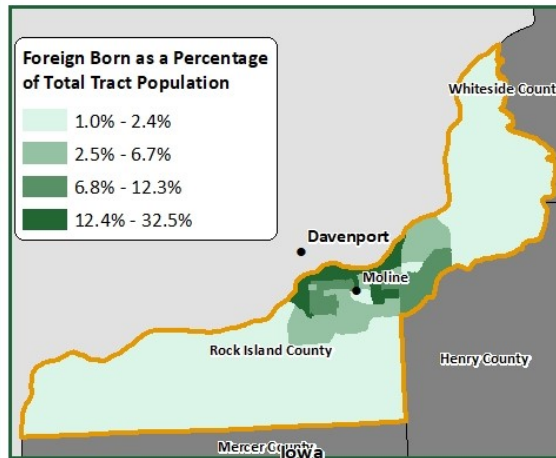
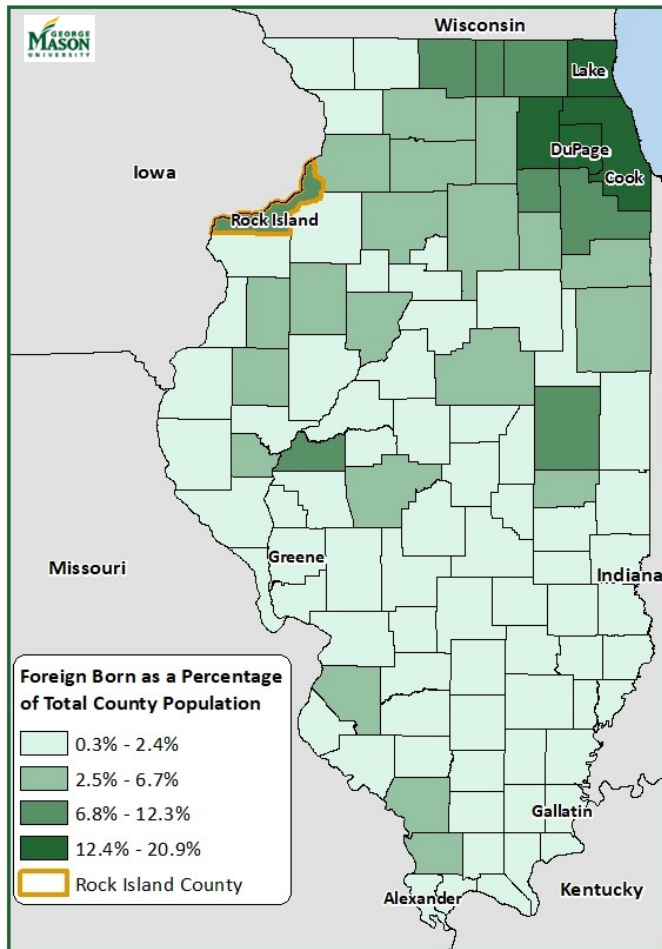


## Immigrants in Rock Island County, Illinois (IL)

**Figure 1. Immigrants in Illinois**



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

### 2020 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- **44,411,750:** Approximate number of immigrants living in the U.S. (14% of the population)
- **1,779,060:** Approximate number of immigrants in Illinois (14% of the state's population)
- **11,180:** Approximate number of immigrants in Rock Island County, IL (8% of the county's population)
- **13th:** Rank of Illinois among the 50 states and the District of Columbia in terms of immigrants as a percentage of the state's total

### Distribution of Immigrants

Figure 1 shows where immigrants live in the state of Illinois. The counties with the largest shares of immigrants are in the northeast portion of the state which are located in and around the Chicago metropolitan area. These counties include: Cook (21%), DuPage (19%), and Lake (19%). The counties with the smallest percentage of immigrants include Alexander (0.3%) and Gallatin (0.3%) which are located in the southern portion of the state, and Green County (0.3%). Within Rock Island County, the neighborhoods that border the state of Iowa near the city of Davenport, the Douglas Park neighborhood in Illinois, and neighborhoods north and east of the city of Moline have the largest shares of immigrants.

