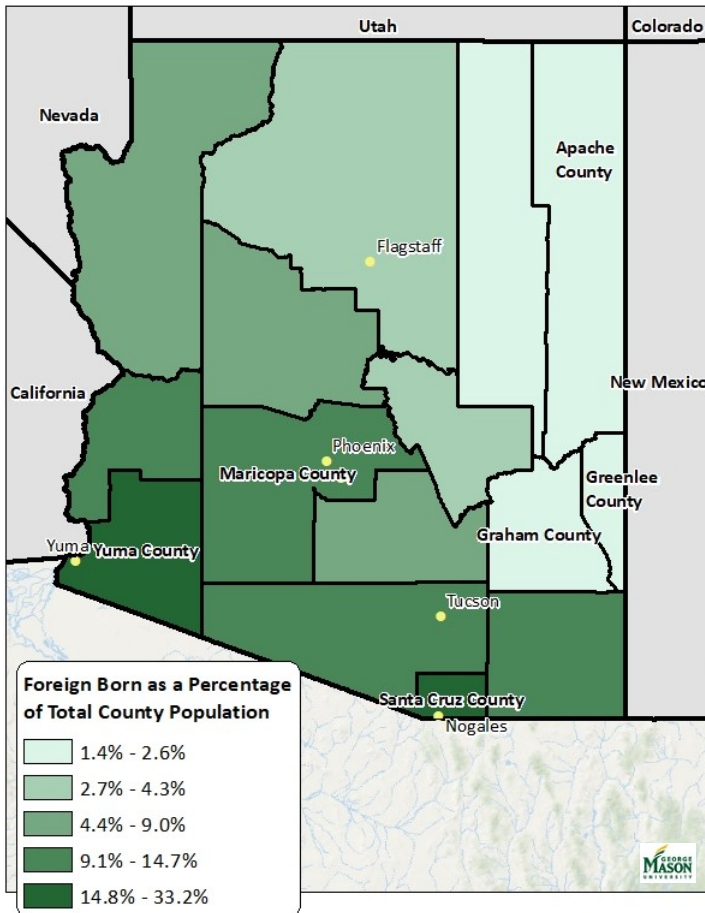


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Figure 1. Immigrants in Arizona



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.

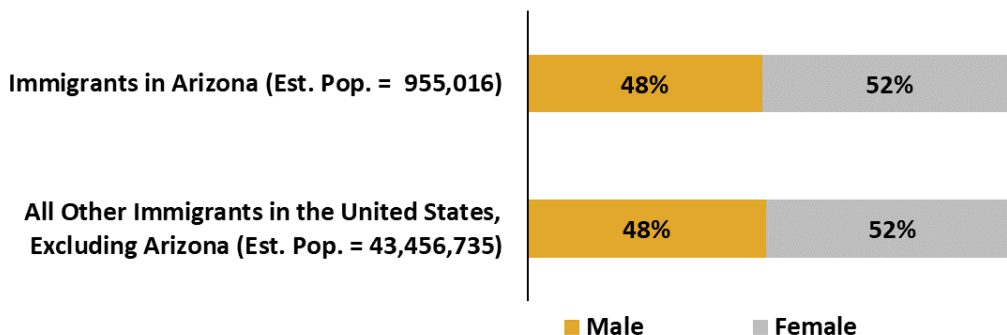
2020 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- **44,411,750:** Approximate number of immigrants living in the U.S. (14% of the population)
- **955,000:** Approximate number of immigrants in Arizona (13% of the state's population)
- **7%:** Estimated increase in the number of immigrants in Arizona in the past 10 years (i.e. 2010-2020)
- **15th:** Rank of Arizona among the 50 states and the District of Columbia in terms of immigrants as a percentage of the state's total population

Distribution of Immigrants

Figure 1 shows where immigrants live in the state of Arizona. The counties with the largest shares of immigrants are located in the central and southern portion of the state near the U.S–Mexico border. These counties include: Santa Cruz (33%), Yuma (27%), and Maricopa (15%). The counties with the smallest percentages of immigrants are located in the eastern part of the state in Apache County (1%), Graham County (2%), and Greenlee County (3%).

