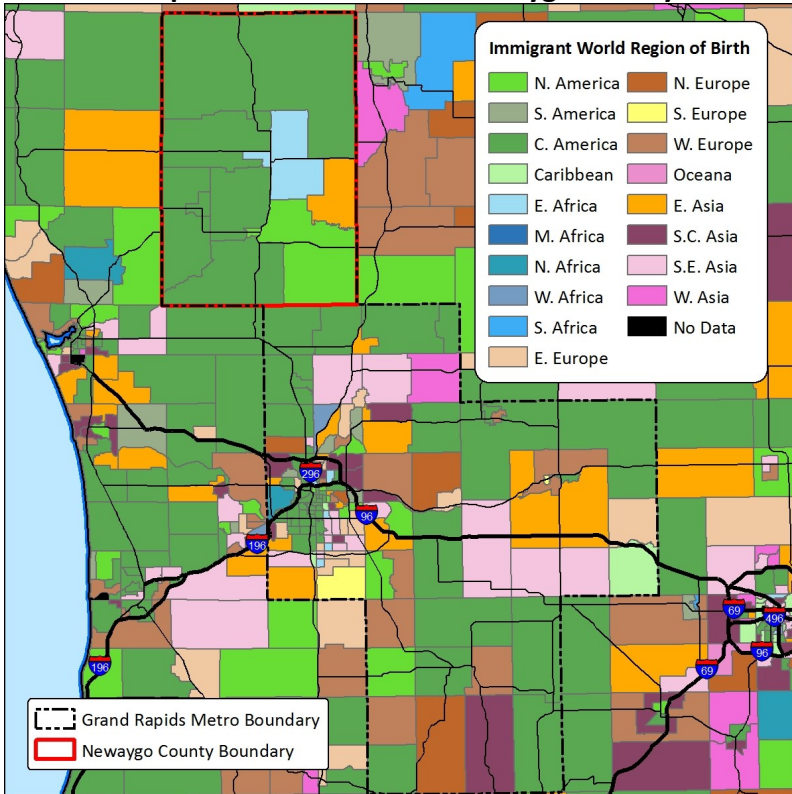


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Most Common Birthplaces for Immigrants Living in Grand Rapids Metro Area and Newaygo County



The map on the left depicts the most common regions of birth for immigrants in the Grand Rapids metro area and Newaygo County (outlined in red). The top region of birth is Central America in both the metro area and Newaygo County. Asian, European, and North American (Canada) are also prominent regions of birth in and surrounding the metro and County areas.

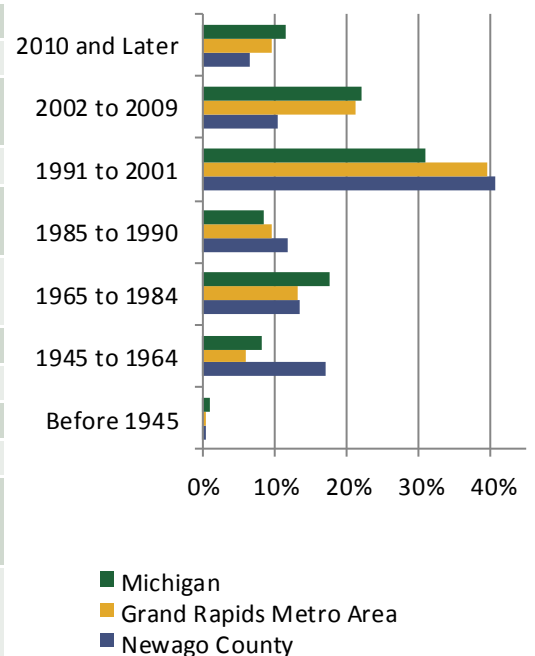
The top two languages spoken by immigrants in these areas are Spanish and English. The Grand Rapids metro area has several Eastern European and Asian languages among the top ten spoken languages. Newaygo County has very low language diversity (as seen by the number of languages spoken by immigrants) relative to Grand Rapids and the state of Michigan.

Beginning in 2002, the proportion of immigrants migrating to the Grand Rapids metro area and Newaygo County relative to other parts of Michigan began to decrease.

