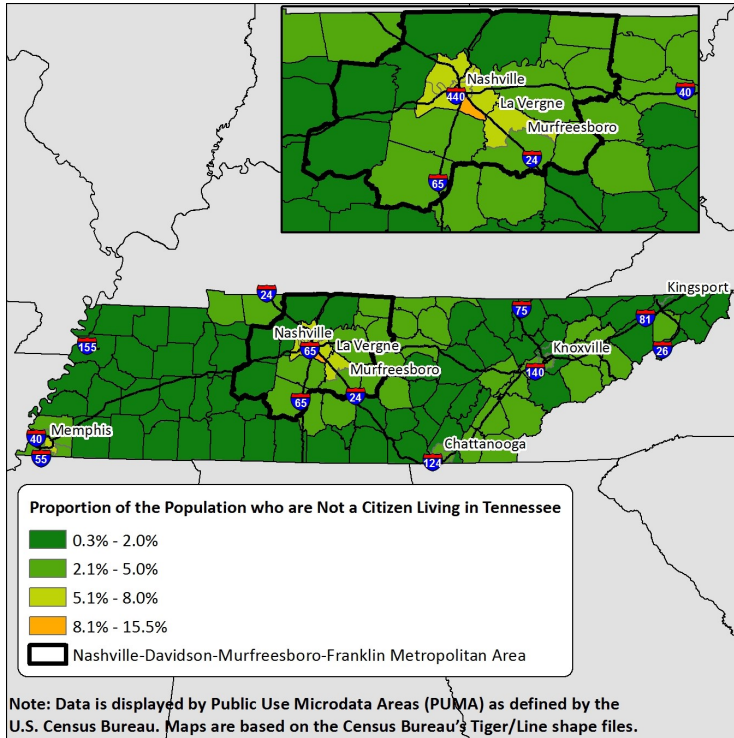


Immigrants in Nashville-Davidson-Murfreesboro-Franklin, TN, 2015

Figure 1. Proportion of the Population who are Not a Citizen Living in Tennessee



As of 2015, an estimated 310,521 individuals living in Tennessee were foreign-born*, or roughly 5 percent of the state's population. In the Nashville-Davidson-Murfreesboro-Franklin, TN metropolitan area approximately 140,000 individuals were foreign-born (7 percent). Nationally, immigrants comprise 13 percent of the U.S. population. Tennessee ranks 36th among the 51 states (this includes Washington, DC) in terms of immigrant population.

Naturalization Rates

In Tennessee and in the Nashville-Davidson-Murfreesboro-Franklin metropolitan area, 36 percent of all immigrants were naturalized U.S. citizens compared to 47 percent of all immigrants nationally (see Figure 2). The city of Nashville-Davidson, Memphis, Knoxville, and the area surrounding the city of La Vergne reported higher than average percentages of immigrants who are not a citizen. Comparatively, the northeastern and western part of the state reported lower percentages of noncitizens (Figure 1).

Figure 2. Citizenship Status among Immigrants in Select Areas	Naturalized U.S. Citizen	Not a Citizen
Nashville-Davidson-Murfreesboro-Franklin, TN Metro Area	36%	64%
State of Tennessee	36%	64%
United States	47%	53%

Age Distribution

Overall, across the three geographic areas, immigrants who are naturalized U.S. citizens were older than noncitizens (Figure 3). This is not surprising given that the naturalization process for foreign-born individuals living in the U.S. can take several years. The median reported age among foreign-born individuals who are naturalized U.S. citizens in the U.S. is 50 years old. This is slightly higher compared to immigrants who are naturalized U.S. citizens in Tennessee (45 years old) and naturalized U.S. citizens in the Nashville-Davidson-Murfreesboro-Franklin, TN metropolitan area (43 years old).

Figure 3. Age Distribution among Immigrants in Select Areas	Immigrants in Nashville-Davidson-Murfreesboro-Franklin, TN Metro Area		Immigrants in Tennessee		Immigrants in the U.S.	
	Naturalized U.S. Citizen	Not a Citizen	Naturalized U.S. Citizen	Not a Citizen	Naturalized U.S. Citizen	Not a Citizen
0 to 4 years old	1%	1%	1%	1%	<1%	1%
5 to 15 years old	5%	9%	4%	8%	2%	6%
16 to 24 years old	9%	13%	8%	14%	5%	12%
25 to 34 years old	14%	30%	14%	31%	12%	25%
35 to 44 years old	25%	26%	22%	25%	19%	24%
45 to 54 years old	20%	12%	20%	12%	22%	16%
55 to 64 years old	14%	6%	15%	6%	18%	9%
65 years and older	12%	3%	16%	3%	22%	7%
Estimated Immigrant Population	49,870	89,891	111,678	198,843	19,452,521	22,304,589

