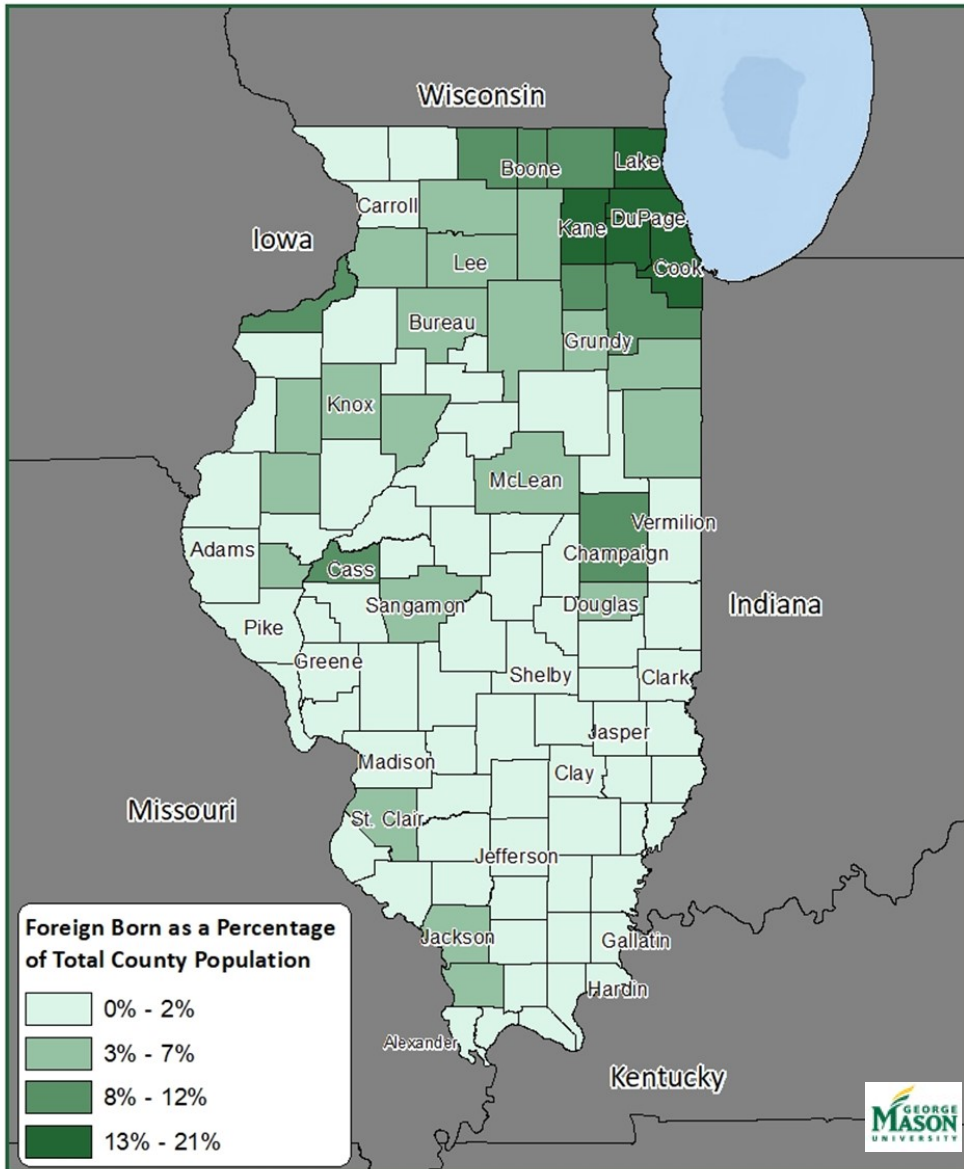


Immigrants in Champaign County, Illinois

Figure 1. Immigrants in Illinois



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)
- **25,800:** Approximate number of immigrants in Champaign County, Illinois (12% of the county's population)
- **13th:** Rank of the state of Illinois among the 50 states and Washington, DC in terms of immigrants as a percentage of the state's population

Distribution of Immigrants

Figure 1 shows how the immigrant population is distributed across the state of Illinois. The top four counties with the highest percentages of foreign-born residents are all located in the north east corner of the state: Cook (21%), DuPage (19%), Lake (19%), and Kane (17%). Despite having experienced a 12% decrease in the immigrant population over the past decade, Champaign County has the 5th largest share of foreign born residents (12%). The counties with the lowest shares of foreign-born residents are Hardin, Clay, Gallatin, Greene, and Alexander, respectively. These counties all have a foreign-born population, as a percentage of total population, below 0.5% and are all located in the southern half of the state.

