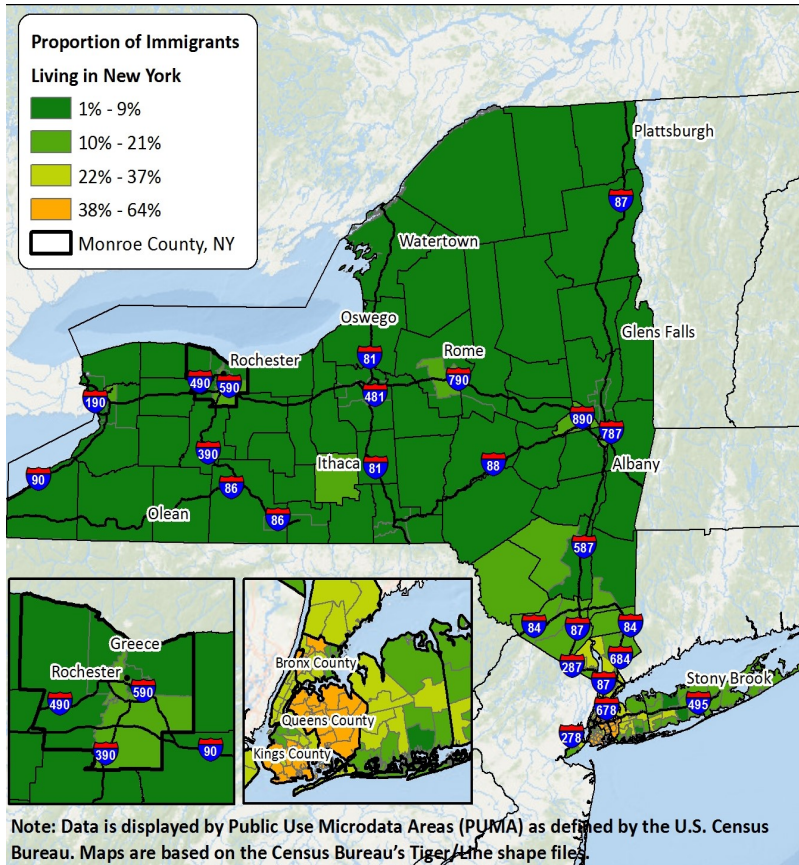


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Figure 1. Distribution of Immigrants Living in New York



As of 2015, an estimated 4,443,274 individuals living in New York were foreign-born*, roughly 23 percent of the state's population. In Rochester, NY, approximately 17,400 individuals were foreign-born (8 percent). Nationally, immigrants comprise 13 percent of the U.S. population. New York ranks 2nd among the 51 states (this includes Washington, DC) in terms of immigrant population. The cities residing in and around Queens, Kings, and Bronx County reported higher than average percentages of immigrants. However, the eastern and central part of the state as well as the city of Oswego reported lower percentages of immigrants (Figure 1).

Naturalization Rates

In New York, 54 percent of all immigrants were naturalized U.S. citizens compared to 47 percent of all immigrants nationally. The proportion of immigrants who have naturalized varies at the local level with Monroe County having higher naturalization rates among foreign-born compared to immigrants in Rochester, NY (Figure 2).

Figure 2. Citizenship Status among Immigrants in Rochester, NY and Select Areas	Naturalized U.S. Citizen	Not a Citizen
Immigrants in Rochester, NY	41%	59%
Immigrants in Monroe County, NY	55%	45%
Immigrants in New York	54%	46%
Immigrants in the United States	47%	53%

Country of Birth

Foreign-born individuals living in Rochester, NY and Monroe County come from a variety of countries. Immigrants living in Rochester, NY were more likely to come from south and eastern Asia and the Caribbean compared to immigrants in the U.S. For example there are greater percentages of immigrants from Jamaica and Cuba living in Rochester, NY compared to immigrants in the U.S.

Figure 3. Top Five Places of Birth among Immigrants Living in Rochester, NY

Immigrants in Rochester, NY		Immigrants in Monroe County, NY		Immigrants in the U.S.	
Country of Birth	Percent	Country of Birth	Percent	Country of Birth	Percent
Jamaica	11%	China	7%	Mexico	28%
Cuba	6%	India	7%	India	5%
China	6%	Italy	6%	Philippines	5%
Bhutan	5%	Ukraine	5%	China	4%
Vietnam	5%	Canada	5%	Vietnam	3%
All Other Countries (n=92)	67%	All Other Countries (n=124)	70%	All Other Countries (n=155)	55%
Estimated Immigrant Population	17,438	Estimated Immigrant Population	49,168	Estimated Immigrant Population	41,757,110

All analysis in this fact sheet is based on source data from the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2011-2015 distributed through IPUMS-USA, University of Minnesota, www.ipums.org.

