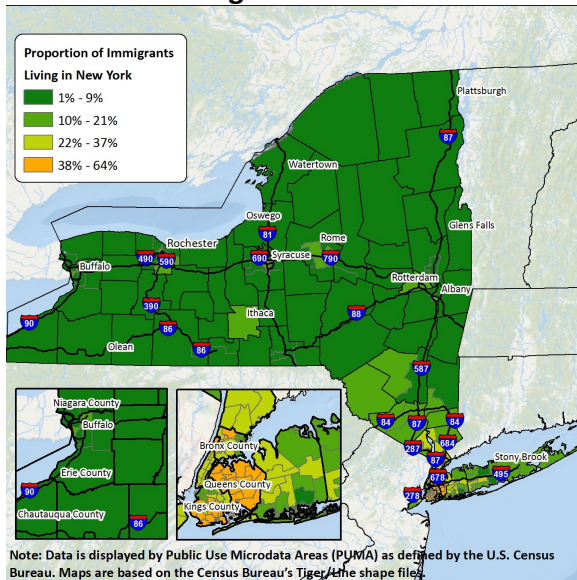


Immigrant Household Heads in Buffalo, NY and Select Counties

**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,* or roughly 23 percent of the state's population. In Buffalo, NY, approximately 22,600 individuals were foreign-born (9 percent). Nationally, immigrants comprise 13 percent of the U.S. population. New York ranks 2nd among the 50 states and Washington, DC in terms of immigrant population. The cities located in and around Queens, Kings, and Bronx County reported higher than average percentages of immigrants. The eastern and central part of the state as well as the city of Oswego reported lower percentages of immigrants.

Household Family Size

Figure 2 shows the number of family members per immigrant and native-born household in Buffalo, NY, select counties in New York, and the U.S. Across these geographic areas, a majority of households have one or two family members. In the U.S., foreign-born households (55 percent) are more likely to have larger families with three or four family members present. Similarly, foreign-born households in Buffalo, NY (45 percent) and Erie County (39 percent) were more likely than native-born households to have three or four family members.

Country of Birth

Foreign-born household heads living in Buffalo, NY and the select counties come from a variety of countries (see Figure 3). There are greater percentages of immigrants from Burma and Bangladesh living in Buffalo, NY compared to immigrants in the U.S. Additionally, due to the close proximity of Buffalo, NY and the select counties to Canada, there are higher percentages of immigrant household heads from Canada living in these areas compared to immigrants in the U.S.

Figure 2. Number of Family Members per Household		Number of Family Members Present			
		1	2	3	4+
Buffalo, NY	Foreign-born	33%	22%	11%	34%
	Native-born U.S. Citizens	45%	28%	13%	14%
Erie County, NY	Foreign-born	34%	27%	14%	25%
	Native-born U.S. Citizens	36%	33%	14%	17%
Niagara County, NY	Foreign-born	38%	30%	15%	17%
	Native-born U.S. Citizens	34%	34%	14%	18%
Chautauque County, NY	Foreign-born	41%	34%	3%	22%
	Native-born U.S. Citizens	33%	36%	14%	17%
United States	Foreign-born	22%	23%	18%	37%
	Native-born U.S. Citizens	32%	34%	15%	19%

Figure 3. Top Five Places of Birth among Immigrant Household Heads Living in Buffalo, NY and Select Counties

Buffalo, NY		Erie County, NY		Niagara County, NY		Chautauque County, NY		United States	
Country	Percent	Country	Percent	Country	Percent	Country	Percent	Country	Percent
Burma	5%	Canada	9%	Canada	28%	Italy	14%	Mexico	26%
Canada	5%	India	7%	Jamaica	11%	Canada	11%	India	5%
China	4%	China	6%	Italy	11%	Mexico	7%	China	4%
Bangladesh	4%	Poland	5%	Germany	8%	Honduras	6%	Philippines	4%
Yemen Arab Republic (North)	3%	Germany	4%	England	5%	Ecuador	6%	Vietnam	3%
All Other Countries (n=92)	79%	All Other Countries (n=119)	69%	All Other Countries (n=40)	37%	All Other Countries (n=31)	56%	All Other Countries (n=155)	58%
Estimated Immigrant Household Head Population	8,353	Estimated Immigrant Household Head Population	24,951	Estimated Immigrant Household Head Population	3,944	Estimated Immigrant Household Head Population	1,092	Estimated Immigrant Household Head Population	16,919,909

