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# **International Immigration to Maryland**

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# Maryland Remains Major Destination for Immigrants

- Maryland remains a major destination for both legal and unauthorized immigrants.
- In 2012, Maryland ranked tenth in the number of legal permanent residents entering the State. This accounted for 2.4% of the national total.
- Nationwide, over 1 million legal permanent residents entered the country, with 52.9% residing in California, New York, Florida, and Texas.
- Mexico is the leading source for legal permanent residents, followed by China, India, the Philippines, and the Dominican Republic.

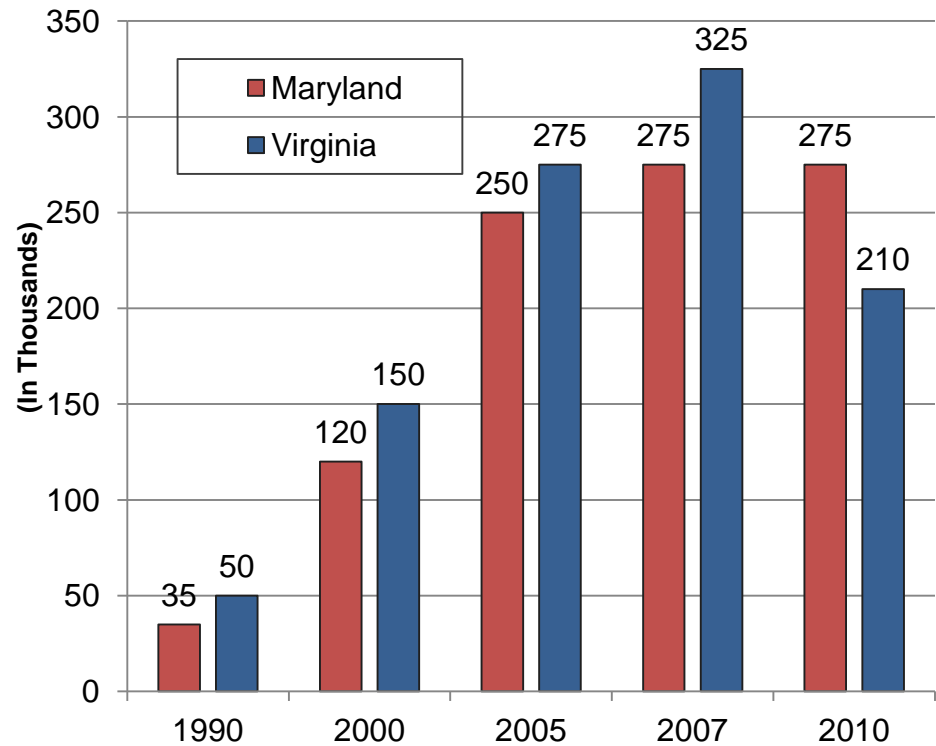
**Legal Permanent Residents – 2012  
Leading States**

Rank	State	
1	California	19.1%
2	New York	14.5%
3	Florida	10.0%
4	Texas	9.3%
5	New Jersey	4.9%
6	Illinois	3.7%
7	Massachusetts	3.0%
8	Virginia	2.7%
9	Georgia	2.5%
<b>10</b>	<b>Maryland</b>	<b>2.4%</b>

# Unauthorized Immigrants in Maryland

- Unauthorized immigrants comprise a significant portion of Maryland's immigrant community.
- In 2010, approximately 275,000 unauthorized immigrants resided in Maryland, the tenth highest level in the country.
- Unauthorized immigrants account for 6.2% of the State's labor force and 4.6% of the State's population.
- Nationally, unauthorized immigrants account for 5.2% of the labor force and 3.7% of total population.

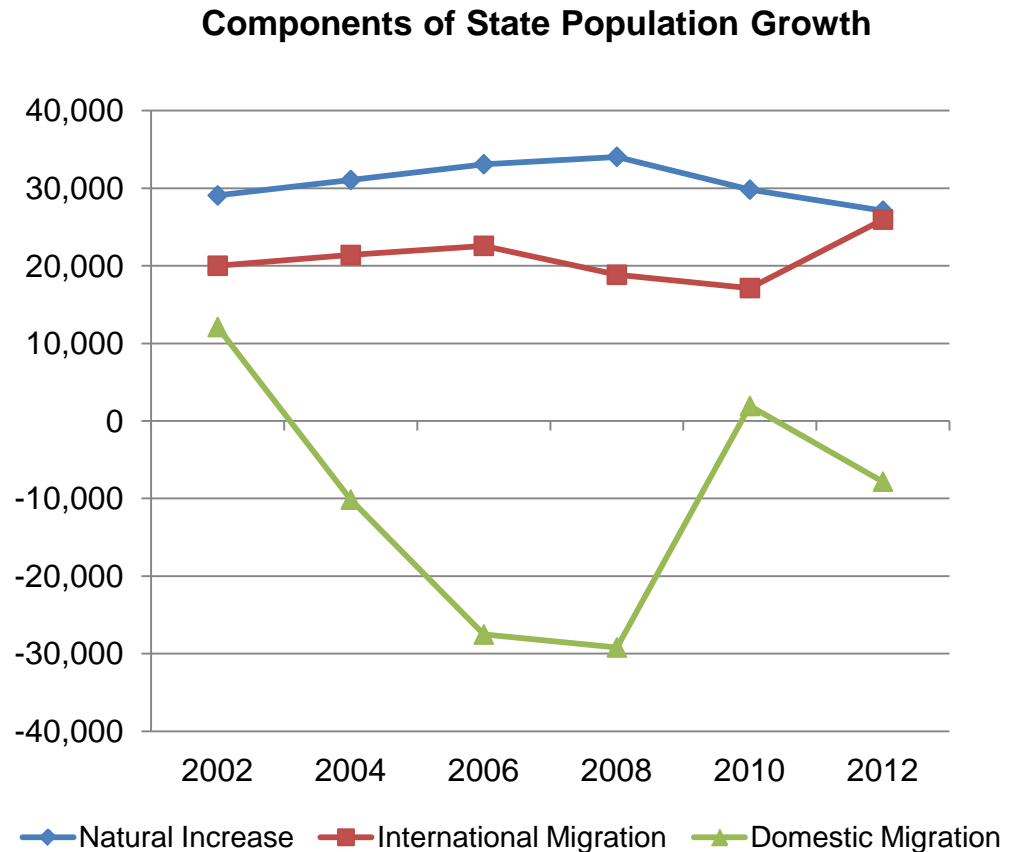
Unauthorized Immigrant Population in Maryland and Virginia



Source: Pew Hispanic Center

# Immigration Drives Population Growth

- International immigration accounted for around 40% of State population growth between 2000 and 2012.
- Population gain resulting from international immigration totaled almost 250,000 during this period.
- During this 12-year period, the net gain in the State population from international immigration averaged around 20,000.



