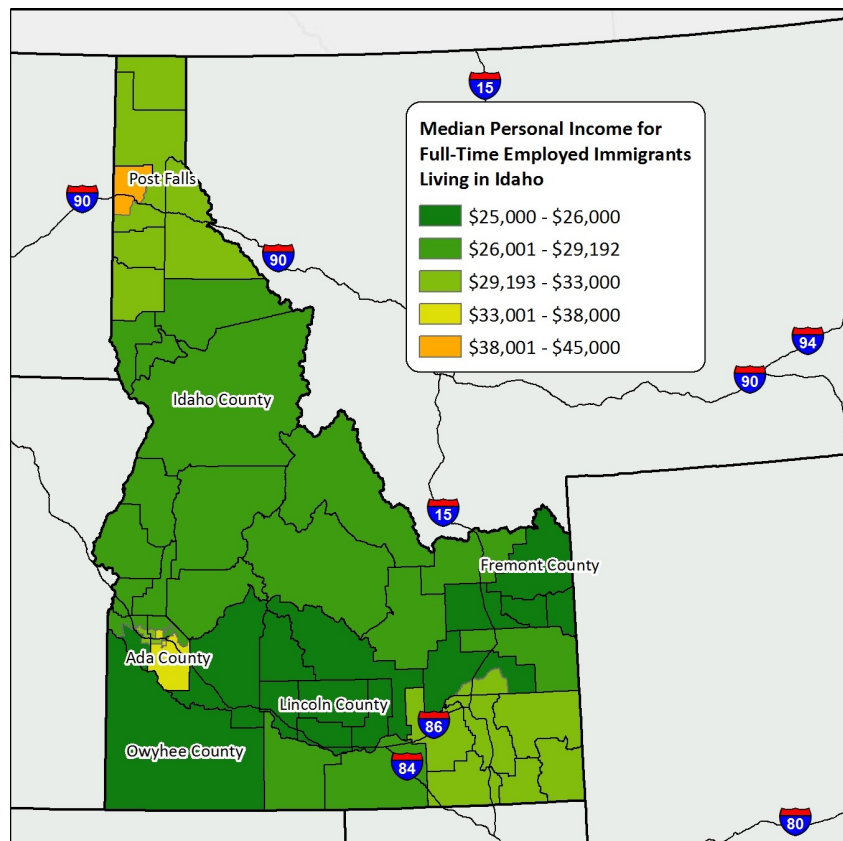


## Immigrants in Idaho 2015

### Median Personal Income among Full-Time Employed Immigrants Living in Idaho



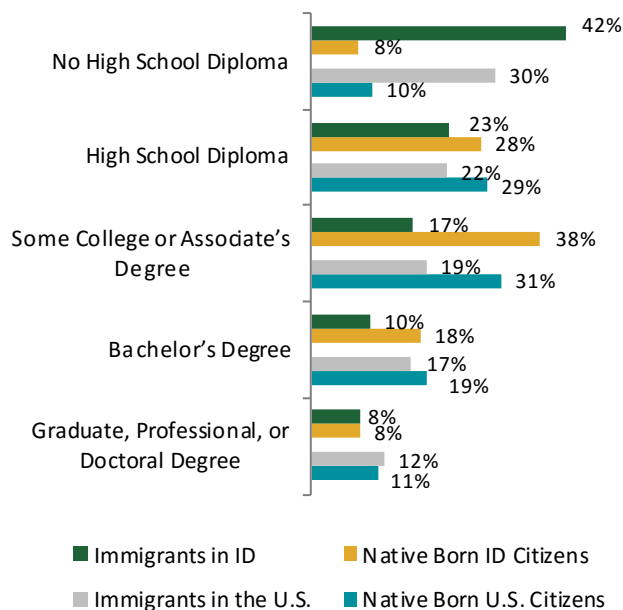
*Approximately 6 percent of the population in Idaho are immigrants.*

The map on the left shows the median personal earned income among immigrants who are employed full-time and over the age of 16 living in Idaho by Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMA) as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau. Compared to immigrants living in the U.S., immigrants living in Idaho reported earning lower personal median incomes (\$28,455 vs \$36,580). Immigrants living in the city of Post Falls reported the highest median income, followed by the southern region of Ada County. However, immigrants living in and around Owyhee, Lincoln, and Fremont County reported the lowest median personal income.

The chart below to the left shows the educational attainment for immigrants and native born U.S. citizens living in Idaho and in the U.S. While immigrants in Idaho (42 percent) and in the U.S. (30 percent) reported higher rates of individuals without a high school diploma, immigrants in Idaho (8 percent) and in the U.S. (12 percent) obtained a graduate or doctoral degree at similar rates compared to native born U.S. citizens in Idaho (8 percent) and native born citizens in the U.S. (11 percent).

The table below illustrates the top 10 countries of birth among immigrants in Idaho and in the U.S. Over half of immigrants in Idaho (55 percent) are from Mexico, compared to immigrants in the U.S., where 28 percent of immigrants are from Mexico.