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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Educational Attainment

Figure 4 shows the educational attainment among foreign-born and native-born household heads 25 years of age and older living in Buffalo, NY, select counties in New York, and across the U.S. Slightly less than half (42 percent) of immigrant household heads living in Erie County earned a bachelor's degree or higher. This is significantly higher compared to foreign-born (33 percent) and native-born household heads in the U.S. (33 percent), native-born household heads in Erie County (31 percent), foreign-born household heads in Chautauqua County (31 percent), and foreign-born household heads in Niagara County (28 percent). It is also important to note that compared to foreign-born (15 percent) and native-born (13 percent) household heads in the U.S., immigrant household heads in Erie County (27 percent) reported higher rates of individuals with a graduate, professional or doctoral degree.

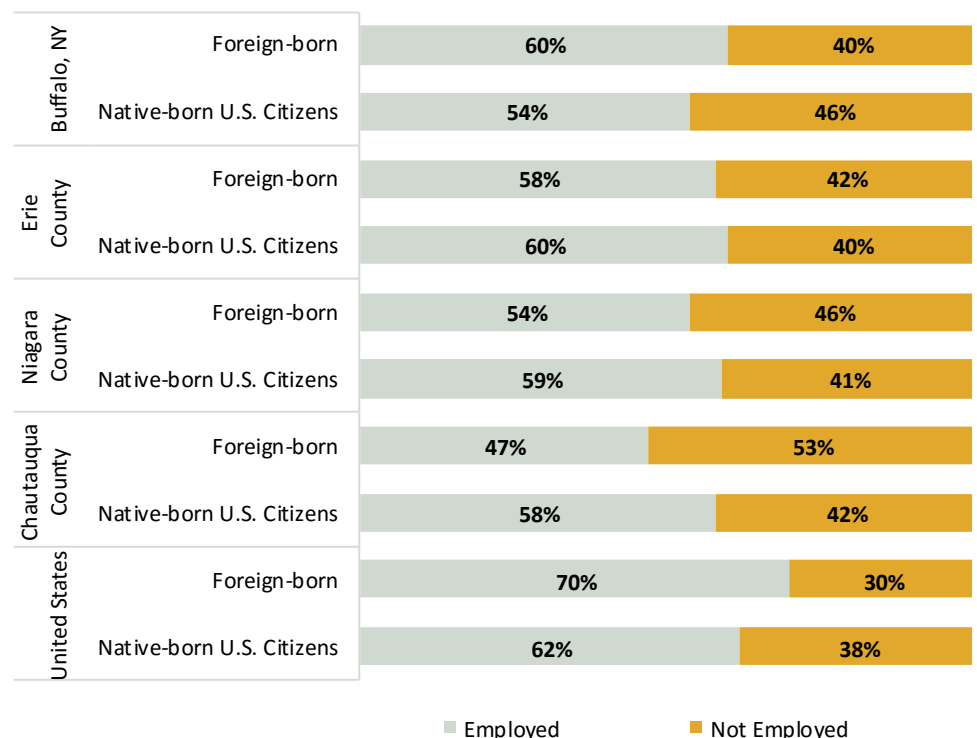
Figure 4. Educational Attainment among Immigrant Household Heads in Buffalo, NY and Select Counties (Ages 25+)

