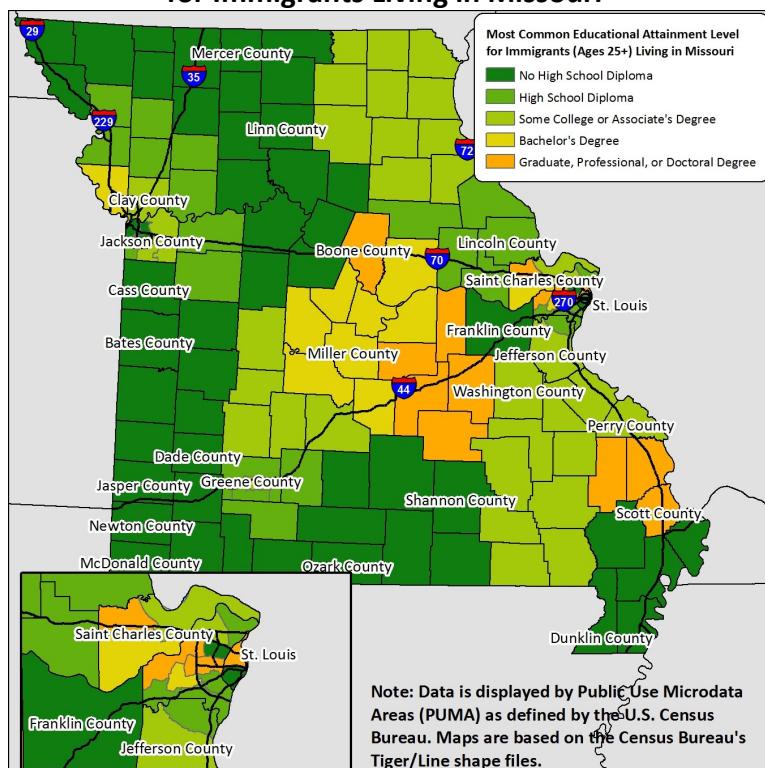


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Figure 1. Most Common Educational Attainment Level for Immigrants Living in Missouri



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Figure 1 presents the most common educational attainment level for immigrants 25 years of age and older living in the state of Missouri. Overall, across the state of Missouri, 23 percent of immigrants do not have a high school diploma, 21 percent of immigrants have a high school diploma, 18 percent of immigrants have some college or Associate's degree, and 38 percent of immigrants have a bachelor's degree or higher. Immigrants living in and around the counties of St. Charles, Boone, Scott, Miller, and Washington reported higher rates of individuals with a bachelor's degree or higher. However, immigrants without a high school diploma predominately reside south and west of the city of St. Louis and in the northwestern, southeastern, and southwestern part of the state.

Figure 2 shows the year of immigration for immigrants living the state of Missouri and select counties. A majority of immigrants living in Missouri immigrated to the U.S. between 1990 to 2009. Additionally, immigrants living in Franklin county reported the earliest median year of immigration (1991) compared to immigrants living in Jefferson County (1996), St. Louis County (1999), St. Louis City (2001), and St. Charles County (2001).

Figure 3 shows the top five countries of birth among immigrants living in Missouri and select counties throughout the state. There are greater proportions of immigrants in the state of Missouri from Mexico (18 percent) compared to the individual selected counties. Additionally, immigrants from Southeast Asia (e.g. Vietnam, Philippines), East Asia (e.g. China), and South Asia (e.g. India) comprise approximately one-quarter (22 percent) of immigrants living in the state of Missouri.

Figure 2. Year of Immigration among Immigrants Living in Missouri and Select Counties

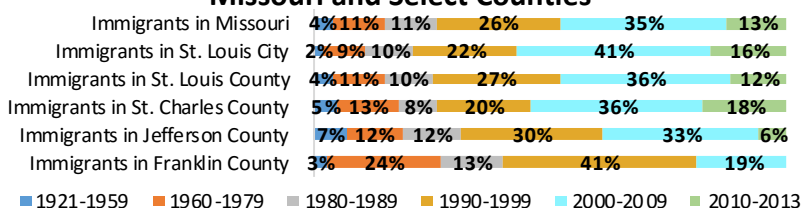


Figure 3. Top Five Countries of Birth among Immigrants Living in the State of Missouri and Select Counties