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

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**Figure 2. Year of Immigration**

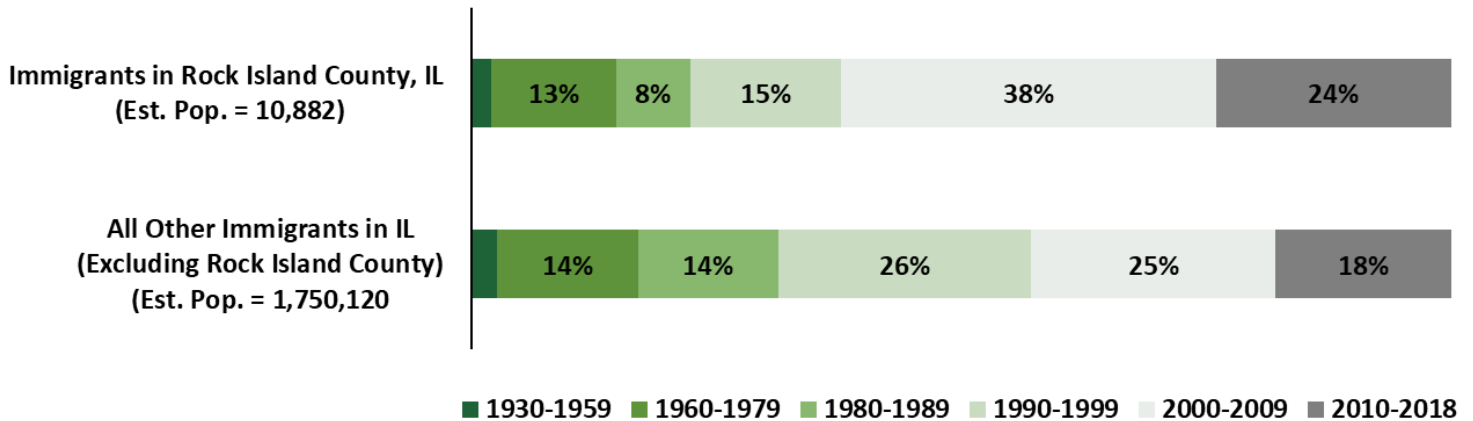


Figure 2 shows that immigrants living in Rock Island County arrived to the United States more recently compared to all other immigrants living in Illinois. For example, 62% of immigrants living in Rock Island County arrived after the year 2000, while in the rest of Illinois, 43% of immigrants arrived after 2000. Additionally, the median year of arrival for foreign-born individuals in Rock Island County is 2003. This is slightly later compared to all other immigrants in Illinois whose median year of arrival is 1997.

**Figure 3. Top Five Countries of Birth**

Immigrants in Rock Island County, IL		All Other Immigrants in IL (Excluding Rock Island County)	
Mexico	42%	Mexico	35%
Africa (not specified)	15%	India	9%
Burma (Myanmar)	6%	Poland	7%
India	4%	Philippines	5%
Philippines	3%	China	4%
68 Other Countries	30%	157 Other Countries	40%
Estimated Immigrant Population	11,177	Estimated Immigrant Population	1,767,886

Mexico is the top country of birth among immigrants living in Rock Island County and in the rest of Illinois, but the immigrant populations are quite different in terms of country of origin. Rock Island County has larger shares of immigrants from Africa while in the rest of the state there are larger shares of immigrants from Europe and Asia. For example, when examining all countries of birth, 23% of immigrants living in Rock Island County were born in African countries (e.g. Morocco, Togo, Senegal, Tanzania) compared to only 4% in the rest of the state. Conversely, 7% of immigrants living in Rock Island County were born in European countries compared to 21% of all other immigrants living in Illinois. As shown in Figure 3, in Illinois, 7% of immigrants are from Poland, which does not fall in the top five countries of origin for immigrants living in Rock Island County.

