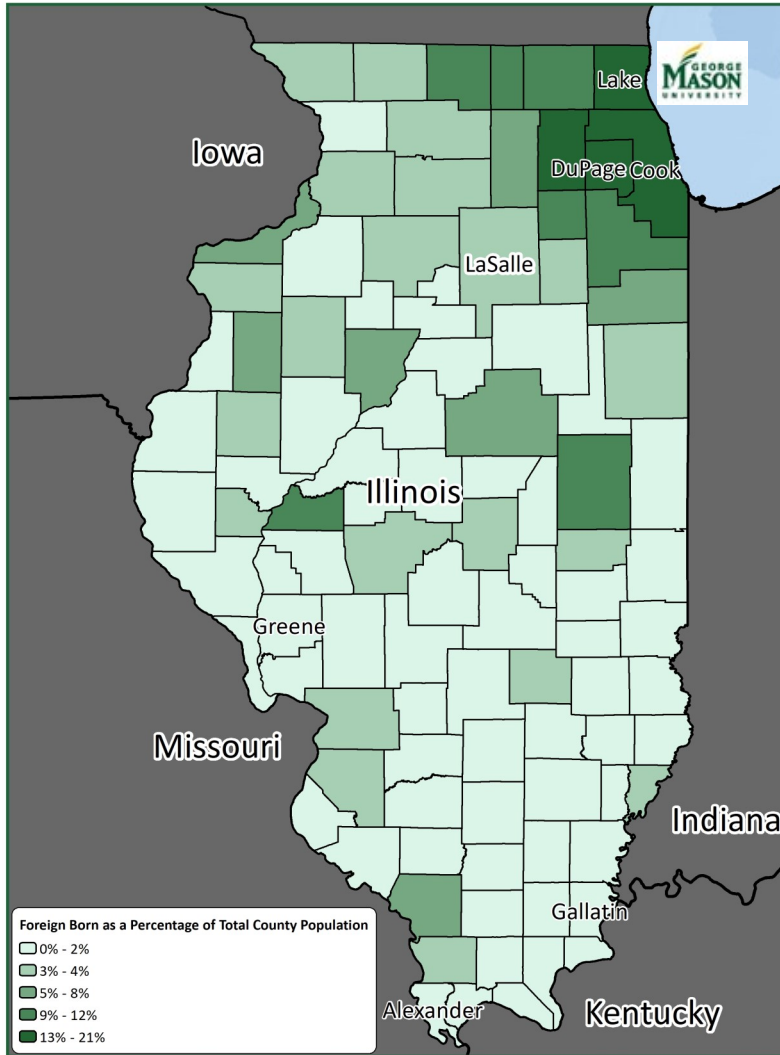


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**Figure 1. Immigrants in Illinois**



**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)
- **3,990:** Approximate number of immigrants in LaSalle County, Illinois (4% of the county’s population)
- **109%:** Estimated increase in the number of immigrants in LaSalle County over the past decade (i.e., 2010-2020)
- **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 population.

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

**Distribution of Immigrants**

The top three counties with the highest percentage of foreign-born residents are located in northeastern Illinois and include Cook (21%), DuPage (19%), and Lake Counties (19%). These three counties are all located within the bounds of the Chicago metropolitan area, which has been a traditionally popular destination for international immigrants. Notably, Cook County includes the city of Chicago, which has a particularly rich history of immigration since the late 19th century. By contrast, the counties with the lowest share of immigrants are Alexander, Gallatin, and Greene Counties, each with less than one-third of one percent. Meanwhile, immigrants make up 4% of LaSalle County’s population. This county’s foreign-born population has significantly increased by 109% over the past ten years (i.e., 2010-2020), a trend that suggests LaSalle County is an emerging immigrant destination.

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 Among Immigrants**

	Immigrants in LaSalle County, IL	All Other Immigrants in IL, Excluding LaSalle County
0 to 4 years old	2%	1%
5 to 15 years old	7%	3%
16 to 24 years old	5%	7%
25 to 34 years old	18%	17%
35 to 44 years old	16%	21%
45 to 54 years old	21%	20%
55 to 64 years old	16%	15%
65 years and older	15%	16%
<b>Estimated Immigrant Population</b>	<b>3,988</b>	<b>1,775,075</b>
<b>Median Age</b>	<b>46 years old</b>	<b>45 years old</b>

Overall, LaSalle County has slightly fewer working-age (i.e., 16 to 64 years old) immigrants than other parts of the state. Specifically, while 77% of immigrants in LaSalle County are of working-age, 80% of all other immigrants in the state fall within this age range. Moreover, other parts of the state have a higher share of 35 to 44 year old immigrants compared to LaSalle County (21% versus 16% respectively). Accordingly, LaSalle County has a slightly higher share of young immigrants (i.e., 0 to 15 years old) immigrants than other parts of the state (9% versus 4% respectively).