Educational Attainment	Buffalo, NY		Erie County, NY		Niagara County, NY		Chautauqua County, NY		United States	
	Foreign-born	Native-born U.S. Citizens	Foreign-born	Native-born U.S. Citizens	Foreign-born	Native-born U.S. Citizens	Foreign-born	Native-born U.S. Citizens	Foreign-born	Native-born U.S. Citizens
No High School Diploma	32%	16%	20%	9%	21%	8%	22%	10%	27%	9%
High School Diploma	19%	26%	19%	27%	25%	35%	32%	35%	20%	26%
Some College or Associate's Degree	22%	33%	19%	33%	26%	34%	15%	34%	20%	32%
Bachelor's Degree	12%	13%	15%	17%	19%	14%	16%	11%	18%	20%
Graduate, Professional, or Doctoral Degree	15%	12%	27%	14%	9%	9%	15%	10%	15%	13%
Estimated Immigrant Household Head Population (Ages 25+)	7,900	95,378	23,861	344,610	3,855	81,731	1,040	50,323	16,457,829	95,834,386

Employment

Overall, foreign-born household heads in the U.S. (70 percent) and native-born household heads in the U.S. (62 percent) reported higher employment rates compared to foreign-born and native-born household heads in Buffalo, NY and the select New York counties (see Figure 5). Additionally, native-born household heads living in Erie, Niagara, and Chautauqua County reported slightly higher employment rates compared to foreign-born households living within the same area. However, immigrant household heads living in Buffalo, NY (60 percent) reported higher employment rates compared to native-born household heads living in Buffalo, NY (54 percent); foreign-born household heads living in Erie (58 percent), Niagara (54 percent), and Chautauqua County (47 percent); and native-born household heads living in Niagara (59 percent) and Chautauqua County (58 percent).

Figure 5. Employment Status among Immigrant Household Heads Living in Buffalo, NY and Select Counties (Ages 16+)



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**Figure 6. Top Five Occupational Groups among Employed Immigrant Household Heads
Living in Buffalo, NY and Select Counties (Ages 16+)**

Buffalo, NY				Erie County, NY			
Foreign-born		Native-born U.S. Citizens		Foreign-born		Native-born U.S. Citizens	
Production	17%	Office and Administrative Support	14%	Production	12%	Office and Administrative Support	14%
Sales	11%	Education, Training, and Library	9%	Education, Training, and Library	11%	Management, Business, Science, and Arts	11%
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	9%	Sales	8%	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	9%	Sales	9%
Office and Administrative Support	9%	Management, Business, Science, and Arts	8%	Management, Business, Science, and Arts	9%	Education, Training, and Library	8%
Transportation and Material Moving	8%	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	6%	Office and Administrative Support	7%	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	7%
All Other Occupational Groups (n=17)	46%	All Other Occupational Groups (n=18)	55%	All Other Occupational Groups (n=18)	52%	All Other Occupational Groups (n=20)	51%
Estimated Immigrant Household Head Population (Ages 16+)	5,050	Estimated Immigrant Household Head Population (Ages 16+)	55,160	Estimated Immigrant Household Head Population (Ages 16+)	14,582	Estimated Immigrant Household Head Population (Ages 16+)	213,838

Niagara County, NY				Chautauqua County, NY			
Foreign-born		Native-born U.S. Citizens		Foreign-born		Native-born U.S. Citizens	
Office and Administrative Support	12%	Office and Administrative Support	15%	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	13%	Production	13%
Sales	11%	Management, Business, Science, and Arts	10%	Office and Administrative Support	13%	Office and Administrative Support	12%
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	9%	Sales	10%	Legal Occupations	13%	Management, Business, Science, and Arts	10%
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	9%	Production	9%	Food Preparation and Serving	10%	Sales	9%
Production	8%	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	6%	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	9%	Transportation and Material Moving	7%
All Other Occupational Groups (n=14)	51%	All Other Occupational Groups (n=19)	50%	All Other Occupational Groups (n=12)	42%	All Other Occupational Groups (n=20)	49%
Estimated Immigrant Household Head Population (Ages 16+)	2,139	Estimated Immigrant Household Head Population (Ages 16+)	49,384	Estimated Immigrant Household Head Population (Ages 16+)	517	Estimated Immigrant Household Head Population (Ages 16+)	30,241

