

# New Americans in Jersey City



State & Local



## A Snapshot of Demographic and Economic Characteristics of Immigrants in the City<sup>1</sup>

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

# 107,323

Immigrant Residents, 2018



## 48,464

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



**Naturalized** Share of Immigrants, 2018

## 1,709

Immigrants who were Likely **Refugees**, 2018<sup>2</sup>



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

## 31,282

**Undocumented** Immigrants, 2018



**Undocumented** Share of Immigrants, 2018

## 2,743

**DACA**-Eligible Immigrants, 2018



**DACA**-Eligible Share of Immigrants, 2018

### LANGUAGE

#### Top Five Languages Immigrants Spoke at Home Other than English

SPANISH	27.0%
HINDI & RELATED	19.5%
FILIPINO, TAGALOG	7.9%
CHINESE	5.7%
ARABIC	5.3%

**19.3%** of immigrants, or **20,730**, living in the city had limited English language proficiency. Among them, the top five languages spoken at home other than English were:

- SPANISH (**59.3%**)
- HINDI & RELATED (**11.5%**)
- ARABIC (**9.3%**)
- CHINESE (**3.5%**)
- FILIPINO, TAGALOG (**2.8%**)

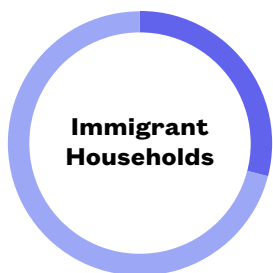
## FRONTLINE WORKERS

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

Number of Immigrants	Industry	Share of Workforce
1,074	GROCERY STORES & SUPERMARKETS	<b>58.5%</b>
6,636	HEALTHCARE	<b>54.2%</b>
3,485	TRANSPORTATION & WAREHOUSING <sup>3</sup>	<b>52.4%</b>
3,462	RESTAURANTS & FOOD SERVICE	<b>48.9%</b>

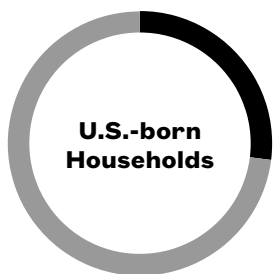
## HOUSING CONDITIONS

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



### Among immigrant households in 2018...

- **28.6%** Owned their own Homes (13,634)
- **71.4%** were Renters (34,074)



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

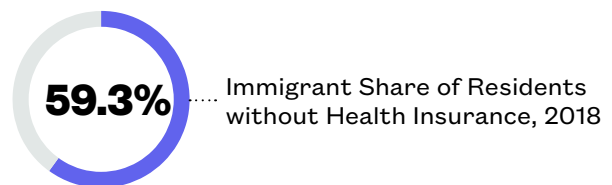
- **27.4%** Owned their own Homes (14,568)
- **72.6%** were Renters (38,623)

## HEALTHCARE COVERAGE

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

# 32,684

Number of Residents without Health Insurance, 2018



## ENTREPRENEURS

While all Americans are struggling to adapt to their new reality in a time of economic shutdown, **entrepreneurs within particularly vulnerable industries in the city face severe challenges posed by the crisis.**

Number of Entrepreneurs	Industry	Share of Entrepreneurs who are Immigrants
1,659	PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES <sup>4</sup>	<b>43.1%</b>

- 1 Unless otherwise specified, data comes from 5-year samples of the American Community Survey from 2018 and figures refer to Jersey City, New Jersey.
- 2 New American Economy. 2017. "From Struggle to Resilience: The Economic Impact of Refugees in America."
- 3 These industries include rail, water, truck, and pipeline transportation, bus and public transit, postal service, couriers and messengers, warehousing and storage.
- 4 Most of these industries include professions that require a degree or a license, such as legal services, accounting, scientific research, consulting services, etc.