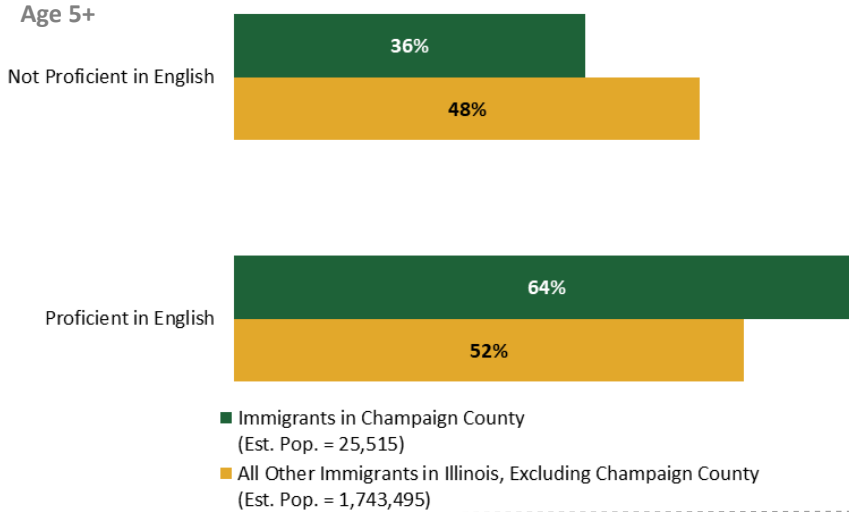
Note: This data was prepared by the George Mason University Institute for Immigration Research (IIR). 2022. This data is displayed at the county level. Maps are based on IPUMS National Historical Geographic Information System: Version 16.0. ACS 2016-2020 dataset. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota.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

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, 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. English Proficiency Among Immigrants



English Proficiency

Immigrants in Champaign County tend to be more proficient in English (64%) compared to immigrants in the remainder of Illinois (52%). This is interesting considering the fact that Champaign County has more recent immigrants with 72% having arrived post-2000, compared with the rest of Illinois where 42% of immigrants arrived after 2000. The higher levels of English proficiency in Champaign County might be attributable to the fact that immigrants in that County tend to be more educated, with 69% having attained a Bachelor's degree or higher, while only 33% of immigrants in the remainder of Illinois have attained a Bachelor's degree or higher. Additionally, Champaign County is home to the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, a large public research university.

Figure 3. Countries of Birth Among Immigrants

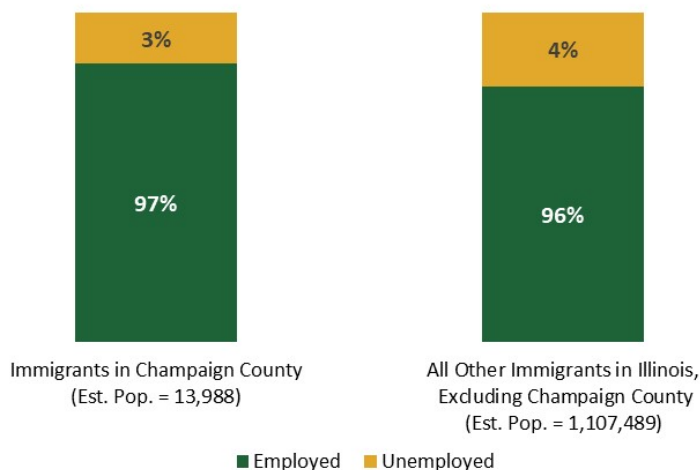
Immigrants in Champaign County		All Other Immigrants in Illinois, Excluding Champaign County	
China	28%	Mexico	36%
India	12%	India	9%
Mexico	9%	Poland	7%
Korea	7%	Philippines	5%
Philippines	3%	China	4%
96 Other Countries	41%	157 Other Countries	39%
Estimated Immigrant Population	25,801	Estimated Immigrant Population	1,753,262

