



The State of Immigrants in Philadelphia, 2019

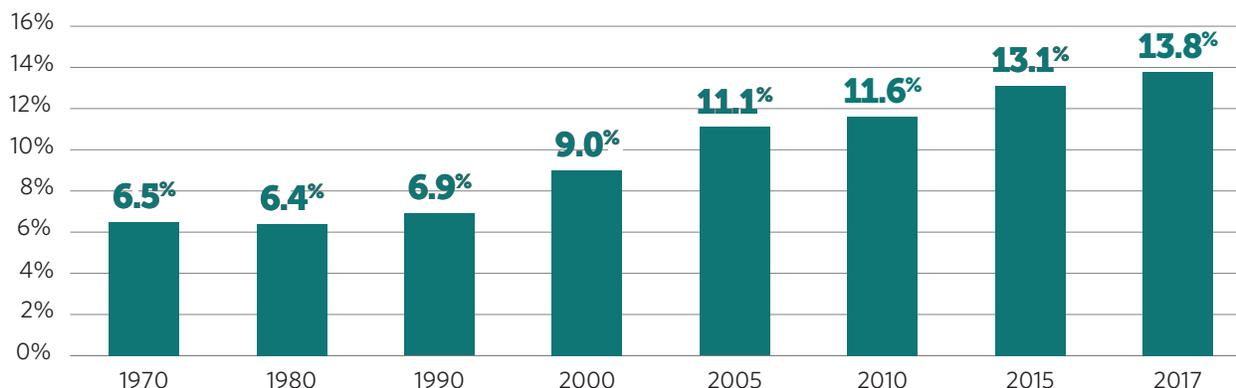
Overview

Philadelphia has seen a big increase in the number of immigrants living, working, and raising families in the city over the past several decades. In 1990, less than 7 percent of Philadelphians were foreign-born, but in the most recent U.S. Census Bureau data, the percentage was twice as high. As highlighted in Pew's 2018 report "[Philadelphia's Immigrants](#)," more than a quarter of Philadelphians are immigrants or have a foreign-born parent. These changes have had a profound impact on the city and are largely responsible for the growth it has experienced since 2006.

Percentage of Residents Who:



Percentage of Philadelphia Residents Born Outside the U.S., 1970-2017



The share of Philadelphians born outside the United States has grown steadily since 1980 and makes up an ever-larger percentage of Philadelphia's population.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, "Nativity of the Population for the 50 Largest Urban Places: 1870 to 1990," <http://www.census.gov/population/www/documentation/twps0029/tab19.html>; U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, one-year estimates, 2005, 2015, and 2017, Table B05002 (Place of Birth by Citizenship Status), <http://factfinder.census.gov>

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Top 10 Countries of Origin for Philadelphians, 2017

Country	Number of residents
China	22,140
Dominican Republic	13,792
Jamaica	13,500
India	11,382
Vietnam	10,132
Haiti	9,186
Mexico	7,823
Ukraine	6,898
Albania	5,258
Korea	4,385

Philadelphia's immigrant population is diverse; the greatest number of foreign-born residents have origins in Asia and the Americas. Chinese immigrants, the largest group, account for approximately 11 percent of the foreign-born population.

Note: In reporting country of origin, the census does not have separate listings for North Korea and South Korea.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, one-year estimates, 2017, Table C05006 (Place of Birth for the Foreign-Born Population), <http://factfinder.census.gov>

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