Figure 2. Sex Distribution Among Immigrants



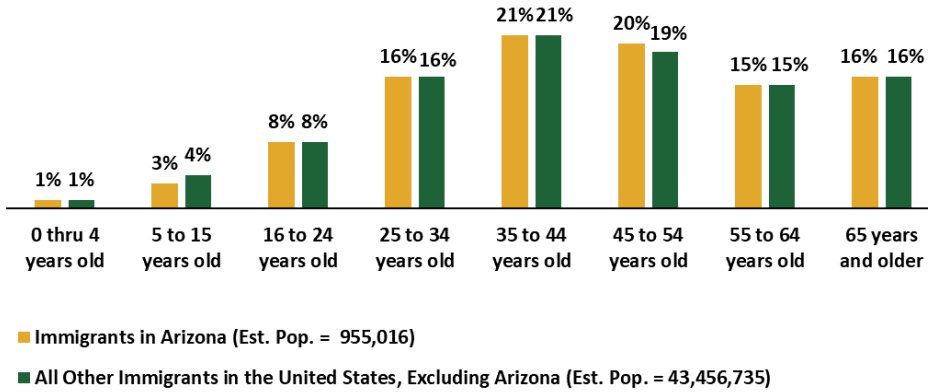
As shown in Figure 2, more than half (52%) of immigrants living in Arizona as well as in the rest of the United States are female.

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

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Figure 3. Age Among Immigrants



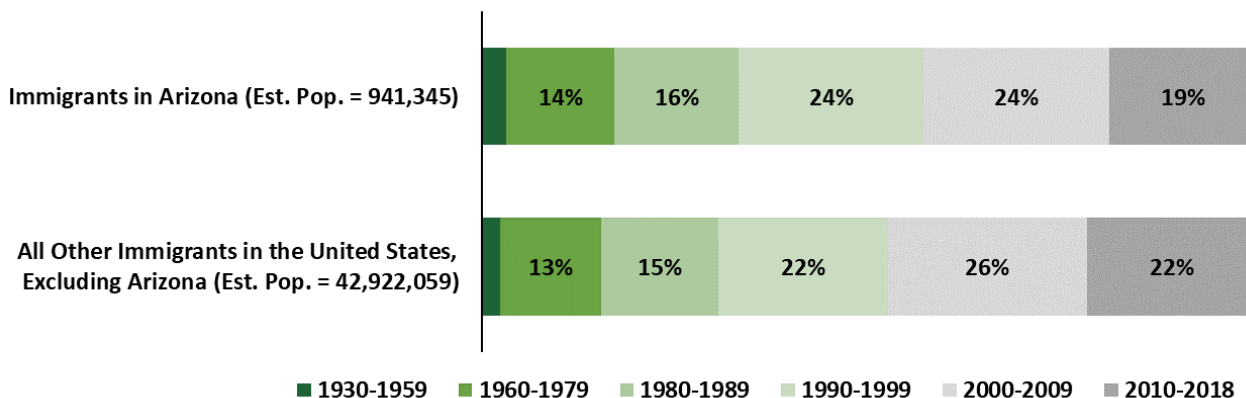
There are no substantial differences between the ages among immigrants living in Arizona and the rest of the United States. For example, 51% of immigrants living in Arizona and half (50%) of all other immigrants living in the United States are 45 years of age and older. Additionally, the median age among immigrants living in Arizona and in the remainder of the United States is 45 years old.

Figure 4. Race and Hispanic Origin Among Immigrants

	Immigrants in Arizona	All Other Immigrants in the United States, Excluding Arizona
White	55%	41%
Asian	17%	28%
Black	4%	9%
Other Race	16%	16%
Two or More Races	8%	6%
Not Hispanic	40%	56%
Hispanic	60%	44%
Estimated Immigrant Population	955,016	43,456,735

Compared to immigrants living in all other states, there are higher shares of white and/or Hispanic immigrants living in Arizona. One possible explanation for this finding might be the fact that there are larger percentages of immigrants from Mexico living in Arizona. For example, 54% of immigrants living in Arizona were born in Mexico while in the remainder of the United States, only 24% of immigrants were born in Mexico. Additionally, as shown in Figure 4, immigrants living in Arizona are 1.5 times less likely to identify as Asian compared to all other immigrants living in the United States.