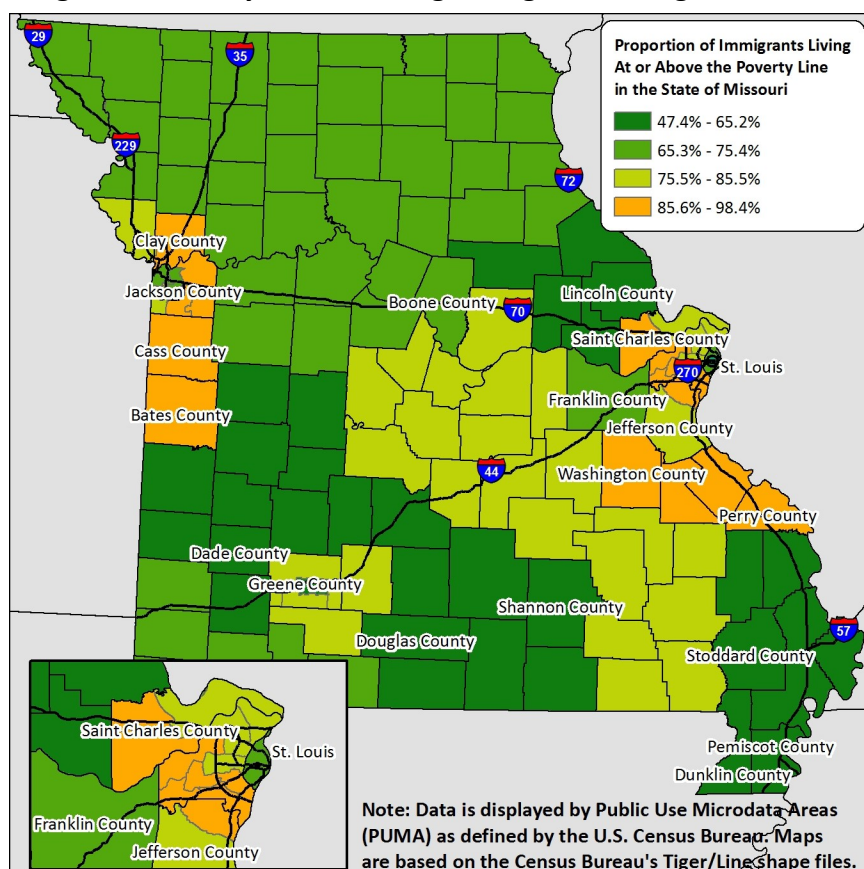
Immigrants in Missouri		Immigrants in St. Louis City		Immigrants in St. Louis County		Immigrants in Franklin County		Immigrants in Jefferson County		Immigrants in St. Charles County	
Country	Percent	Country	Percent	Country	Percent	Country	Percent	Country	Percent	Country	Percent
Mexico	18%	Mexico	14%	India	12%	Romania	20%	Germany	12%	India	19%
India	7%	Vietnam	10%	Bosnia	11%	Germany	13%	Bosnia	10%	Mexico	12%
China	7%	China	7%	China	10%	Vietnam	12%	Philippines	10%	Korea	5%
Vietnam	4%	Iraq	6%	Mexico	8%	China	11%	Canada	9%	Philippines	5%
Philippines	4%	Bosnia	6%	Korea	4%	Mexico	11%	Vietnam	7%	Germany	4%
All Other Countries (n=147)	60%	All Other Countries (n=101)	57%	All Other Countries (n=124)	55%	All Other Countries (n=11)	33%	All Other Countries (n=36)	52%	All Other Countries (n=76)	55%
Estimated Immigrant Population	236,450	Estimated Immigrant Population	21,481	Estimated Immigrant Population	67,745	Estimated Immigrant Population	1,213	Estimated Immigrant Population	3,795	Estimated Immigrant Population	14,827

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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 US 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. Please note that the terms "foreign-born" and "immigrant" are used interchangeably throughout this fact sheet.

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Figure 4. Poverty Status among Immigrants Living in Missouri



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Figure 4 illustrates the proportion of immigrants living at or above the poverty line in the state of Missouri. Across the state of Missouri approximately, 79 percent of immigrants live at or above the poverty line. Additionally, immigrants living in Jefferson County (90 percent), St. Charles County (89 percent), St. Louis County (87 percent), and Franklin County (82 percent) were more likely to be living at or above the poverty line compared to immigrants living in St. Louis City (68 percent). As shown on the map, immigrants living in the western part of the state near Clay, Jackson, Cass, and Bates County and in the eastern part of the state near St. Charles, Jefferson, Washington, and Perry County reported higher proportions of immigrants living at or above the poverty line. However, immigrants living in the southeastern part of the state near Dunklin, Stoddard, and Pemiscot County and in and around the counties of Shannon, Douglas, Dade, and Lincoln reported lower rates of individuals living at or above the poverty line.

Figure 5 shows race and ethnicity among immigrants living in the state of Missouri and select counties. The largest groups of immigrants living in the state of Missouri and across the selected counties identify as Asian (non-Hispanic) and White (non-Hispanic).

Figure 5. Race and Ethnicity among Immigrants Living in Missouri and Select Counties

	Immigrants in Missouri	Immigrants in St. Louis City	Immigrants in St. Louis County	Immigrants in Franklin County	Immigrants in Jefferson County	Immigrants in St. Charles County
Asian (non-Hispanic)	32%	29%	41%	30%	28%	40%
White (non-Hispanic)	28%	30%	36%	53%	61%	25%
White (Hispanic)	15%	13%	8%	2%	9%	17%
Other Race (Hispanic)	12%	7%	4%	15%	2%	5%
Black (non-Hispanic)	9%	13%	8%	0%	0%	7%
Two or more races (non-Hispanic)	3%	6%	3%	0%	<0.5%	4%
Two or more races (Hispanic)	1%	1%	<1%	0%	0%	<0.5%
Other Race (non-Hispanic)	<1%	<1%	<0.5%	0%	0%	<1%
Estimated Immigrant Population	236,450	21,481	67,745	1,213	3,795	14,827

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