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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Languages Spoken at Home

Figure 4 shows the top five languages spoken at home among immigrants living in the Nashville-Davidson-Murfreesboro-Franklin metropolitan area, the state of Tennessee, and across the U.S. Immigrants who are naturalized U.S. citizens and noncitizens speak a range of languages at home, however, a majority speak Spanish or English. Noncitizens were more likely to speak Spanish at home compared to immigrants who are naturalized U.S. citizens. Additionally, compared to immigrants in the U.S, there are greater percentages of immigrants (both naturalized U.S. citizens and noncitizens) living in the Nashville-Davidson-Murfreesboro-Franklin metropolitan area and in the state of Tennessee who speak Arabic at home.

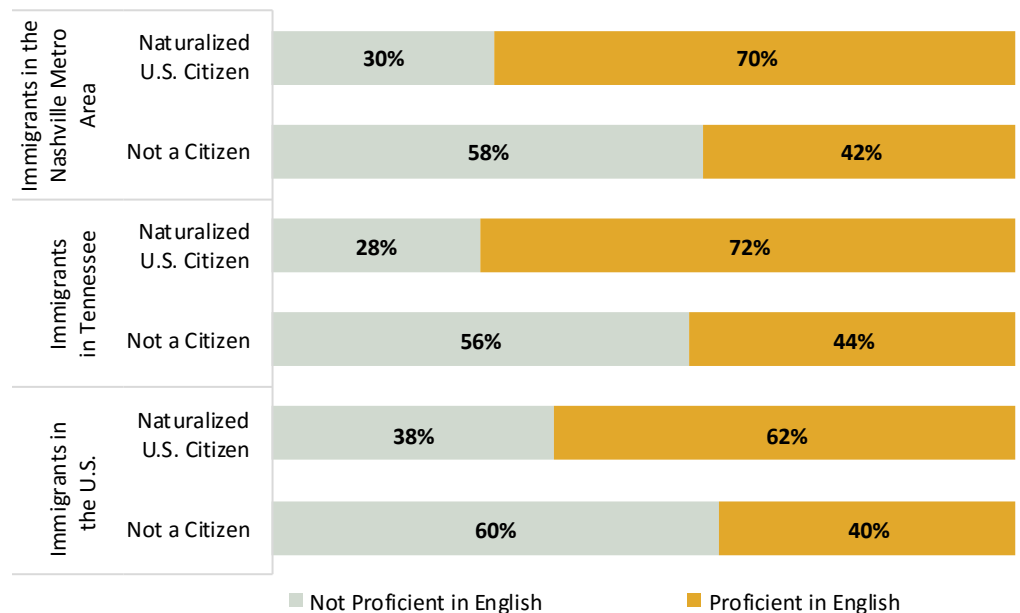
Figure 4. Top Five Languages Spoken at Home among Immigrants in Tennessee (Ages 5+)

Immigrants in Nashville-Davidson-Murfreesboro-Franklin, TN Metro Area				Immigrants in Tennessee				Immigrants in the U.S.			
Naturalized U.S. Citizen		Not a Citizen		Naturalized U.S. Citizen		Not a Citizen		Naturalized U.S. Citizen		Not a Citizen	
Language	Percent	Language	Percent	Language	Percent	Language	Percent	Language	Percent	Language	Percent
English	27%	Spanish	57%	English	30%	Spanish	56%	Spanish	31%	Spanish	56%
Spanish	19%	English	11%	Spanish	19%	English	13%	English	21%	English	11%
Arabic	10%	Arabic	6%	Arabic	6%	Arabic	4%	Filipino, Tagalog	5%	Chinese	3%
Laotian	5%	Hindi	2%	Vietnamese	5%	Chinese	2%	Chinese	4%	Filipino, Tagalog	2%
Vietnamese	4%	Nepali	2%	Filipino, Tagalog	4%	Hindi	2%	Vietnamese	4%	Korean	2%
All Other Languages (n=63)	35%	All Other Languages (n=64)	22%	All Other Languages (n=75)	36%	All Other Languages (n=80)	23%	All Other Languages (n=105)	35%	All Other Languages (n=105)	26%
Estimated Immigrant Population (Ages 5+)	49,604	Estimated Immigrant Population (Ages 5+)	88,802	Estimated Immigrant Population (Ages 5+)	111,078	Estimated Immigrant Population (Ages 5+)	196,491	Estimated Immigrant Population (Ages 5+)	19,409,279	Estimated Immigrant Population (Ages 5+)	22,094,090