*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. English Proficiency by Age among Immigrants in Rochester, NY

	Immigrants in Rochester, NY		Immigrants in Monroe County, NY		Immigrants in the U.S.	
	Proficient in English	Not Proficient in English	Proficient in English	Not Proficient in English	Proficient in English	Not Proficient in English
5 to 15 years old	49%	51%	65%	35%	72%	28%
16 to 24 years old	55%	45%	72%	28%	65%	35%
25 to 34 years old	54%	46%	62%	38%	52%	48%
35 to 44 years old	53%	47%	61%	39%	49%	51%
45 to 54 years old	47%	53%	62%	38%	46%	54%
55 to 64 years old	49%	51%	65%	35%	45%	55%
65 years and older	43%	57%	59%	41%	44%	56%
Total	51%	49%	63%	37%	50%	50%
Estimated Immigrant Population	17,340		48,916		41,503,369	

English Proficiency

Figure 4 highlights the proportion of foreign-born individuals who are proficient in English (speaks English very well). In Rochester, NY, 51 percent of foreign-born individuals were proficient in English compared to 50 percent nationwide. However, compared to foreign-born individuals in Rochester, NY and the U.S., foreign-born individuals living in Monroe County were the most likely to speak English very well (63 percent).

Languages Spoken at Home

Figure 5 shows the top five languages spoken at home among foreign-born individuals living in Rochester, NY, Monroe County, NY, and the U.S. Across all three geographic areas, a majority of immigrants speak Spanish or English at home. Nationally, 60 percent of all immigrants speak Spanish or English at home. In Rochester, NY, English and Spanish are the top two languages, and Nepali and other Asian languages round out the top five.

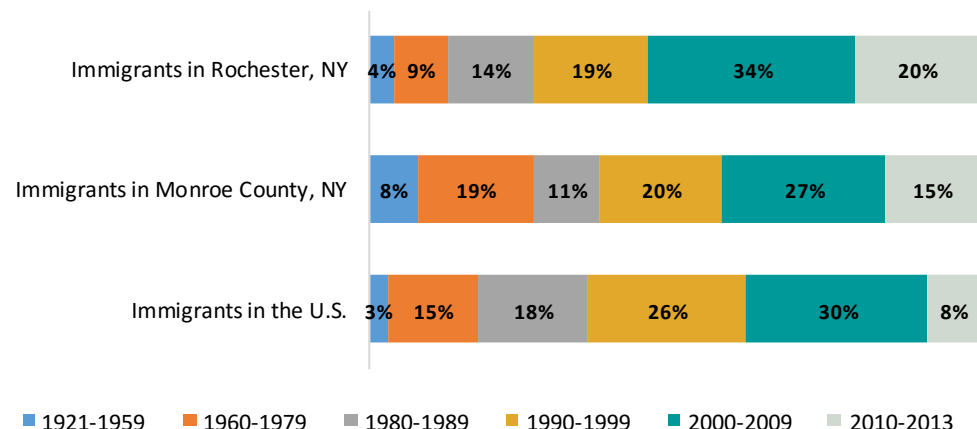
Figure 5. Top Five Languages Spoken at Home among Immigrants Living in Rochester, NY

Immigrants in Rochester, NY		Immigrants in Monroe County, NY		Immigrants in the U.S.	
Language	Percent	Language	Percent	Language	Percent
English	25%	English	27%	Spanish	44%
Spanish	16%	Spanish	9%	English	16%
Nepali	5%	Chinese	6%	Chinese	4%
Other Asian languages	5%	Italian	5%	Filipino, Tagalog	4%
Chinese	5%	Russian	4%	Vietnamese	3%
All Other Languages (n=49)	44%	All Other Languages (n=71)	49%	All Other Languages (n=105)	29%
Estimated Immigrant Population (Ages 5+)	17,340	Estimated Immigrant Population (Ages 5+)	48,916	Estimated Immigrant Population (Ages 5+)	41,503,369

Year of Immigration

As shown in Figure 6, 46 percent of foreign-born individuals living in Rochester, NY and 58 percent of immigrants living in Monroe County arrived in the U.S. before 2000. This is significantly lower when compared to all immigrants in the U.S. (62 percent). This means that the immigrants in the city of Rochester are recent arrivals compared to immigrants in Monroe County and the U.S. as a whole. Additionally, the median year of immigration to the U.S. for foreign-born individuals living in Monroe County and the U.S. is 1995. This is slightly earlier compared to immigrants living in Rochester, NY (2001).

