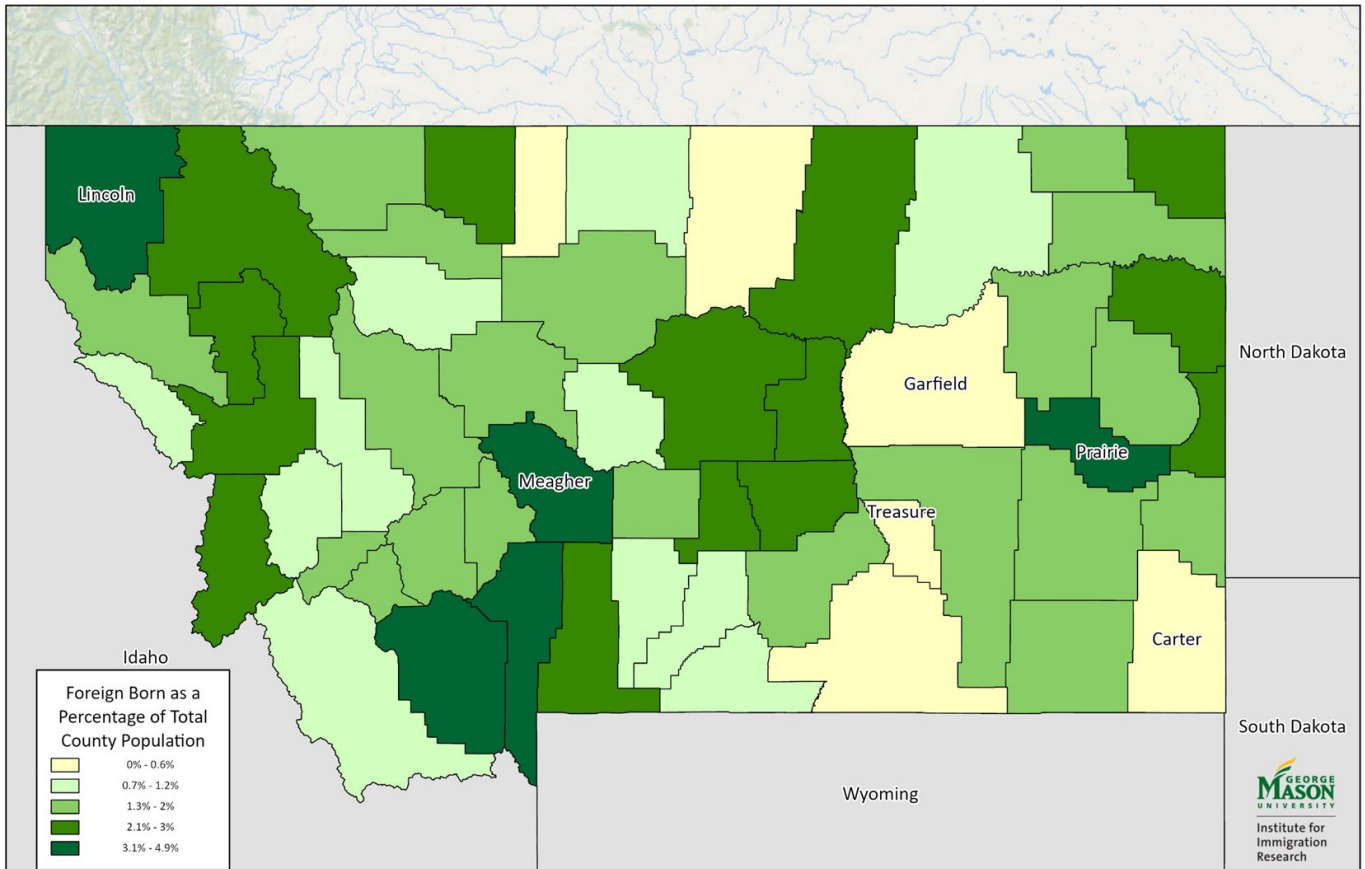


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2020 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- **44,411,751:** Estimated of immigrants living in the U.S. (14% of the population)
- **23,955:** Estimated number of immigrants in Montana (2% of the state's population)
- **50th:** Rank of Montana among the 50 states and the District of Columbia in terms of immigrants as a percentage of the state's total population
- **3%:** Estimated increase in the number of immigrants in Montana in the past 10 years (i.e. 2010-2020)
- **367:** Number of refugees in Montana resettled between fiscal years 2016-2020 (0.2% of the refugee population settled in the United States in this time period)