# Immigration Concentrated in National Capital Region

- Immigration to Maryland is concentrated in the National Capital Region which includes Frederick, Montgomery, and Prince George’s counties.
- 71.4% of immigrants arriving in Maryland since July 2000 located in these three counties.
- Montgomery County remains the most popular locality for immigrants, with nearly 50% of all recent immigrants deciding to live in the county.

**International Immigration to Maryland  
Leading Jurisdictions  
2000 to 2012**

Rank	County	
1	Montgomery	45.3%
2	Prince George’s	24.6%
3	Baltimore	9.4%
4	Baltimore City	5.8%
5	Howard	5.0%
6	Anne Arundel	3.1%
7	Frederick	1.5%
8	Wicomico	1.0%
9	Harford	0.6%
10	Washington	0.5%

# Most Regions of Maryland Affected by Immigration

## INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION FOR MARYLAND

	<u>7/1/2000- 7/1/2001</u>	<u>7/1/2001- 7/1/2002</u>	<u>7/1/2002- 7/1/2003</u>	<u>7/1/2003- 7/1/2004</u>	<u>7/1/2004- 7/1/2005</u>	<u>7/1/2005- 7/1/2006</u>	<u>7/1/2006- 7/1/2007</u>	<u>7/1/2007- 7/1/2008</u>	<u>7/1/2008- 7/1/2009</u>	<u>7/1/2009- 7/1/2010</u>	<u>7/1/2010- 7/1/2011</u>	<u>7/1/2011- 7/1/2012</u>
MARYLAND	21,486	20,010	15,408	21,393	21,141	22,574	19,328	18,849	16,608	17,133	23,450	25,960
BALTIMORE REGION	<u>5,077</u>	<u>4,256</u>	<u>2,293</u>	<u>5,336</u>	<u>4,614</u>	<u>5,321</u>	<u>4,202</u>	<u>4,204</u>	<u>3,546</u>	<u>3,851</u>	<u>7,712</u>	<u>8,819</u>
Anne Arundel County	629	53	-1,104	1,350	508	1,032	491	632	434	714	1,038	1,717
Baltimore County	1,987	1,926	1,658	1,668	1,805	1,834	1,618	1,539	1,357	1,337	2,979	3,095
Carroll County	66	61	47	78	74	82	65	65	57	61	81	99
Harford County	144	53	-130	221	102	182	93	113	80	121	245	351
Howard County	1,066	999	811	976	993	1,041	912	876	753	766	1,494	1,601
Baltimore City	1,185	1,164	1,011	1,043	1,132	1,150	1,023	979	865	852	1,875	1,956
SUBURBAN WASHINGTON REGION	<u>15,561</u>	<u>15,199</u>	<u>13,175</u>	<u>14,868</u>	<u>15,752</u>	<u>16,195</u>	<u>14,378</u>	<u>13,829</u>	<u>12,371</u>	<u>12,436</u>	<u>14,440</u>	<u>15,485</u>
Frederick County	257	210	97	297	247	296	228	235	197	220	670	749
Montgomery County	10,246	10,143	9,130	9,340	10,154	10,265	9,267	8,854	7,967	7,911	8,235	8,659
Prince George's County	5,058	4,846	3,948	5,231	5,351	5,634	4,883	4,740	4,207	4,305	5,535	6,077
SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION	<u>186</u>	<u>-72</u>	<u>-582</u>	<u>548</u>	<u>143</u>	<u>373</u>	<u>144</u>	<u>217</u>	<u>144</u>	<u>279</u>	<u>310</u>	<u>609</u>
Calvert County	58	32	-26	91	50	74	46	53	42	57	42	73
Charles County	72	-29	-231	213	53	147	56	84	56	108	166	285
St. Mary's County	56	-75	-325	244	40	152	42	80	46	114	102	251
WESTERN MARYLAND REGION	<u>124</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>117</u>	<u>111</u>	<u>121</u>	<u>102</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>220</u>	<u>235</u>
Allegany County	16	15	7	15	13	15	12	11	10	12	21	24
Garrett County	6	5	5	6	7	7	7	5	6	6	12	12
Washington County	102	90	63	96	91	99	83	83	72	77	187	199
UPPER EASTERN SHORE REGION	<u>233</u>	<u>228</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>241</u>	<u>241</u>	<u>257</u>	<u>228</u>	<u>226</u>	<u>204</u>	<u>211</u>	<u>213</u>	<u>227</u>
Caroline County	70	71	70	77	81	88	77	80	74	76	37	40
Cecil County	59	53	42	61	59	64	59	57	46	48	69	74
Kent County	12	11	8	10	10	11	8	7	8	8	25	26
Queen Anne's County	54	53	42	49	47	49	44	43	39	41	30	33
Talbot County	38	40	38	44	44	45	40	39	37	38	52	54
LOWER EASTERN SHORE REGION	<u>305</u>	<u>289</u>	<u>247</u>	<u>283</u>	<u>280</u>	<u>307</u>	<u>274</u>	<u>274</u>	<u>255</u>	<u>261</u>	<u>555</u>	<u>585</u>
Dorchester County	8	7	2	11	8	11	9	10	10	11	46	48
Somerset County	34	34	31	34	38	39	33	31	28	29	49	52
Wicomico County	192	179	155	172	169	189	171	172	161	164	375	394
Worcester County	71	69	59	66	65	68	61	61	56	57	85	91

# Foreign-born Population in Maryland

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- Maryland has the tenth highest concentration of foreign-born residents in the country.
- 13.8% of State residents are foreign-born compared to 12.9% nationally.
- Factors leading to a high share of foreign-born residents include the proximity to the nation's capital, a relatively strong and diverse economy, leading institutions of higher education, and progressive State and local policies.
- In recent years, Maryland enacted legislation relating to the Dream Act and driver's licenses for unauthorized immigrants.

