New Americans in Butler County
The Demographic and Economic Contributions of Immigrants in the Region

POPULATION GROWTH

- Share of population growth attributable to immigrants in 2018: 45.9%
- Share of foreign-born population in the Butler region in 2018: 6.0%
- Between 2013-2018, the overall population in the region increased by 2.0%
- Between 2013-2018, the immigrant population in the region grew by 17.9%

Top countries of origin for immigrants living in the Butler region:
1. Mexico ....................... 12.8%
2. India .......................... 11.8%
3. China .......................... 10.4%
4. Vietnam ...................... 4.9%
5. Philippines ................... 3.4%

SPENDING POWER & TAX CONTRIBUTIONS

Given their income, immigrants contributed significantly to state and local taxes, including property, sales, and excise taxes levied by state and local governments.

Amount earned by immigrant households in 2018:

- $778.0M
- $146.2M went to federal taxes.²
- $75.5M went to state & local taxes.³

Leaving them with $556.2M in spending power, or 6.8% of all spending power in the region—more than their 6.0% share of the population.
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**SPENDING POWER & TAX CONTRIBUTIONS (CONTINUED)**

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Immigrants in the region also supported federal social programs. In 2018, they contributed $77.6M to Social Security and $20.7M to Medicare.

- **Share of immigrants receiving Medicare or Medicaid in 2018:** 22.0%
- **Share of U.S.-born receiving Medicare or Medicaid in 2018:** 33.2%
- **Share of immigrants with private healthcare coverage:** 68.2%
- **Share of immigrants with public healthcare coverage:** 22.1%
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Because of the role immigrants play in the workforce helping companies keep jobs on U.S. soil, we estimate that immigrants living in the region had helped create or preserve 1,042 local manufacturing jobs that would have otherwise vanished or moved elsewhere by 2018.

**WORKFORCE**

Although the foreign-born population made up 6.0% of the region’s overall population, they represented 7.9% of its working-age population, 7.2% of its employed labor force, and 13.7% of its STEM workers in 2018.

**Immigrant shares of the...**

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**Trade Sectors:**

- **Manufacturing:** 11.8%
- **Construction:** 8.0%
- **Professional Services:** 7.9%
- **Hospitality:** 7.0%
- **General Services:** 6.9%
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**Entrepreneurship**

Despite making up 6.0% of the population, immigrants made up 7.4% of the business owners in the region in 2018.

- Share of entrepreneurs who were foreign-born in 2018: 7.4%

In the region, immigrants were 2.3% more likely to be entrepreneurs than their U.S.-born counterparts.

- Share of the population who were entrepreneurs:
  - Foreign-born: 7.0%
  - U.S.-born: 6.9%

**Education**

Share of the city’s population aged 25 or older that held a bachelor’s degree or higher in 2018:

- Foreign-born: 37.6%
- U.S.-born: 28.9%

Share of the city’s population aged 25 or older that held an advanced degree in 2018:

- Foreign-born: 18.8%
- U.S.-born: 10.6%

Number of international students enrolled in colleges and universities in the region during the fall of 2018 who were temporary residents:

- 2,044

Spending contributions by international students in the 2018-19 academic year:

- $165.1M

**Naturalization**

Share of immigrants who were naturalized U.S. citizens:

- 48.6%

This represents a total of 11,000 immigrants.

Share among the 11,655 non-citizen immigrants who were likely eligible to naturalize:

- 25.6%

This represents a total of 2,979 immigrants.
HOUSING WEALTH

In 2018, **55.0%** of immigrant households in the region owned their homes, compared to **63.3%** of U.S.-born households. **36.7%** of immigrant households were renters.

- Share of immigrants in the region that lived in houses: **56.6%**
- Share of immigrants in the region that lived in apartments: **26.4%**

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REFUGEES

Estimated number of foreign-born population that were likely refugees in 2018

- **1,700**

Share of foreign-born population that were likely refugees in 2018: **7.5%**

UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS

Undocumented immigrant households earned **$128.7M** in 2018. $9.2M went to federal taxes and $6.6M went to state and local taxes.

- Estimated number of undocumented immigrants in 2018: **6,600**
- Share of immigrants who were undocumented in 2018: **29.2%**

leaving them with **$112.9M** in spending power.

ENDNOTES

1. Unless otherwise specified, data comes from 5-year samples of the American Community Survey from 2013 and 2018 and figures refer to Butler County.
4. We define working age as 16–64 years of age.
6. Professional services: Most of these industries include professions that require a degree or a license, such as legal services, accounting, scientific research, consulting services, etc.
7. General services include personal services (e.g., laundry services, barber shops, and repair and maintenance), religious organizations, social services, and labor unions.
9. Data on total student enrollment in the region is derived from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System maintained by the National Center for Education Statistics. Temporary residents refer to people who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents.
10. Economic data is derived from the International Student Economic Value Tool maintained by NAFSA, the association of international educators.