New Americans in Jersey City

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

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

41.1%
Immigrant Share of Population, 2018

48,464
Immigrants who were Naturalized U.S. Citizens, 2018

45.2%
Naturalized Share of Immigrants, 2018

1,709
Immigrants who were Likely Refugees, 2018

1.6%
Share of Immigrants who were Likely Refugees, 2018

31,282
Undocumented Immigrants, 2018

29.1%
Undocumented Share of Immigrants, 2018

2,743
DACA-Eligible Immigrants, 2018

2.6%
DACA-Eligible Share of Immigrants, 2018

LANGUAGE

Top Five Languages Immigrants Spoke at Home Other than English

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<td>HINDI &amp; RELATED</td>
<td>19.5%</td>
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<td>FILIPINO, TAGALOG</td>
<td>7.9%</td>
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<td>CHINESE</td>
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<td>ARABIC</td>
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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.

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<th>Share of Workforce</th>
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<td>1,074</td>
<td>GROCERY STORES &amp; SUPERMARKETS</td>
<td>58.5%</td>
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<td>6,636</td>
<td>HEALTHCARE</td>
<td>54.2%</td>
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<td>3,485</td>
<td>TRANSPORTATION &amp; WAREHOUSING³</td>
<td>52.4%</td>
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<td>3,462</td>
<td>RESTAURANTS &amp; FOOD SERVICE</td>
<td>48.9%</td>
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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.

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<td>1,659</td>
<td>PROFESSIONAL &amp; BUSINESS SERVICES⁴</td>
<td>43.1%</td>
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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.
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.