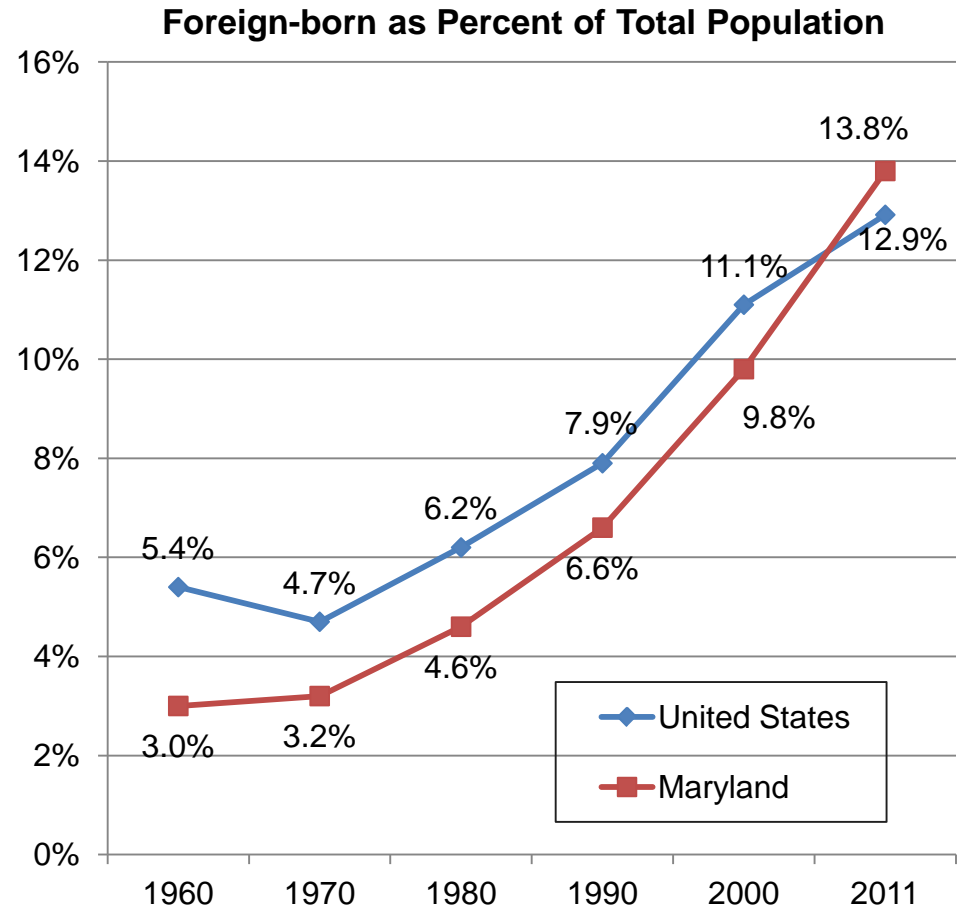
## Foreign-born Share of Total Population Leading States

Rank	State	
1	California	27.2%
2	New York	22.0%
3	New Jersey	21.0%
4	Florida	19.3%
5	Nevada	19.1%
6	Hawaii	18.0%
7	Texas	16.3%
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# Increase in Foreign-born Population

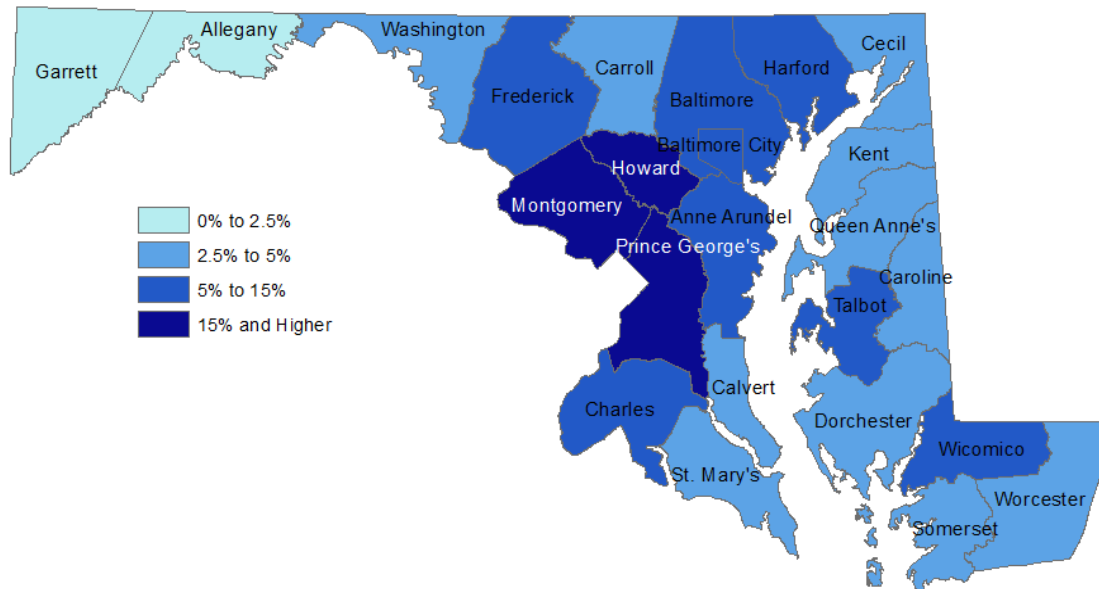
- Foreign-born population in Maryland has steadily increased in number over the last five decades.
- In 1960, the foreign-born population accounted for 3.0% of the State's population and 5.4% of the national population.
- In 2011, the foreign-born population accounted for 13.8% of the State's population and 12.9% of the national population.



# Foreign-born Population by County

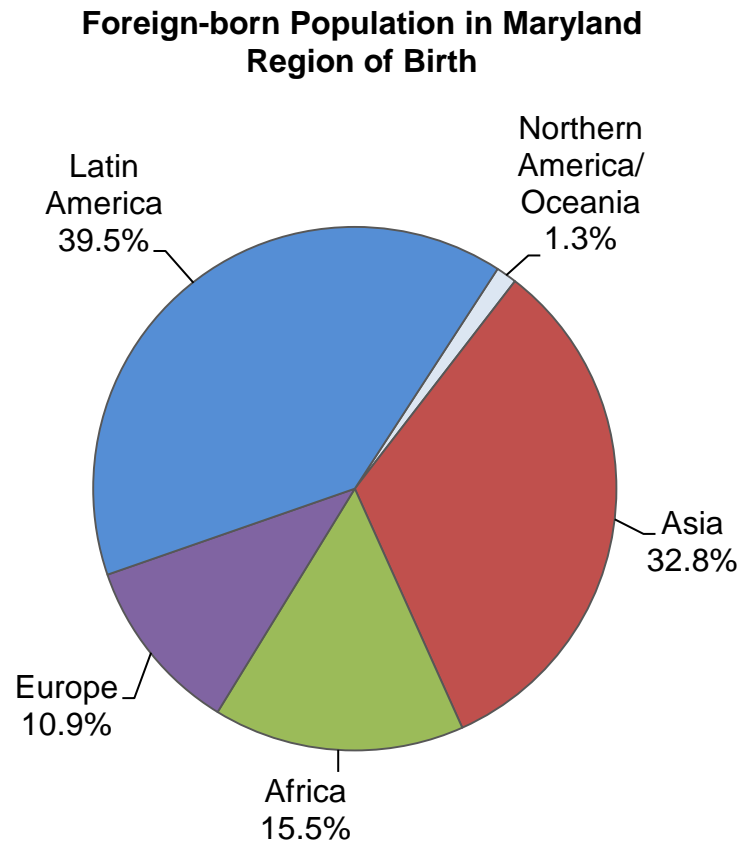
- Foreign-born population in Maryland is concentrated in the Baltimore/Washington Corridor.
- Montgomery County is home to 39.0% of the State's foreign-born population.
- Nearly one-third of Montgomery County's population is foreign born, the highest share in Maryland.
- Prince George's County has the second highest share with foreign-born residents comprising 20% of the county population.

