

New Americans in St. Paul



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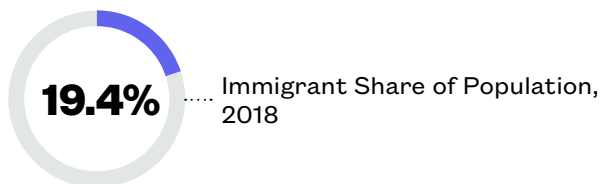
A Snapshot of Demographic and Economic Characteristics of Immigrants in the City¹

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, local leaders in communities across the country have been working tirelessly to ensure that all community members have access to the services and support they need. The immigrant population is both essential to our country's rapid response efforts and especially vulnerable to gaps in our social safety nets. Understanding this population will help better inform local leaders as they aim to implement inclusive emergency response policies.

OVERVIEW

58,750

Immigrant Residents, 2018



29,220

Immigrants who were **Naturalized** U.S. Citizens, 2018



Naturalized Share of Immigrants, 2018

27,943

Immigrants who were Likely **Refugees**, 2018²



Share of Immigrants who were Likely **Refugees**, 2018

9,286

Undocumented Immigrants, 2018



Undocumented Share of Immigrants, 2018



DACA-Eligible Share of Immigrants, 2018

LANGUAGE

Top Five Languages Immigrants Spoke at Home Other than English

MIAO, HMONG	24.2%
SPANISH	16.1%
KAREN	10.9%
SOMALI & RELATED ³	9.6%
AMHARIC & RELATED ⁴	5%

33.0% of immigrants, or **19,386**, living in St. Paul had limited English language proficiency. Among them, the top five languages spoken at home other than English were:

- MIAO, HMONG (**26.1%**)
- SPANISH (**22.7%**)
- KAREN (**20.1%**)
- SOMALI & RELATED (**8.0%**)
- VIETNAMESE (**3.8%**)

FRONTLINE WORKERS

Immigrants serve in essential industries and carry out vital roles that keep the country functioning. In St. Paul, immigrants are working in frontline and essential industries during the Covid-19 crisis.

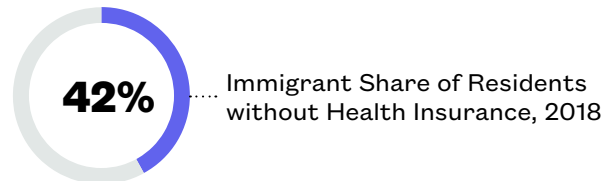
Number of Immigrants	Industry	Share of Workforce
5,288	FOOD SECTOR ⁵	32.5%
1,426	TRANSPORTATION & WAREHOUSING ⁶	28.7%
3,973	HEALTHCARE	22.6%

HEALTHCARE COVERAGE

Access to healthcare and medical services remains critical during this pandemic.

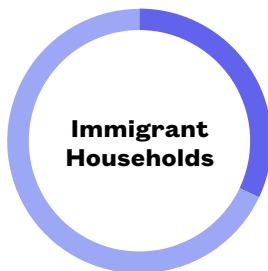
20,902

Number of Residents without Health Insurance, 2018



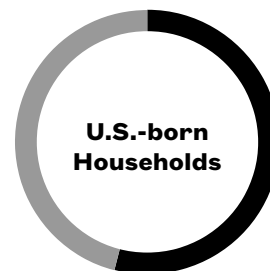
HOUSING CONDITIONS

The COVID-19 economic upheaval has highlighted the need for stable housing.



Among immigrant households in 2018...

- **31.5%** Owned their own Homes (6,800)
- **68.5%** were Renters (14,757)



Among U.S.-born households in 2018...

- **53.5%** Owned their own Homes (48,917)
- **46.5%** were Renters (42,526)

ENDNOTES

- 1 Unless otherwise specified, data comes from 5-year samples of the American Community Survey from 2018 and figures refer to the City of St. Paul, Minnesota.
- 2 New American Economy. 2017. "From Struggle to Resilience: The Economic Impact of Refugees in America."
- 3 Somali and related refers to Cushite languages including Oromo, Beja, Sidamo, and Afar.
- 4 Amharic and related refers to Ethio-Semitic languages including Amharic, Tigrinya, Hareri, and Gurage, but we wouldn't be able to provide a share breakdown.
- 5 The food sector includes agriculture, food processing, food wholesale trade, grocery stores and supermarkets, and restaurants and food services.
- 6 These industries include rail, water, truck, and pipeline transportation, bus and public transit, postal service, couriers and messengers, warehousing and storage.