Top Ten Languages Spoken by Immigrants at Home (age 5+)

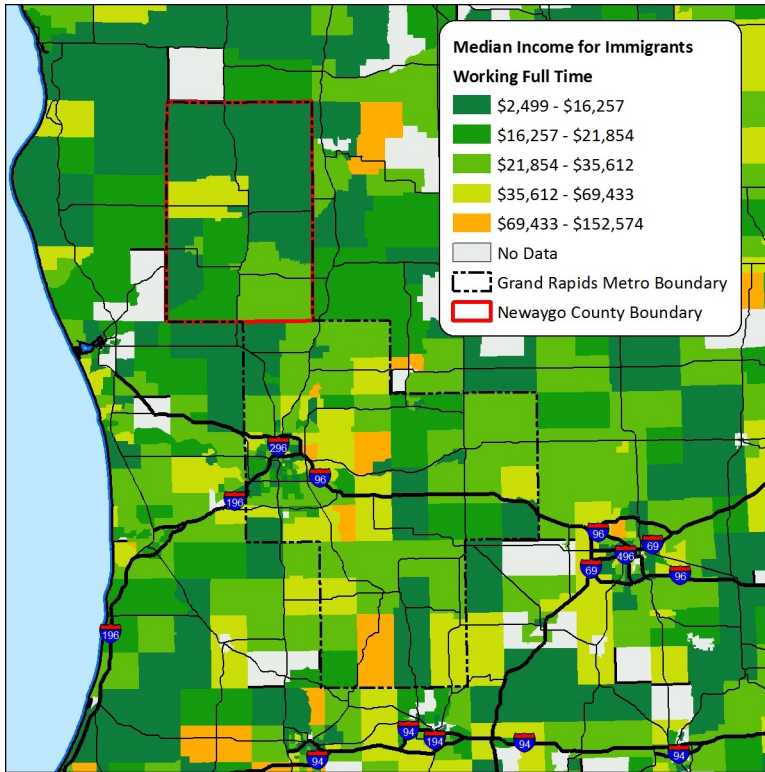
Michigan		Grand Rapids Metro Area		Newaygo County	
English	22%	Spanish	38%	Spanish	52%
Spanish	16%	English	22%	English	38%
Arabic	13%	Vietnamese	8%	Pennsylvania Dutch	2%
Chinese	4%	Serbo-Croatian	3%	Hindi	2%
Syriac, Aramaic, Chaldean	3%	Nepali	2%	German	1%
Filipino, Tagalog	3%	Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	2%	French or Haitian Creole	1%
Hindi	2%	Chinese	2%	Filipino, Tagalog	1%
Albanian	2%	Korean	2%	Polish	1%
Korean	2%	Hindi	1%	Panjabi	1%
German	2%	Dutch	1%	Finnish	<1%
All Other Languages (n=85)	31%	All Other Languages (n=57)	18%	All Other Languages (n=3)	1%
Estimated Immigrant Population	607,289		59,481		1,072

Year of Immigration for Immigrants by State, County and Metro Area



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Median Income for Full-Time Working Immigrants



The map on the left presents the median income for immigrants 16 years of age and older working full-time. Immigrants living in the suburbs outside of Grand Rapids reported the highest median incomes. Immigrants in Newaygo County reported some of the lowest median incomes.

In the table below, the top 5 occupational groups are reported for each location. The top two occupations in Newaygo County are farming and transportation occupations. Grand Rapids has a large proportion of immigrants working in production occupations, similar to Michigan.

There are a couple of occupational distinctions to note. Management occupations rank top 5 for immigrants in the state of Michigan, but not in Grand Rapids metro area or in Newaygo County. Immigrants in Newaygo County, unlike the other geographies, work in farming, fishing and forestry occupations.

Top Five Occupational Groups among Immigrant Workers (age 16+) by State, County, and Metro Area

Michigan		Grand Rapids Metro Area		Newaygo County	
Production Occupations	11%	Production Occupations	24%	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	17%
Management, Business, Science, and Arts Occupations	9%	Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	11%	Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	17%
Sales and Related Occupations	8%	Office and Administrative Support Occupations	8%	Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations	10%
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	8%	Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations	7%	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	9%
Office and Administrative Support Occupations	8%	Food Preparation and Serving Occupations	7%	Sales and Related Occupations	8%
All Other Occupations	56%	All Other Occupations	44%	All Other Occupations	39%
Estimated Total Workers (age 16+)	346,755	Estimated Total Workers (age 16+)	31,044	Estimated Total Workers (age 16+)	576

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