**Foreign-born Population in Maryland  
2009-2011 Average**



# World Region of Origin

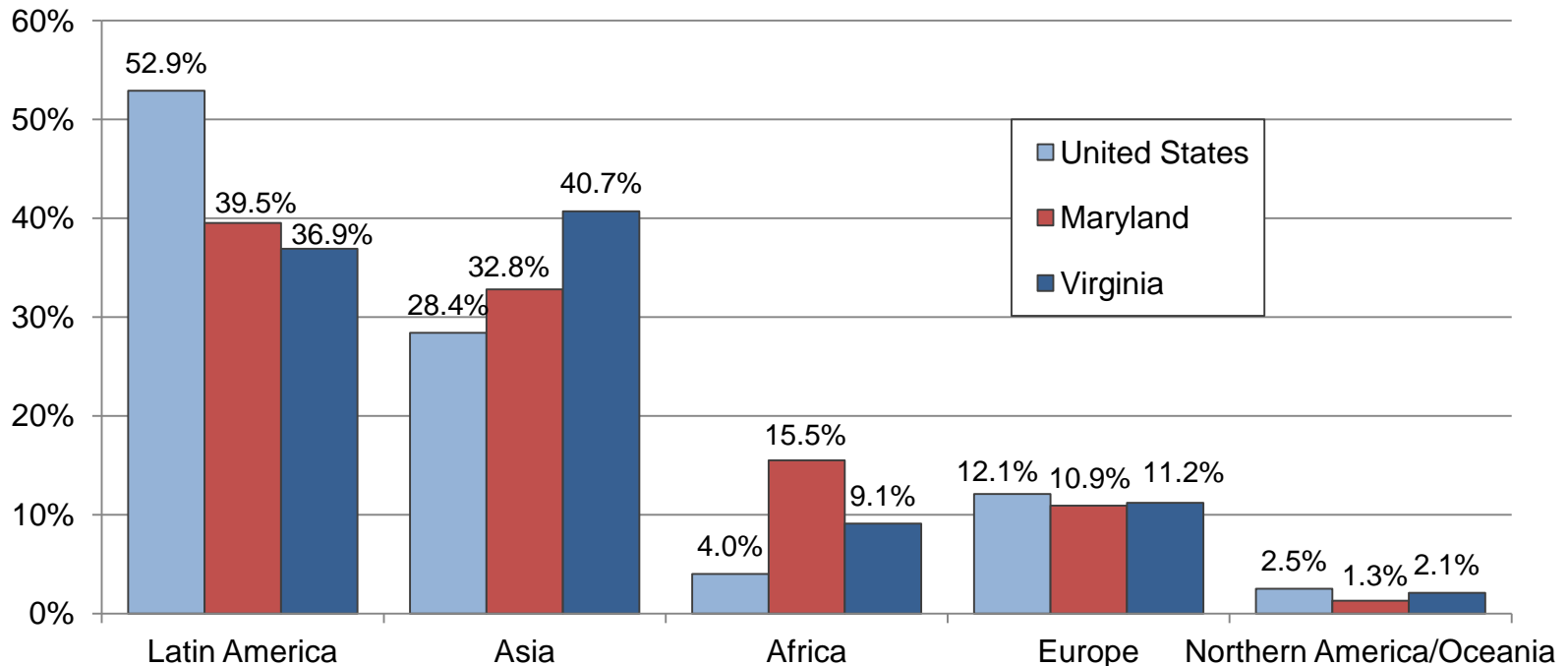
- Compared to other states, the foreign-born population in Maryland is more ethnically diverse.
- Maryland has a relatively high percentage of foreign-born residents from Africa and Asia compared to other states and a lower percentage of foreign-born residents from Latin America.
- However, Latin America remains the leading world region of origin for foreign-born residents in Maryland.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2011 American Community Survey

# World Region of Origin Comparison

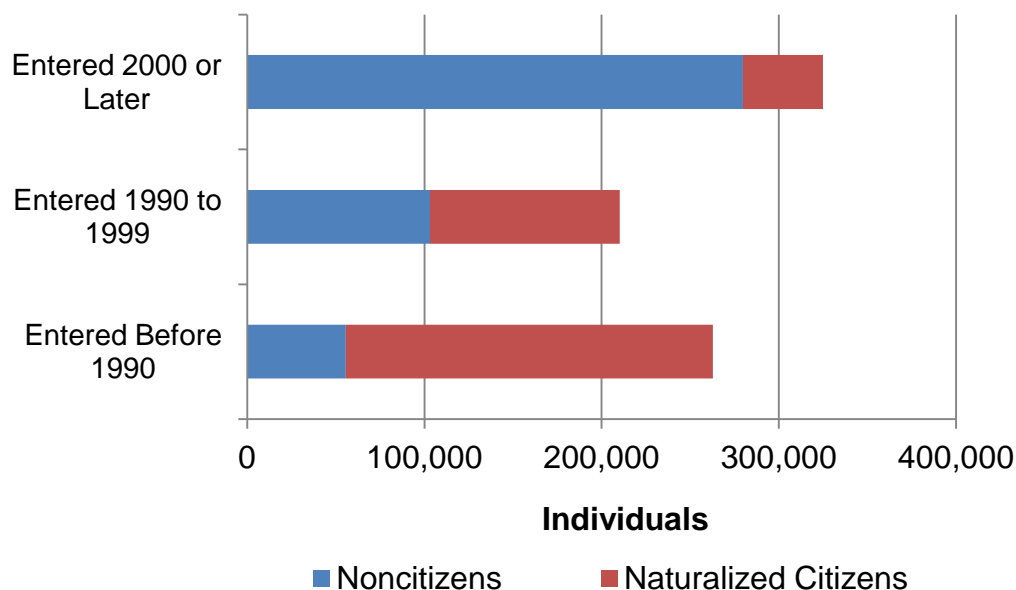
- El Salvador is the leading country of origin for Maryland's immigrant community, with Salvadorans accounting for 13% of the foreign-born population.
- India, China, Mexico, the Philippines, Guatemala, and Korea represent other leading countries of origin for Maryland's foreign-born population.



# Year of Entry and Citizenship

- The longer foreign-born residents are present in the country, the more likely they are to become naturalized citizens.
- In Maryland, 79% of immigrants who entered the country before 1990 are naturalized citizens, compared to only 14% of immigrants who entered the county since 2000.
- Nationwide, 72% of immigrants who entered the country before 1990 are naturalized citizens, compared to only 14% of immigrants who entered the country since 2000.