English Proficiency

Figure 5 highlights the proportion of foreign-born individuals who are proficient in English (speaks only English or speaks English very well). Overall, immigrants who are naturalized U.S. citizens are more likely to be proficient in English compared to noncitizens. Additionally, 72 percent of naturalized U.S. citizens in Tennessee and 70 percent of naturalized U.S. citizens in the Nashville metropolitan area are proficient in English compared to 62 percent nationally.

Figure 5. English Proficiency among Immigrants in Tennessee (Ages 5+)



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Employment

Approximately two-thirds of immigrants (both naturalized U.S. citizens and noncitizens) in the Nashville-Davidson-Murfreesboro-Franklin metro area and in the state of Tennessee are employed (Figure 6). This is slightly higher compared to immigrants who are naturalized U.S. citizens and noncitizens in the U.S.

Occupation

Figure 7 highlights the top three occupations among employed immigrants living in the Nashville-Davidson-Murfreesboro-Franklin metro area, the state of Tennessee, and the U.S. Approximately 30 percent of naturalized U.S. citizens across these three geographies work in office and administrative support occupations; sales; and management, business, science and arts occupations. More than one-third of noncitizens across these three geographies are employed in construction; production; or building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations. Additionally, there are greater percentages of noncitizen workers employed in construction living in the Nashville metropolitan area and in the state of Tennessee compared to the U.S.

Figure 6. Employment Status among Immigrants Living in Tennessee (Ages 16+)

		Not Employed	Employed
Immigrants in Nashville-Davidson-Murfreesboro-Franklin, TN Metro Area	Naturalized U.S. Citizen	30%	70%
	Not a Citizen	33%	67%
Immigrants in Tennessee	Naturalized U.S. Citizen	34%	66%
	Not a Citizen	34%	66%
Immigrants in the U.S.	Naturalized U.S. Citizen	38%	62%
	Not a Citizen	38%	62%

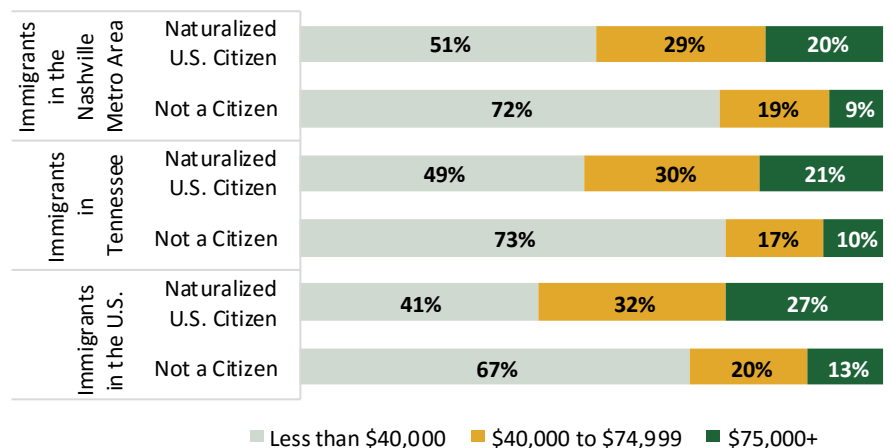
Figure 7. Top 3 Occupations among Employed Immigrants Living in Tennessee (Ages 16+)

Naturalized U.S. Citizen				Not a Citizen			
Occupational Group	Immigrants in Nashville Metro Area	Immigrants in Tennessee	Immigrants in the U.S.	Occupational Group	Immigrants in Nashville Metro Area	Immigrants in Tennessee	Immigrants in the U.S.
Office and Administrative Support	11%	10%	11%	Construction	22%	20%	12%
Sales	10%	11%	10%	Production	12%	11%	9%
Management, Business, Science, and Arts	9%	10%	10%	Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	11%	11%	12%
All Other Occupational Groups	70%	69%	69%	All Other Occupational Groups	55%	58%	67%
Estimated Immigrant Population (Ages 16+)	33,207	69,700	11,719,619	Estimated Immigrant Population (Ages 16+)	53,732	118,608	12,818,335

