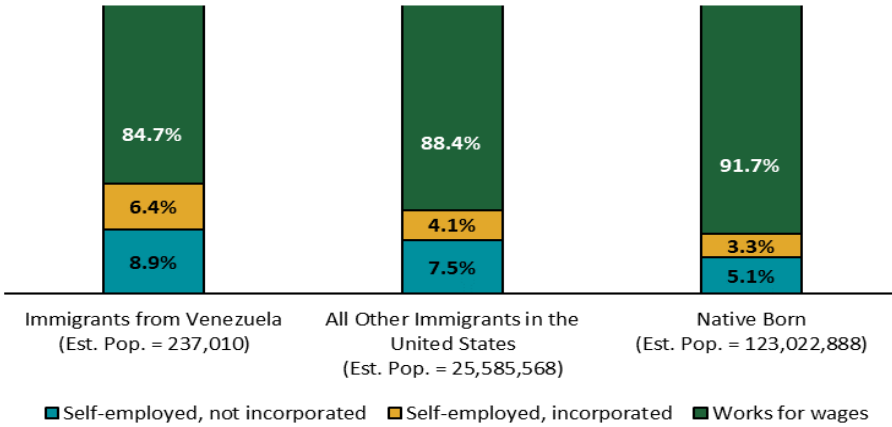
	Immigrants from Venezuela	All Other Immigrants in the United States	Native Born
Less than \$40,000	49%	45%	35%
\$40,000 to \$74,999	30%	29%	37%
\$75,000 and greater	21%	26%	28%
Estimated Population	169,482	18,856,318	88,456,568
Median Income	\$40,499	\$43,147	\$50,624

### Personal Income

Despite having a tendency to have earned a Bachelor's degree or higher in comparison to all other reference groups, Venezuelan immigrants are more likely to make less than \$40,000 (49%), than all other immigrants (45%) and native born Americans (35%). Venezuelan immigrants are also less likely to earn an income of \$75,000 and greater (21%) compared to other immigrants (26%) and native born persons (28%). This might be attributable to the fact that Venezuelans are far more likely to be newer immigrants having immigrated to the U.S. post-2000 (77%) compared to all other immigrants (48%). Importantly, established ethnic networks have been shown to be attributed to the upward mobility of many immigrant groups. As newer immigrants, these networks may not yet be established among Venezuelans.

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**Figure 7. Self-Employment**



### Self-Employment

As highlighted by Figure 7, Venezuelan immigrants are more likely to be self-employed (15%), than are all other immigrants (12%), and Native-born individuals (8%).

**Figure 8. Industry**

Immigrants from Venezuela		All Other Immigrants in the United States		Native Born	
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	10%	Health Care and Social Assistance	13%	Health Care and Social Assistance	14%
Retail Trade	10%	Manufacturing	11%	Retail Trade	11%
Health Care and Social Assistance	10%	Construction	10%	Manufacturing	10%
Accommodation and Food Services	9%	Accommodation and Food Services	9%	Educational Services	10%
Construction	8%	Retail Trade	9%	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	7%
15 Other Industry Groups	53%	15 Other Industry Groups	48%	15 Other Industry Groups	48%
Estimated Population	237,010	Estimated Population	25,585,568	Estimated Population	123,022,888

### Industry

Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services; Retail Trade; and Health Care and social Assistance all tie as the top industry for Venezuelan immigrants. On the other hand, Health Care and Social Assistance is the number one industry for all other immigrants (13%) and Native-born Americans (14%). Construction places as a top 5 industry both for Immigrants from Venezuela (8%) and all other immigrants (10%), but is not ranked in the top 5 industries for Native-born Americans.

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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