**Foreign-born Population in Maryland  
by Year of Entry and Citizenship Status**

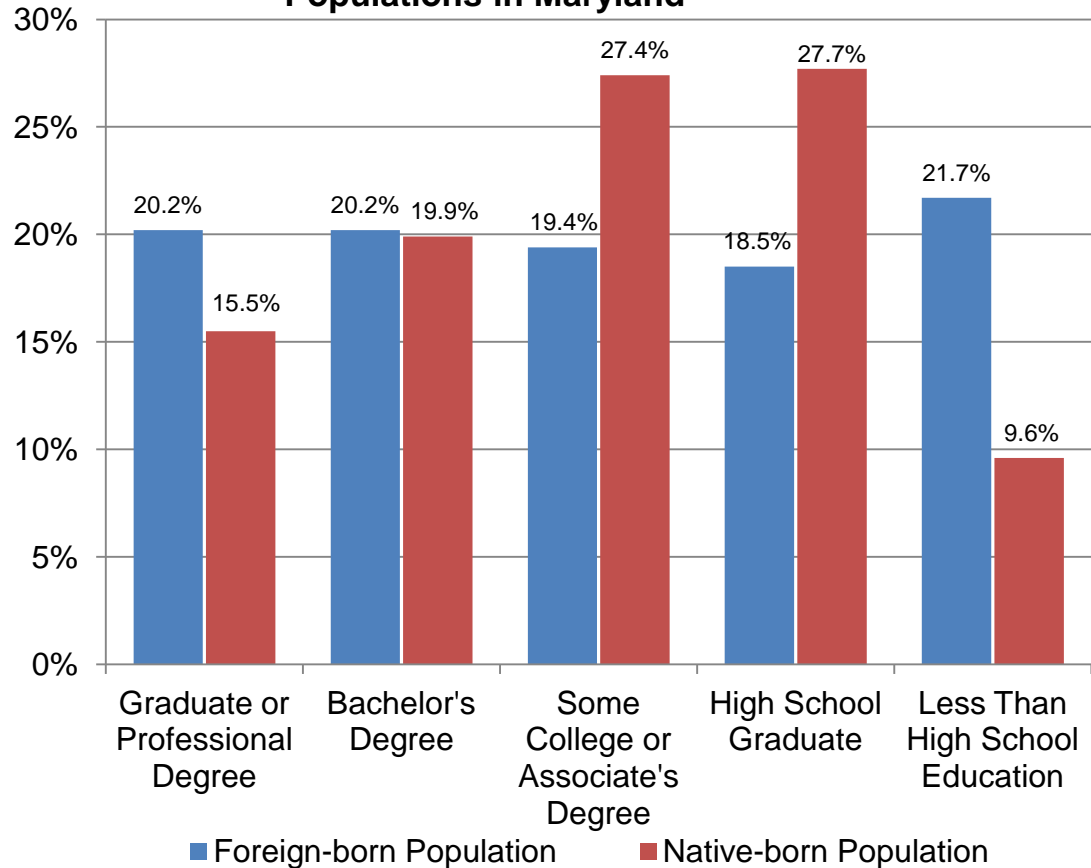


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# Educational Attainment

- Foreign-born population in Maryland is relatively well educated compared to the native-born population.
- 20% of the State's foreign-born population has a graduate or professional degree compared to 15.5% of the native-born population.
- An area of concern is the relatively high percentage of foreign-born individuals who have not graduated from high school.
- 22% of foreign-born individuals have less than a high school education compared to 10% of native-born individuals.

**Educational Attainment of Foreign-born and Native-born Populations in Maryland**

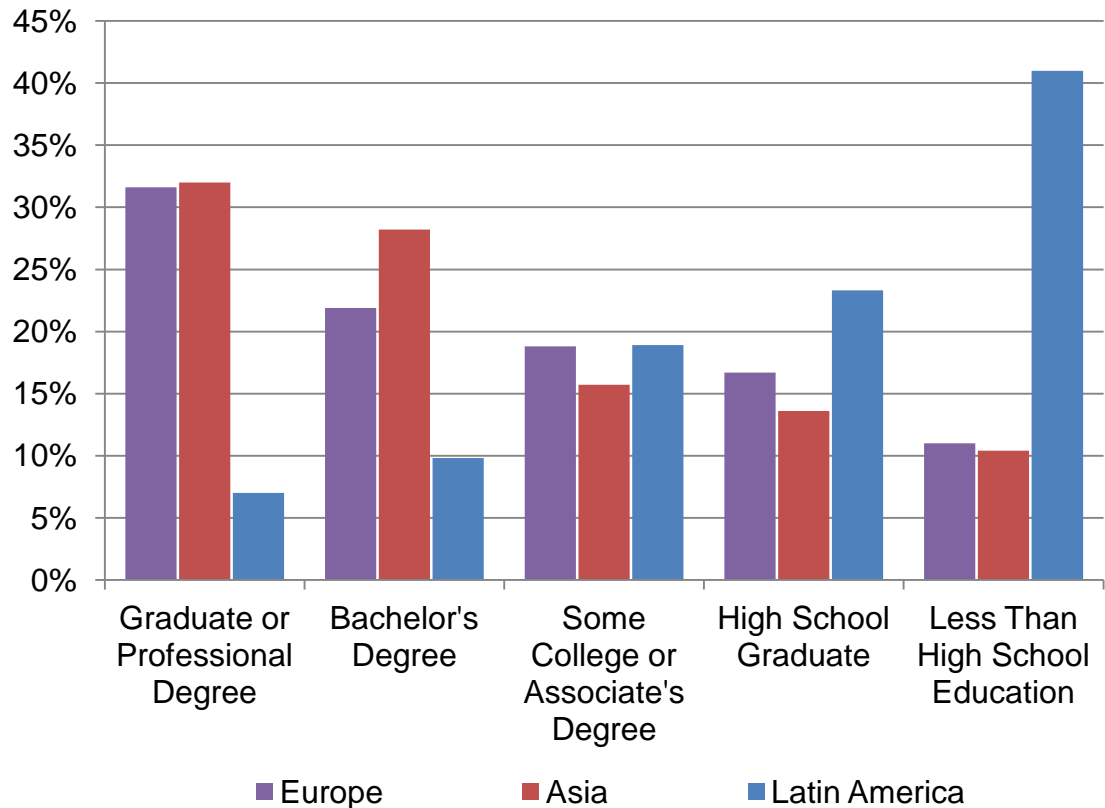


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# Educational Attainment by World Region

- The educational attainment of the foreign-born population in Maryland varies greatly based on their world region of birth.
- Asians have the highest educational attainment, while individuals from Latin America have the lowest level of educational attainment.
- Disparities are most pronounced in Montgomery and Prince George's counties.

Educational Attainment of the Foreign-born Population in Maryland by World Region of Birth



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2011 American Community Survey

# Economic Characteristics

- Maryland's economy is heavily dependent on immigrant labor.
- Foreign-born workers comprise 18% of the State's civilian labor force, of which 46% are naturalized citizens and 54% are noncitizens.