Income

Figure 8 highlights the income distribution among full-time employed immigrants living in the Nashville-Davidson-Murfreesboro-Franklin metro area, the state of Tennessee, and the U.S. Overall, compared to noncitizens, on average, naturalized U.S. citizens earn higher salaries with approximately half of naturalized U.S. citizens across the three geographic areas earning \$40,000 or more. Additionally, naturalized U.S. citizens in the U.S. reported the highest median income (\$46,400) followed by naturalized U.S. citizens in Tennessee (\$40,701), and naturalized U.S. citizens in the Nashville metropolitan area (\$39,379).

Figure 8. Income Distribution among Full-Time Employed Immigrants Living in Tennessee (Ages 16+)



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Year of Immigration

The vast majority of foreign-born persons who are naturalized U.S. citizens have been in the U.S. for more than 15 years. As shown in Figure 9, 83 percent of immigrants who are naturalized U.S. citizens in the U.S., 75 percent of immigrants who are naturalized U.S. citizens in Tennessee, and 72 percent of immigrants who are naturalized U.S. citizens in the Nashville-Davidson-Murfreesboro-Franklin metropolitan area came to the U.S. prior to the year 2000. It is important to note that approximately half of noncitizens in the Nashville metropolitan area (49 percent) and in the state of Tennessee (51 percent) came to the U.S. between the years 2000 to 2009.

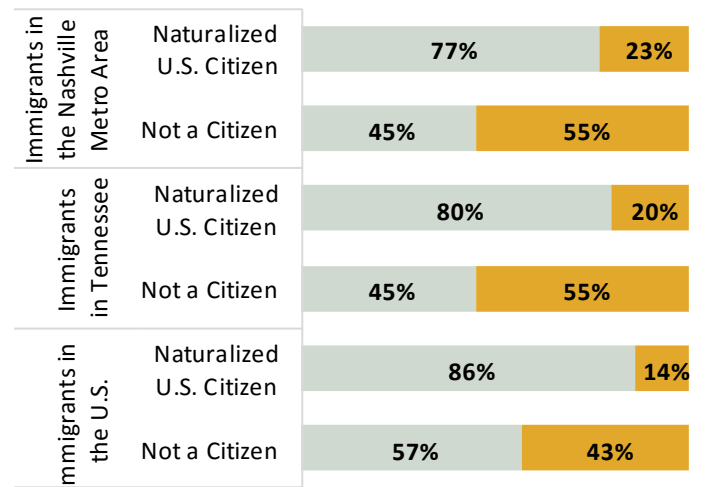
Figure 9. Year of Immigration to the U.S. among Immigrants in Tennessee

Year of Immigration	Immigrants in Nashville-Davidson-Murfreesboro-Franklin, TN Metro Area		Immigrants in Tennessee		Immigrants in the U.S.	
	Naturalized U.S. Citizen	Not a Citizen	Naturalized U.S. Citizen	Not a Citizen	Naturalized U.S. Citizen	Not a Citizen
1921-1959	4%	1%	6%	1%	6%	1%
1960-1979	16%	2%	20%	3%	25%	6%
1980-1989	20%	5%	20%	5%	25%	11%
1990-1999	32%	23%	29%	23%	27%	25%
2000-2009	27%	49%	23%	51%	16%	42%
2010-2013	1%	20%	2%	17%	1%	15%
Median Year of Immigration to the U.S.	1993	2004	1991	2003	1987	2001

Health Insurance

Figure 10 highlights the health insurance coverage rate among foreign-born individuals who are naturalized U.S. citizens and noncitizens living in the Nashville metropolitan area, the state of Tennessee, and in the U.S. Overall, immigrants who are naturalized U.S. citizens are 1.5 times more likely to have health insurance coverage compared to noncitizens. One reason for this disparity can be attributed to the fact that it is more difficult to obtain health insurance coverage and benefits such as Medicaid for non-U.S. citizens. When looking across the three geographic areas, immigrants in the U.S. who are naturalized U.S. citizens reported higher percentages of individuals with health insurance coverage (86 percent) compared to immigrants who are naturalized U.S. citizens living in Tennessee (80 percent) and in the Nashville metropolitan area (77 percent).

Figure 10. Health Insurance Coverage among Immigrants in Tennessee



■ Has health insurance coverage ■ No health insurance coverage

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