Figure 6. Year of Immigration among Immigrants Living in Rochester, NY

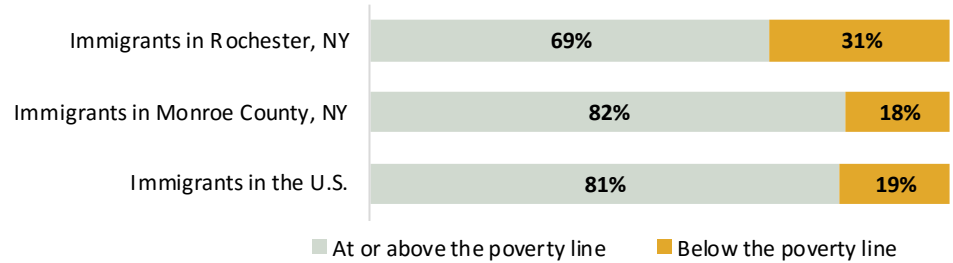


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Poverty Status

Approximately 69 percent of foreign-born individuals living in Rochester, NY live at or above the poverty line (Figure 6). This is lower compared to immigrants living in Monroe County (82 percent) and immigrants living in the U.S. (81 percent).

Figure 6. Poverty Status among Immigrants Living in Rochester, NY



Educational Attainment

Approximately one-quarter (26 percent) of all foreign-born individuals ages 25 years and older living in Rochester, NY earned a bachelor's degree of higher. This is slightly lower compared to foreign-born individuals in the U.S. (29 percent) and foreign-born individuals living in Monroe County (38 percent). However, it is important to note that compared to foreign-born individuals in the U.S., immigrants in Rochester, NY and Monroe County reported higher rates of individuals with a graduate, professional or doctoral degree.

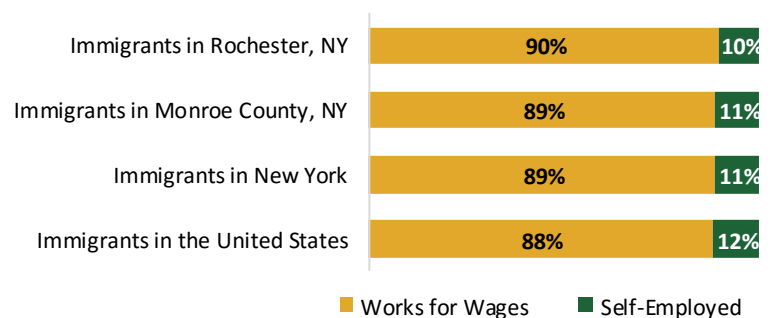
Figure 7. Educational Attainment among Immigrants Living in Rochester, NY

Educational Attainment	Immigrants in Rochester, NY	Immigrants in Monroe County, NY	Immigrants in the U.S.
No High School Diploma	31%	21%	30%
High School Diploma	25%	21%	22%
Some College or Associate's Degree	18%	20%	19%
Bachelor's Degree	11%	16%	17%
Graduate, Professional, or Doctoral Degree	15%	22%	12%
Estimated Immigrant Population (Ages 25+)	13,487	39,677	36,030,146

Employment and Self-Employment

Foreign-born individuals (ages 16+) in the U.S. had slightly higher rates of employment (62 percent) compared to immigrants in living in the state of New York (60 percent), immigrants in Rochester, NY (56 percent), and immigrants in Monroe County (56 percent). However, foreign-born individuals living in these four geographic areas had similar rates of self-employment. Nationally, 12 percent of immigrants in the U.S. were self-employed. Throughout the state of New York and in Monroe County 11 percent of immigrants were self-employed, and 10 percent of immigrants living in Rochester, NY were self-employed.

Figure 8. Self-Employment among Immigrants (Ages 16+) Living in Rochester, NY



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