### Educational Attainment among Immigrants and Native Born U.S. Citizens Ages 25+ Living in Idaho and in the U.S.

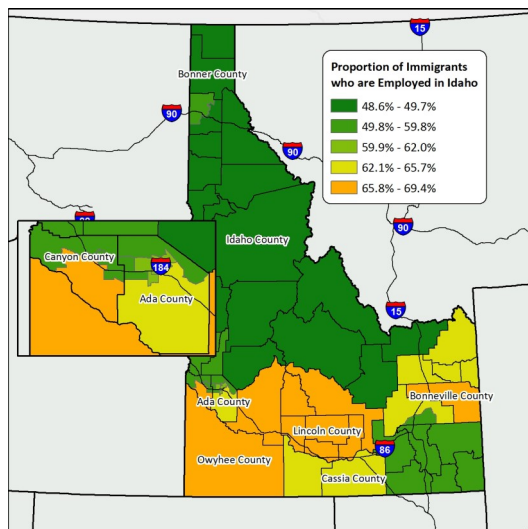


### Top 10 Countries of Birth among Immigrants in Idaho and in the U.S.

Immigrants in Idaho		Immigrants in the U.S.	
Country of Birth	Percent	Country of Birth	Percent
Mexico	55%	Mexico	28%
Canada	5%	India	5%
China	3%	Philippines	5%
Philippines	3%	China	4%
Germany	3%	Vietnam	3%
Bosnia	2%	El Salvador	3%
Korea	1%	Cuba	3%
Peru	1%	Korea	3%
India	1%	Dominican Republic	2%
England	1%	Guatemala	2%
All Other Countries (n=117)	25%	All Other Countries (n=150)	42%
<b>Estimated Immigrant Population</b>	<b>96,217</b>	<b>Estimated Immigrant Population</b>	<b>41,757,110</b>

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### Proportion of Immigrants who are Employed in Idaho

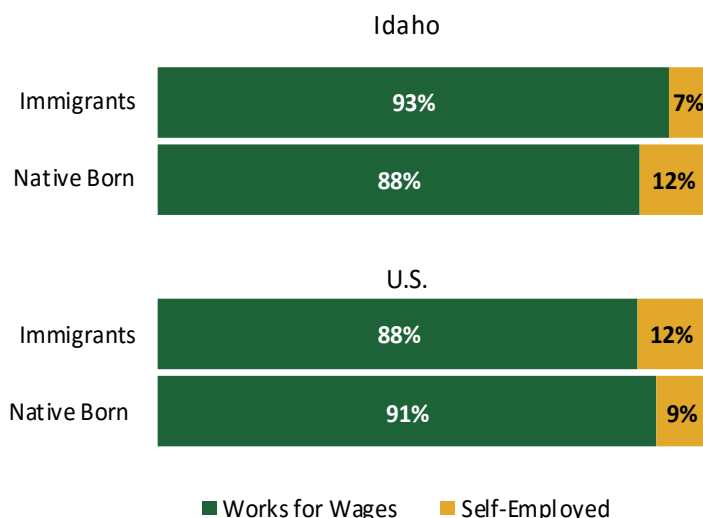


The map to the left presents the proportion of immigrants who are employed and over the age of 16 living in the state of Idaho by Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMA) as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau. Approximately 6 percent of the population in Idaho are immigrants. Immigrants in Idaho (63 percent) and immigrants in the U.S. (62 percent) were slightly more likely to be employed compared to native born U.S. citizens in Idaho (58 percent) and native born citizens in the U.S. (58 percent). Immigrants living in and around Owyhee, Lincoln, and Bonneville County reported higher rates of employment compared to immigrants living in and around Custer, Idaho, and Bonner County. Although immigrants living in and around Owyhee, Lincoln, and Bonneville County reported higher rates of employment and lower median incomes (see reverse map), those who were employed included mostly farmers, ground maintenance workers, and driver/sales workers and truck drivers.

In regards to the type of employment, rates of self-employment across immigrants living in Idaho were lower compared to immigrants in the U.S. As shown in the chart on the bottom left, 7 percent of immigrants in Idaho are self-employed compared to 12 percent of immigrants in the U.S. Similarly, immigrants in Idaho reported lower rates of self-employment compared to native born U.S. citizens in Idaho (12 percent) and native born citizens in the U.S. (9 percent).

The table on the bottom right shows the top 10 languages spoken at home among immigrants living in Idaho and in the U.S. Over half of immigrants in Idaho (56 percent) speak Spanish at home and 19 percent speak English. Conversely, 44 percent of immigrants in the U.S. speak Spanish at home and 16 percent of immigrants speak English.

### Percent of Self-Employed Immigrants and Native Born Citizens Living in Idaho and in the U.S.



### Top 10 Languages Spoken at Home among Immigrants Living in Idaho and in the U.S.

Immigrants in Idaho		Immigrants in the U.S.	
Language	Percent	Language	Percent
Spanish	56%	Spanish	44%
English	19%	English	16%
Arabic	2%	Chinese	4%
Chinese	2%	Filipino, Tagalog	4%
Filipino, Tagalog	2%	Vietnamese	3%
Serbo-Croatian, Yugoslavian, Slavonian	2%	Korean	2%
German	2%	Arabic	2%
Russian	1%	Russian	2%
Korean	1%	Hindi	1%
Persian, Iranian, Farsi	1%	French/ Haitian Creole	1%
All Other Languages (n=63)	12%	All Other Languages (n=100)	21%
Estimated Immigrant Population (Age 5+)	95,517	Estimated Immigrant Population (Age 5+)	41,503,369

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