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Please note that percentages may not always add up to 100% due to rounding of the individual percentages.

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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Country of Birth

Immigrants in Montana		All Other Immigrants in the United States, Excluding Montana	
Canada	15%	Mexico	25%
Mexico	10%	India	6%
Philippines	9%	China	5%
Germany	8%	Philippines	4%
97 Other Countries	58%	162 Other Countries	60%
Estimated Immigrant Population	23,955	Estimated Immigrant Population	44,387,796

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Year of Immigration (1930-2018)

	Immigrants in Montana	All Other Immigrants in the United States, Excluding Montana
1930-1959	8%	2%
1960-1979	15%	13%
1980-1989	9%	15%
1990-1999	25%	22%
2000-2009	20%	26%
2010-2018	23%	22%
Estimated Immigrant Population	2,366	43,839,774
Median Year of Immigration	1997	1999

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Language Spoken at Home Among Immigrants

Age 5+

Immigrants in Montana		All Other Immigrants in the United States, Excluding Montana	
English	47%	Spanish	42%
Spanish	13%	English	17%
Filipino, Tagalog	8%	Chinese	6%
German	5%	Hindi and related	5%
53 Other Languages	28%	112 Other Languages	30%
Estimated Immigrant Population (Age 5+)	23,906	Estimated Immigrant Population (Age 5+)	44,082,884

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English Proficiency Among Immigrants

	Immigrants in Montana	All Other Immigrants in the United States, Excluding Montana
Proficient in English	78%	53%
Not Proficient in English	22%	47%
Estimated Immigrant Population (Age	23,906	44,082,884

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Age Among Immigrants

	Immigrants in Montana	All Other Immigrants in the United States, Excluding Montana
0 to 15 years old	6%	5%
16 to 24 years old	12%	8%
25 to 34 years old	15%	17%
35 to 44 years old	18%	21%
45 to 54 years old	15%	20%
55 to 64 years old	12%	15%
65 years and older	22%	16%
Estimated Immigrant Population	23,955	44,387,796
Median Age	44	45

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Naturalization Rates

	Immigrants in Montana	All Other Immigrants in the United States, Excluding Montana
Naturalized Citizen	56%	51%
Not a Citizen	44%	49%
Estimated Immigrant Population	23,955	44,387,796

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Educational Attainment

Age 25+

	Immigrants in Montana	All Other Immigrants in the United States, Excluding Montana
No High School Diploma	16%	27%
High School Diploma	21%	22%
Some College or Associate’s Degree	21%	19%
Bachelor’s Degree	24%	18%
Master's, Professional, or Doctoral Degree	18%	14%
Estimated Immigrant Population	19,614	38,986,925

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Industry

In the Labor Force, Employed, Ages 16-65

Immigrants in the Montana		All Other Immigrants in the United States, Excluding Montana	
Accommodation and Food Services	21%	Health Care and Social Assistance	13%
Health Care and Social Assistance	16%	Manufacturing	11%
Educational Services	12%	Construction	10%
Construction	7%	Accommodation and Food Services	9%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	7%	Retail Trade	9%
13 Other Industry Groups	37%	15 Other Industry Groups	48%
Estimated Immigrant Population	12,783	Estimated Immigrant Population	25,809,795

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For fact sheets that include refugee data, data was retrieved from: RPC [Refugee Processing Center Refugee Arrivals by State and Nationality]. <https://www.wrapsnet.org/archives/>.

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