### Metropolitan Washington ranks 7th in number of immigrant residents

**Top Ten Immigrant Populations by Metropolitan Area, 2000**

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<th>Rank</th>
<th>Metropolitan Area</th>
<th>Foreign Born Population</th>
<th>Percent Foreign Born</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Los Angeles</td>
<td>3,449,444</td>
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<td>New York</td>
<td>3,139,647</td>
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<td>Chicago</td>
<td>1,425,978</td>
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<td>Miami</td>
<td>1,147,765</td>
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<td>Houston</td>
<td>854,669</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Orange County</td>
<td>849,899</td>
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<td>Washington DC</td>
<td>832,016</td>
<td>16.9</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>Riverside-San Bernardino</td>
<td>612,359</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>San Diego</td>
<td>606,254</td>
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<td>Dallas</td>
<td>591,169</td>
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Source: US Census Bureau

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Data and Methodology

• Study uses 1980, 1990 and 2000 Census data.

• Define foreign-born as:

  * All persons born outside the United States
  
  * Census 2000 did not ask about immigration status

  * Includes legal permanent residents, temporary migrants (e.g., students), refugees and asylum seekers, and undocumented migrants.
Metropolitan Washington’s foreign-born population grew by 70 percent in the 1990s, or nearly 350,000 immigrants.

**Immigrants in the Washington Metropolitan Region 1970-2000**

- 1970: 127,579
- 1980: 256,535
- 1990: 489,668
- 2000: 832,016

Source: US Census Bureau

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Share of Foreign Born by Jurisdiction, 1970 and 2000

1970
Total Foreign Born 127,579

- DC: 26%
- Montgomery: 28%
- Fairfax: 13%
- Alexandria: 4%
- Prince George's: 18%
- Outer Suburbs: 2%
- Far Suburbs: 0%

2000
Total Foreign Born 832,016

- DC: 9%
- Montgomery: 28%
- Fairfax: 30%
- Alexandria: 4%
- Arlington: 6%
- Prince George's: 13%
- Outer Suburbs: 9%
- Far Suburbs: 1%

Source: US Census Bureau

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More than one-quarter of the population of Arlington, Alexandria and Montgomery counties are immigrants.

Share Foreign Born by Jurisdiction, Washington Metropolitan Area, 2000

Washington DC PMSA: 16.9%
District of Columbia: 12.9%
Arlington County: 27.8%
Alexandria city: 25.4%
Montgomery County: 26.7%
Prince George's County: 13.8%
Fairfax County: 24.4%
Outer Suburbs: 7.6%
Far Suburbs: 2.8%

Source: US Census Bureau
New immigrants made up nearly half of the overall population growth in the region in the 1990s

Source: US Census Bureau

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In 1990, immigrants resided close to the core of the region

Percent Foreign Born (By Census Tract)

- Less than 5%
- 5% - 15%
- 16% - 25%
- 26% - 35%
- Greater than 35%

Source: US Census Bureau

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In 2000, the core of the region became more densely settled, while the suburban areas increased their shares.
In 2000, nearly half of metropolitan Washington’s immigrants had arrived in the United States in the 1990s.

Source: US Census Bureau

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### Region of Birth of the Foreign-Born in the Washington Metropolitan Area, 2000

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<td>Latin America/Caribbean</td>
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Washington has the second largest Salvadoran community in the United States, however, they constitute only 13 percent of the region’s immigrants.

Source: US Census Bureau
Many neighborhoods across the region have high shares of immigrant residents

Largest Share Foreign-Born, by Selected Place, 2000

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<th>Neighborhood</th>
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<td>Seven Corners</td>
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<td>Bailey's Crossroads</td>
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<td>Lincolnia</td>
<td>47.7</td>
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<td>Jefferson</td>
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<td>Langley Park</td>
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<td>Adelphi</td>
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<td>Wheaton-Glenmont</td>
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<td>Chillum</td>
<td>38.0</td>
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<td>Columbia Heights West &amp; Forest Glen</td>
<td>58.8</td>
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<td>Buckingham</td>
<td>52.7</td>
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<td>Mt. Pleasant &amp; Columbia Heights</td>
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<td>Kalorama Heights &amp; Adams Morgan</td>
<td>25.2</td>
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Percent of the Total Population that is Foreign Born in Selected Places, 2000

SILVER SPRING (35.2%)
- El Salvador 22.5
- Ethiopia 5.6
- Vietnam 5.4
- Other Western Africa 3.8
- Guatemala 3.7

LOGAN CIRCLE/SHAW (23.9%)
- El Salvador 25.2
- Guatemala 11.6
- Mexico 10.1
- China 7.4
- Vietnam 4.0

BUCKINGHAM (52.7%)
- El Salvador 25.9
- Bolivia 24.9
- Vietnam 18.1
- Guatemala 9.5
- Mexico 5.5
- Bolivia 4.1
- El Salvador 3.9
- India 4.0

Source: US Census Bureau

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English Language Proficiency

- 17 percent of region’s foreign-born speak only English
- 62 percent report they speak English well or very well
- 21 percent report they cannot speak English well or at all
- Higher shares of immigrants in Arlington, Alexandria and the District cannot speak English well or at all
- Larger numbers living in Montgomery and Fairfax are not proficient in English
Linguistic Isolation in the Washington Metropolitan Area, 2000

Linguistic Isolation- Households Where No One Over 14 Speaks English 'Very Well'

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Compared with other immigrant gateways, Washington’s poverty rates for foreign-born residents is lower.
The share of poor immigrants varies across jurisdictions; the core has higher shares, inner suburbs have larger numbers.

Average 10.6% for foreign-born

Source: US Census Bureau

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Median Household Income and Areas of Immigrant Residential Concentration, 2000

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- Median Household Income
  - Less than 50% of Median Income
  - 50% - 100% of Median Income
  - 101% - 150% of Median Income
  - Greater than 150% of Median Income

- Percent of Total Population that is Foreign Born
  - Greater than 17%

- Poverty Rate of Foreign Born Population Greater than 25%

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