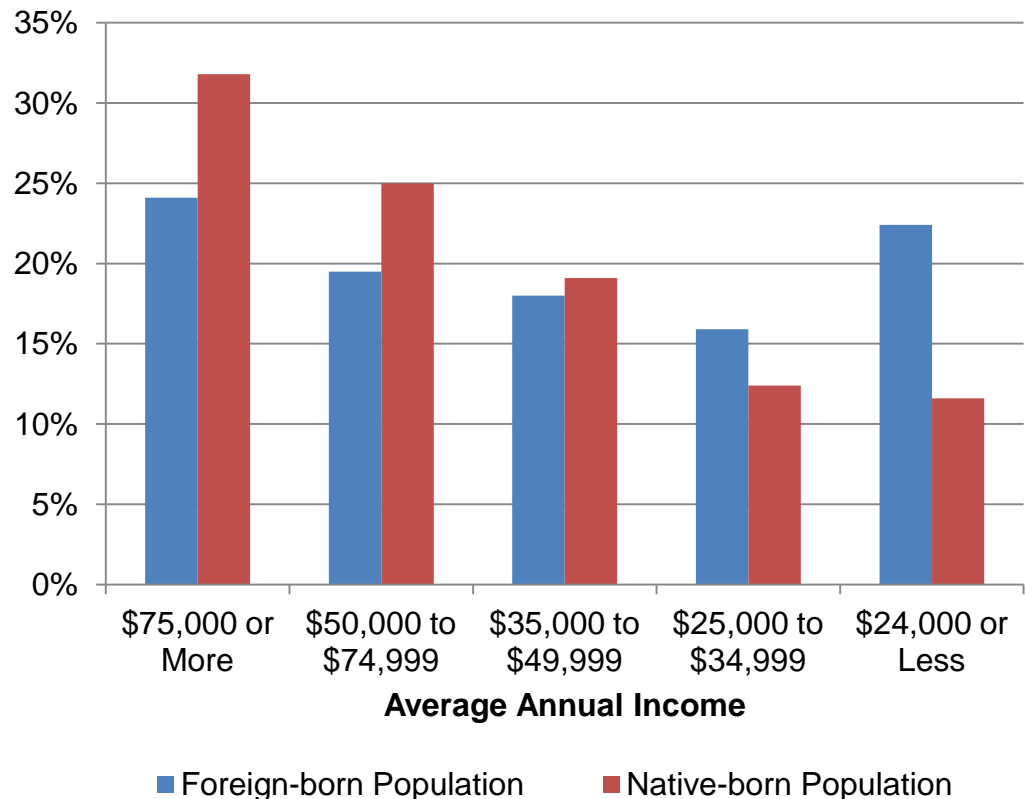
	Native Born	Foreign-born U.S. Citizen	Foreign-born Noncitizen
Median Household Income	\$71,940	\$77,944	\$57,032
Workers per Household	1.27	1.55	1.80
Median Earnings - Male	\$61,061	\$60,348	\$35,905
Median Earnings - Female	\$49,600	\$48,578	\$30,882
In Civilian Labor Force	67.5%	75.0%	76.1%
Unemployment Rate	5.9%	4.5%	7.1%
Professional Occupations	44.9%	49.9%	28.6%
Sales/Office Occupations	25.0%	18.8%	14.4%
Service Occupations	15.2%	18.4%	31.1%
Construction Occupations	7.3%	6.0%	16.6%
Production/Transportation	7.7%	6.9%	9.3%



# Income Level by Foreign-born and Native-born Populations

- Immigrant households in Maryland generally earn less than native-born households; however, naturalized citizens tend to have higher incomes than native-born households.
- In many Maryland counties, the income levels of native-born households remain higher than the income levels for the overall foreign-born population and that for naturalized citizens.
- The income disparities are most pronounced in Montgomery County.

Income Levels of Foreign-born and Native-born Populations in Maryland

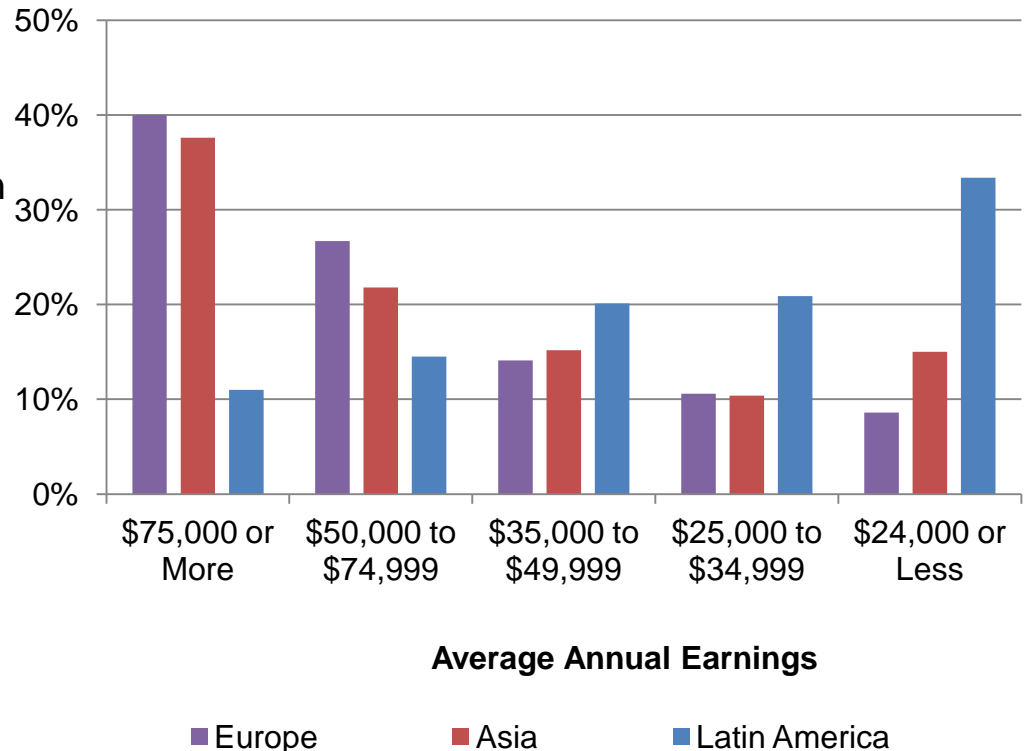


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# Occupation and Income Differences by World Region

- Foreign-born Asians are concentrated in management and professional-related occupations.
- Foreign-born individuals from Latin America are concentrated in service and construction-related occupations, particularly immigrants from Mexico and Central America.
- Foreign-born individuals from Africa are concentrated in professional and service-related occupations.