**Figure 3. Educational Attainment Among Immigrants**

Age 25+

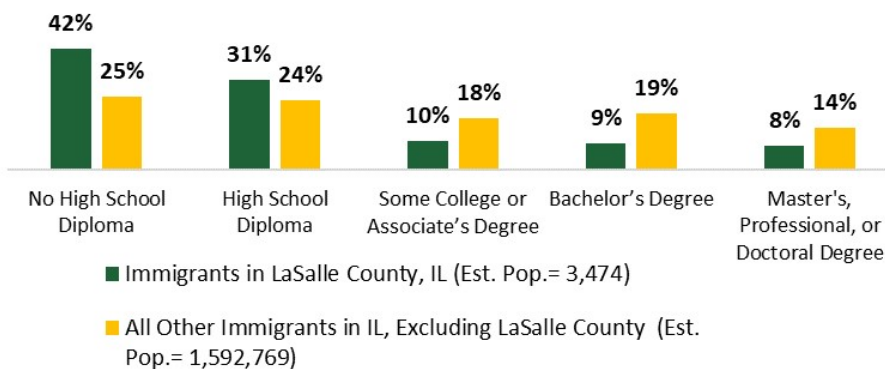
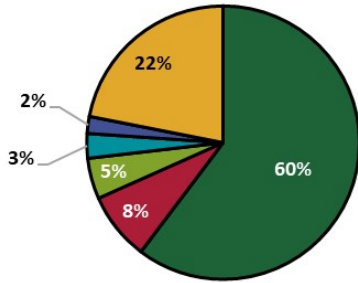


Figure 3 shows that immigrants in LaSalle County are significantly less likely to have some college education, an associate's degree, or higher than all other immigrants in Illinois. So while only about a quarter (28%) of immigrants in LaSalle County have such educational experience or credentials, over half (51%) of immigrants elsewhere in Illinois do so. Meanwhile, immigrants in LaSalle County are also considerably more likely to have not completed high school (42%) than their counterparts in other parts of the state (25%). The fact that 44% of LaSalle County's immigrants are employed in industries that may not require educational credentials may partially explain why LaSalle County has an overall less educated immigrant population than other parts of Illinois. Specifically, these industries are: Manufacturing (23%), Construction (11%), and Retail Trade (11%). Only a third (33%) of immigrants elsewhere in Illinois are employed across these three industries.

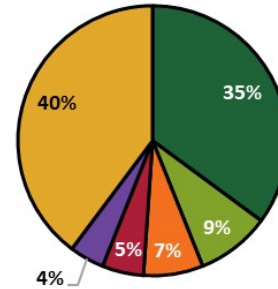
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**Figure 4. Top 5 Countries of Birth Among Immigrants**

Immigrants in LaSalle County, IL (Est. Pop.= 3,988)



All Other Immigrants in IL, Excluding LaSalle County (Est. Pop.= 1,775,075)

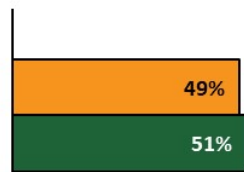


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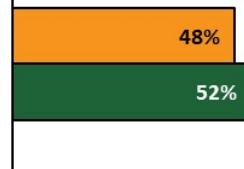
Figure 4 shows that Mexico and India are among the top three countries of birth for immigrants in LaSalle County and immigrants in other parts of Illinois. However, LaSalle County has a markedly higher share of Mexican-origin immigrants than other parts of the state (60% versus 35%) and a slightly lower share of immigrants from India (5% versus 9%). Meanwhile, LaSalle County has a larger share of immigrants of Filipino origin (8%) than elsewhere in the state (5%). In contrast, Poland is the third top country of birth (7%) at the state level, but does not appear among the top five countries of origin for immigrants residing in LaSalle County.

**Figure 5. Naturalization**

Immigrants in LaSalle County, IL (Est. Pop.= 3,988)



All Other Immigrants in IL, Excluding LaSalle County (Est. Pop.= 1,775,075)



■ Not a Citizen ■ Naturalized Citizen

Figure 5 shows that immigrants in LaSalle County and elsewhere in the state have very similar rates of naturalization (51% and 52%, respectively). These patterns in naturalization rates are not surprising given that a similar share of immigrants in LaSalle County and the remainder of Illinois immigrated to the United States prior to 2000 (58% compare to 57%) and have been in the United States for many decades.

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**Figure 6. Labor Force Participation**

Age 16+

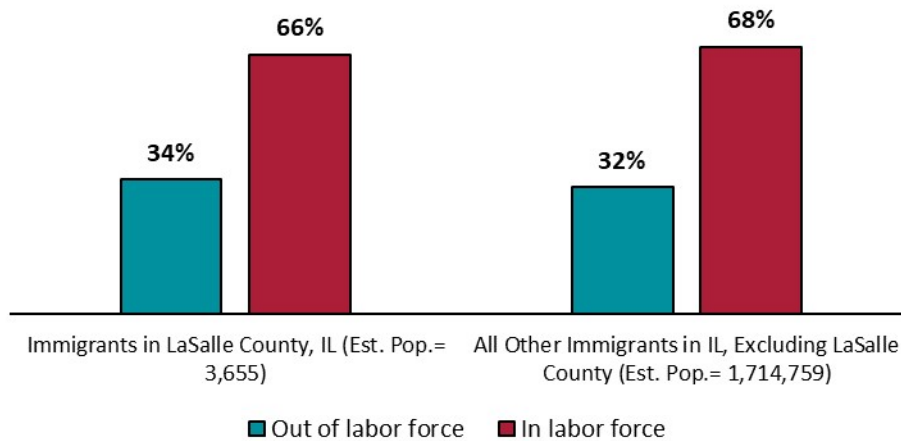


Figure 6 shows that immigrants in LaSalle County and other parts of Illinois have similar labor force participation rates, although immigrants in the County are slightly more likely to be out of the labor force (34%) than immigrants residing elsewhere in Illinois (32%). Previously discussed trends about the County having a greater share of foreign-born residents under the age of 15 than other parts of the state (see Figure 2) may in part explain the discrepancy in labor force participation rates.

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.

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