Figure 5. Year of Immigration Among Immigrants

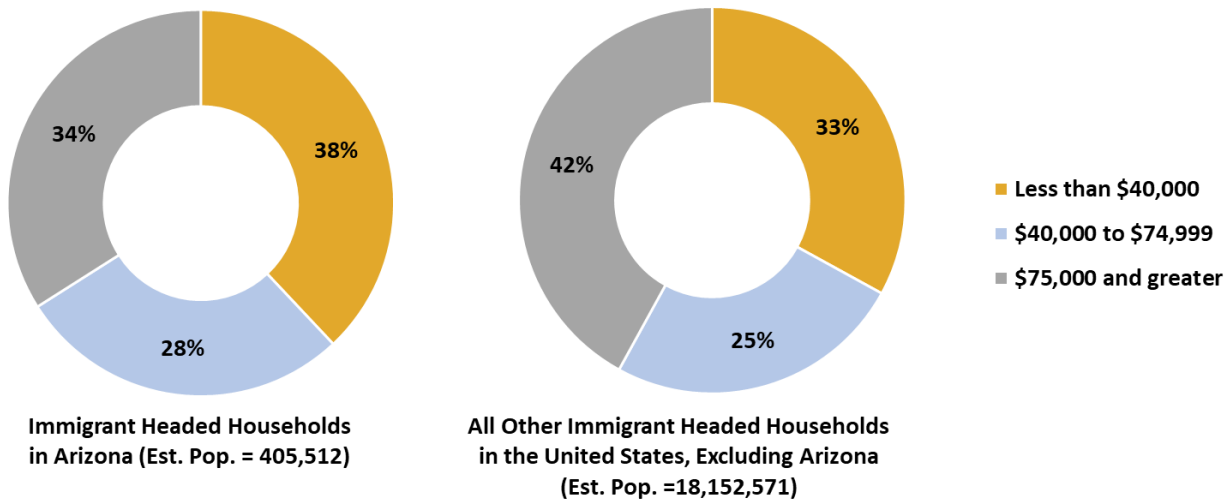


As illustrated in Figure 5, immigrants living in Arizona arrived to the United States earlier compared to all other immigrants in the United States. For example, 57% of immigrants living in Arizona arrived before the year 2000, while in the rest of the United States, 52% of immigrants arrived before 2000. Additionally, the median year of arrival for foreign-born individuals in Arizona is 1997. This is slightly earlier compared to all other immigrants in the United States whose median year of arrival is 1999.

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Figure 6. Household Income Among Immigrants

Head of household, Age 15+



As shown in Figure 6, immigrant headed households in Arizona are less likely to earn \$75,000 or more compared to all other immigrant headed households in the United States (34% vs. 42%). Additionally, immigrant headed households in Arizona earned a lower median salary compared to all other immigrant headed households in the United States. For example, the median salary among immigrant headed households in Arizona is \$52,423 compared to \$61,850 for all other immigrant headed households. Reasons for lower salaries could be attributed to the lower cost of living in Arizona compared to other states as well as the fact that immigrants living in Arizona are less likely to earn a bachelor's degree or higher compared to all other immigrants living in the United States (24% vs. 32%). Lower rates of higher educational attainment can negatively impact an individual's income level. Additionally, although not shown, immigrants living in Arizona are more likely to be employed in service (26% vs. 23%) and construction/extraction occupations (11% vs. 8%) compared to all other immigrants in the United States. These occupations may pay lower salaries to their workers, which can help explain why immigrant headed households in Arizona earn lower salaries compared to all other immigrant headed households in the United States.

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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