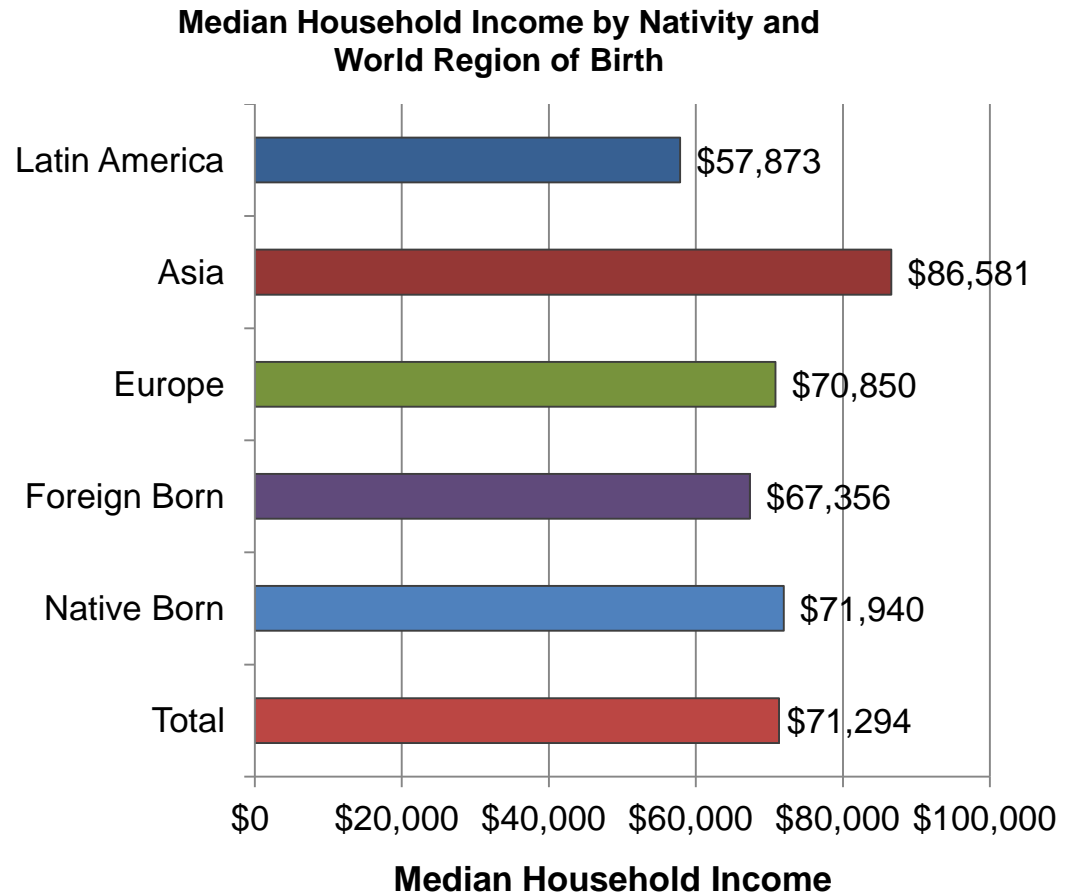
Earnings of the Foreign-born Population in Maryland by World Region of Birth



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2011 American Community Survey

# Income Levels by World Region

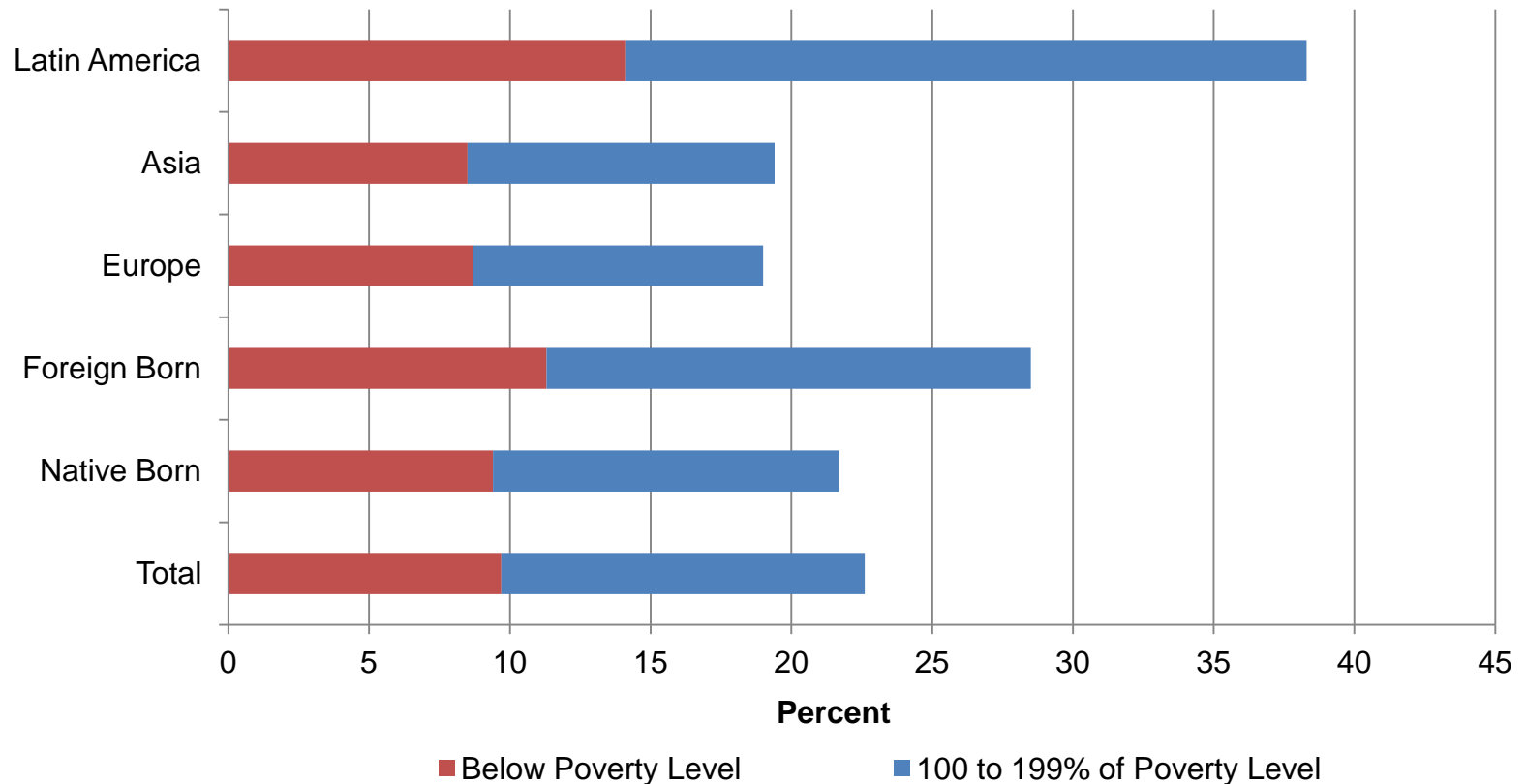
- Immigrant groups with high levels of educational attainment also have relatively high earnings and income.
- Median household income for the foreign-born from Latin America ranged from \$53,300 for Central America, \$56,200 for Mexico, \$61,100 for the Caribbean, and \$64,500 for South America.
- Median household income for the foreign-born from Asia ranged from \$72,300 for Western Asia, \$80,300 for Eastern Asia, \$84,200 for South Eastern Asia, and \$100,100 for South Central Asia.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2011 American Community Survey

# Poverty Rates Vary within Immigrant Communities

Poverty and Near Poverty Status by Nativity and World Region of Birth in Maryland



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2011 American Community Survey

# Future Outlook

- Newly arriving immigrants will continue to shape Maryland’s communities and contribute to the vitality of the State’s economy.
- With around 27% of children in Maryland having at least one immigrant parent, the future of Maryland will be influenced by the social development and success of immigrant-born children.