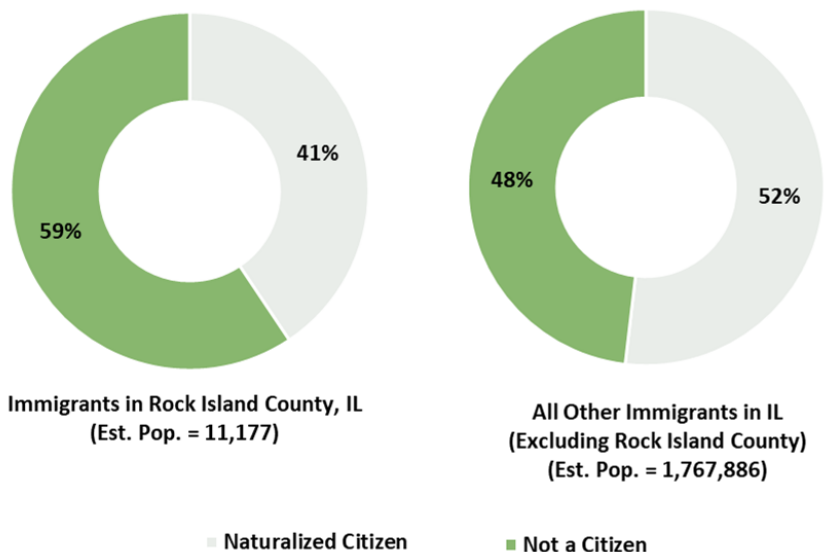
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**Figure 4. Race and Hispanic Origin**

	Immigrants in Rock Island County, IL	All Other Immigrants in IL (Excluding Rock Island County)
White	37%	46%
Black	22%	4%
Asian	21%	27%
Other Race	14%	18%
Two or More Races	6%	5%
Not Hispanic	58%	58%
Hispanic	42%	42%
Estimated Immigrant Population	11,177	1,767,886

Figure 4 shows that there are higher percentages of Black immigrants living in Rock Island County compared to all other immigrants in Illinois. As noted in Figure 3, there are larger shares of immigrants who were born in African countries who are living in Rock Island County compared to all other immigrants in Illinois. With regard to Hispanic origin, immigrants living in Rock Island County and throughout the state have identical shares of Hispanic immigrants.

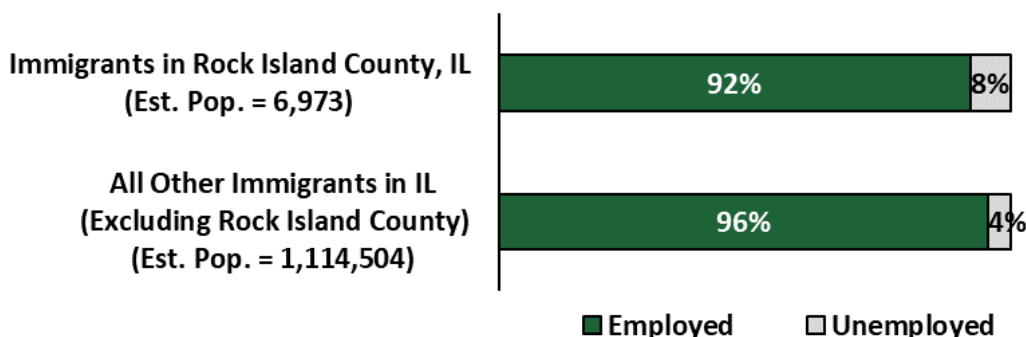
**Figure 5. Naturalization Rates**



Immigrants in Rock Island County are less likely to be naturalized U.S. citizens compared to all other immigrants living in Illinois. For example, two-fifths (41%) of immigrants living in Rock Island County are naturalized U.S. citizens compared to more than half (52%) of all other immigrants living in Illinois. One reason for lower naturalization rates among immigrants in Rock Island is due to the fact that immigrants in Rock Island County are younger and have also been living in the United States for a shorter period of time.