Country of Birth

China (28%), India (12%), and Mexico (9%) round out the top three countries of birth for immigrants in Champaign County. For the rest of Illinois, Mexico (36%) and India (9%) occupy the top spots, respectively. Poland is the 3rd most popular country of birth for the remainder of Illinois, but does not appear in the top 5 for Champaign County.

Figure 4. Employment Status Among Immigrants

In the Labor Force, Ages 16-65



Employment Status

Employment status among immigrants in Champaign county does not differ drastically from that of the rest of Illinois. A large majority of both immigrants in Champaign County (97%) and the remainder of Illinois (96%) are employed.

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Figure 5. Number of Children in Immigrant-headed Households

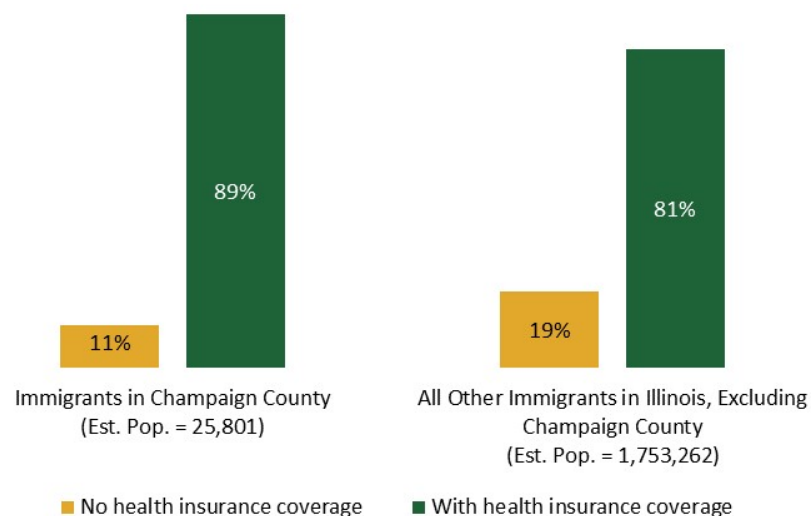
Head of household, Age 16+

	Immigrants in Champaign County	All Other Immigrants in Illinois, Excluding Champaign County
0 Children	70%	46%
1 Child	13%	20%
2 Children	10%	20%
3 Children	6%	10%
4+ Children	1%	4%
Estimated Immigrant Household Head Population	11,934	770,556

Children in the Household

Figure 5 demonstrates that immigrant-headed households in Champaign County are much more likely to have no children in the house (70%) than the remainder of the state (46%). In fact, Immigrant-headed households in Champaign County are much more likely to have 2 or less children in the household (93%) than the remainder of Illinois (86%). While immigrant headed households in Champaign County are much less likely to have 3 or more children in the household (7%) than the rest of the state (14%)

Figure 6. Health Insurance Among Immigrants



Health Insurance

Immigrants in Champaign County are more likely to have health insurance (89%) than immigrants in the remainder of the state (81%). This is consistent with the findings above where immigrants in Champaign County are slightly more likely to be employed (97% v. 96%), more likely to be proficient in English (64% v. 52%), and more likely to have attained a bachelor's degree or higher (69% v. 33%) compared to immigrants in the remainder of Illinois. These factors tend to increase the likelihood of employment in an occupation with health insurance benefits. Additionally, 62% of immigrants in Champaign County are employed in Educational Services; Health Care and Social Assistance; and Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services. These industries tend to offer health insurance benefits. On the other hand, the top 3 industries for immigrants in the remainder of the state are Manufacturing; Health Care and Social Assistance; and Accommodation and Food Services, respectively. It is common for jobs in the latter industry to not offer health insurance benefits.

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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