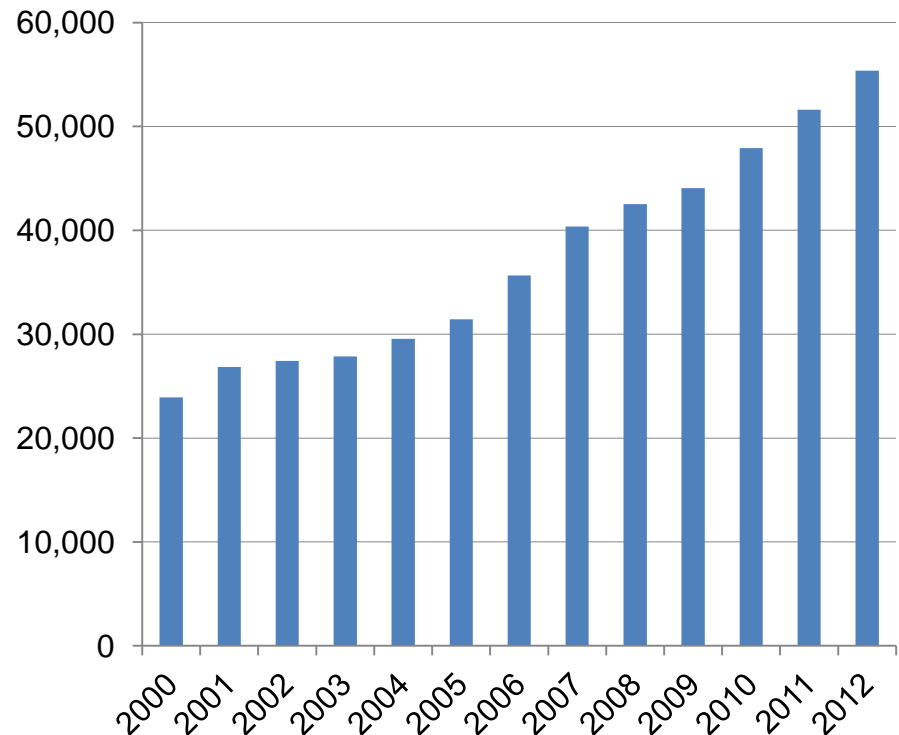
## Children Under the Age of Six Nativity of Parents

<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Native-born Parents</b>		<b>Foreign-born Parents</b>		<b>Native/Foreign-born Parents</b>	
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
United States	17,547,013	75.2%	4,289,822	18.4%	1,510,191	6.5%
Virginia	454,518	76.9%	97,212	16.4%	39,232	6.6%
Maryland	308,072	73.0%	87,016	20.6%	26,850	6.4%
Montgomery	33,710	45.4%	32,757	44.1%	7,768	10.5%
Prince George's	40,867	60.7%	22,160	32.9%	4,317	6.4%

# Public Schools – Limited English Proficient Students

- Over 55,000 public school students in Maryland are identified as being limited English proficient (LEP).
- Montgomery County has the largest presence of LEP students followed by Prince George’s County.
- Since 2000, the number of LEP students in Maryland has increased by 131.5% or approximately 11% on an annualized basis.
- In fiscal 2015, State funding based on LEP enrollment will total approximately \$211 million.

Limited English Proficiency Enrollment  
2000-2012



# Limited English Proficiency Enrollment Growth

Students Identified as Limited English Proficient  
September 2000 to September 2012

<u>County</u>	<u>Sept. 2000</u>	<u>Sept. 2012</u>	<u>Percent Difference</u>	<u>LEP Students as Percent of Total Enrollment</u>	<u>Change in LEP Students</u>		
Allegany	12	24	100.0%	1. Montgomery	14.7%	1. Queen Anne's	461.5%
Anne Arundel	896	3,209	258.1%	2. Prince George's	14.1%	2. Calvert	406.5%
Baltimore City	877	3,043	247.0%	3. Talbot	5.7%	3. Anne Arundel	258.1%
Baltimore	1,848	4,092	121.4%	4. Caroline	4.6%	4. Baltimore City	247.0%
Calvert	31	157	406.5%	5. Anne Arundel	4.3%	5. Frederick	228.4%
Caroline	109	241	121.1%	6. Howard	4.2%	6. Talbot	177.3%
Carroll	97	205	111.3%	7. Frederick	4.1%	7. Washington	155.4%
Cecil	96	148	54.2%	8. Baltimore	4.0%	8. Prince George's	153.8%
Charles	97	220	126.8%	9. Wicomico	3.9%	9. Worcester	135.9%
Dorchester	54	99	83.3%	10. Baltimore City	3.8%	10. Kent	127.3%
Frederick	496	1,629	228.4%	11. Kent	3.7%	11. Charles	126.8%
Garrett	0	2	n/a	12. Somerset	3.3%	12. Wicomico	121.9%
Harford	277	400	44.4%	13. Worcester	2.4%	13. Baltimore	121.4%
Howard	1,408	2,159	53.3%	14. Dorchester	2.2%	14. Caroline	121.1%
Kent	33	75	127.3%	15. Queen Anne's	1.9%	15. Carroll	111.3%
Montgomery	10,290	21,367	107.6%	16. Washington	1.6%	16. Montgomery	107.6%
Prince George's	6,542	16,604	153.8%	17. Harford	1.1%	17. Allegany	100.0%
Queen Anne's	26	146	461.5%	18. Calvert	1.0%	18. Dorchester	83.3%
St. Mary's	134	163	21.6%	19. Cecil	1.0%	19. Somerset	68.5%
Somerset	54	91	68.5%	20. St. Mary's	1.0%	20. Cecil	54.2%
Talbot	88	244	177.3%	21. Charles	0.9%	21. Howard	53.3%
Washington	139	355	155.4%	22. Carroll	0.8%	22. Harford	44.4%
Wicomico	247	548	121.9%	23. Allegany	0.3%	23. St. Mary's	21.6%
Worcester	64	151	135.9%	24. Garrett	0.1%	24. Garrett	n/a
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,915</b>	<b>55,372</b>	<b>131.5%</b>	<b>Statewide</b>	<b>6.7%</b>	<b>Statewide</b>	<b>131.5%</b>

LEP = Limited English Proficient