**Figure 6. Employment Status**

In the Labor Force, Ages 16-65



As shown in Figure 6, immigrants in Rock Island County have lower rates of employment (92%) compared to all other immigrants living in Illinois (96%). Lower rates of employment can be attributed to the fact that immigrants ages 16 and older in Rock Island County are more likely to be enrolled in school (particularly college) compared to all other immigrants in Illinois. Thus, they may be less likely to be currently employed.

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**Figure 7. Industry of Immigrant Household Heads**

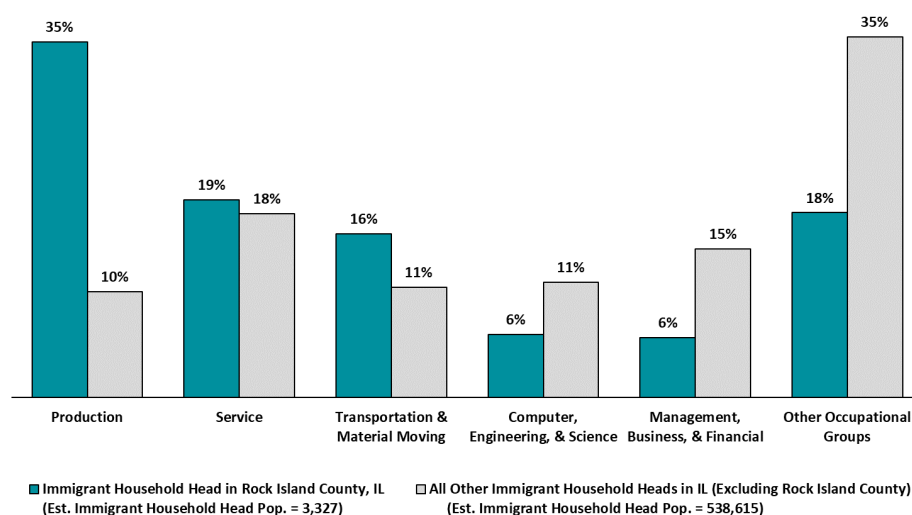
Head of Household, In the Labor Force, Employed, Ages 16-65

Immigrants in Rock Island County, IL		All Other Immigrants in IL (Excluding Rock Island County)	
Manufacturing	43%	Manufacturing	17%
Accommodation and Food Services	9%	Health Care and Social Assistance	12%
Transportation and Warehousing	7%	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	9%
Construction	6%	Construction	8%
Health Care and Social Assistance	6%	Accommodation and Food Services	8%
12 Other Industry Groups	29%	15 Other Industry Groups	46%
Estimated Immigrant Household Head Population	3,327	Estimated Immigrant Household Head Population	538,615

As shown in Figure 7, immigrant household heads in Rock Island County were 2.5 times more likely to be working in manufacturing compared to all other immigrant household heads living in Illinois. One reason for higher rates of employment in manufacturing occupations is due to the fact that the John Deere World Headquarters is located in the city of Moline which is in Rock Island County. Immigrant household heads in Rock Island County were also significantly less likely to be employed in healthcare and social assistance industries and (although not shown) professional, scientific, and technical services industries compared to all other immigrant household heads in Illinois (12% vs. 21%).

**Figure 8. Occupation of Immigrant Household Heads**

Head of Household, In the Labor Force, Employed, Ages 16-65



Immigrant household heads in Rock Island County and in the rest of the state are employed in the same top five occupational groups. However, immigrant household heads in Rock Island County are nearly 2.5 times more likely to be employed in production and transportation and material moving occupations compared to all other immigrant household heads in Illinois (51% vs. 21%). Additionally, immigrant household heads in Rock Island County have lower rates of employment in computer, engineering, and science occupations and management, business, and financial occupations (12% vs. 26%). One reason for lower rates of employment in these two occupations as well as the industries listed in Figure 7, is due to the fact that these occupations tend to require higher levels of education. Only 20% of immigrant household heads in Rock Island County earned a bachelor's degree or higher compared to 41% of all other immigrant household heads in Illinois.

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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