United States			
Foreign-born		Native-born U.S. Citizens	
Management, Business, Science, and Arts	9%	Office and Administrative Support	13%
Production	8%	Management, Business, Science, and Arts	13%
Office and Administrative Support	8%	Sales	10%
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	8%	Education, Training, and Library	6%
Sales	8%	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	6%
All Other Occupational Groups (n=20)	59%	All Other Occupational Groups (n=20)	52%
Estimated Immigrant Household Head Population (Ages 16+)	11,890,462	Estimated Immigrant Household Head Population (Ages 16+)	62,092,607

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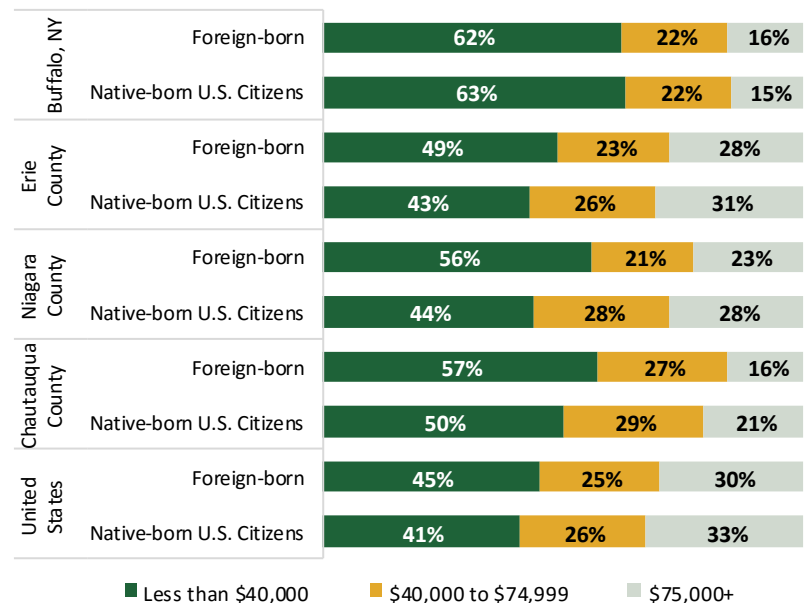
Occupation

Figure 6 highlights the top five occupational groups among employed immigrants living in Buffalo, NY, select counties in New York, and the U.S. Overall, foreign-born and native-born household heads living in these geographic areas were employed in a variety of occupational groups. It is important to note that employment patterns among foreign-born household heads living in Buffalo, NY and Erie, Niagara, and Chautauqua counties are similar to employment patterns of foreign-born household heads within the U.S. A majority of occupational groups held by foreign-born workers tend to be more labor intensive and involve production occupations while native-born household heads were employed in office and management occupations; however there are a few exceptions. While in Buffalo, NY more than one-third (37 percent) of foreign-born household heads were employed in production, sales, or building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations, in Erie, Niagara, and Chautauqua County there are similar proportions of foreign-born workers and native-born workers employed in office and management occupations. In Erie County while 12 percent foreign-born household heads were employed in production occupations the subsequent top four occupational groups among foreign-born household heads in Erie County include educational, health, management, and office occupations. Similarly, while 9 percent of household heads in Niagara County reported working in building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations, 40 percent of foreign-born household heads and 40 percent of native-born household heads in Niagara County were employed in office and administrative support occupations, sales, production, or healthcare practitioners and technical occupations. Lastly, in Chautauqua County, foreign-born and native-born household heads were employed in both labor intensive/production occupations as well as office and management occupations at similar rates.

Household Income

Figure 7 highlights the household income among immigrant households living in Buffalo, NY, select counties in New York, and the U.S. Overall, compared to native-born households, foreign-born households in the U.S. and in Erie, Niagara, and Chautauqua County earn less income (under \$40,000). Additionally, native-born households in the U.S. reported the highest median household income (\$50,500) followed by native-born households in Erie County (\$47,635), native-born households in Chautauqua county (\$46,476), and native-born households in Niagara County (\$46,253). However, foreign-born households living in Buffalo, NY (\$26,931) and native-born households living in Buffalo, NY (\$28,455) reported the lowest median household income when compared to foreign-born and native-born households in the U.S. and across the select New York counties.

Figure 7. Household Income among Immigrant Households in Buffalo, NY and Select Counties (Ages 16+)



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