



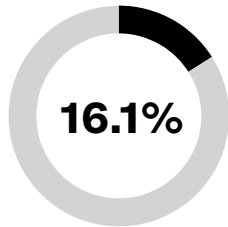
# New Americans in Tarrant County

The Demographic and Economic Contributions of Immigrants in the County<sup>1</sup>

## POPULATION GROWTH

# 330,700

immigrants lived in the county in 2019, making up **16.1%** of the overall population.



Between 2014 and 2019, the overall population in the county increased from 1,883,000 to 2,049,400, or

## 8.8%



During the same period, the foreign-born population increased from 292,300 to 330,700, or

## 13.1%



Growth in the foreign born population accounted for

## 23.1%

of the overall population growth during that period.

Of the **1,003,500** people working in the metro area, **203,100**, or



## 20.2%,

were foreign-born.

Top countries of origin for immigrants living in Tarrant County:

1. Mexico ..... **46.9%**
2. Vietnam..... **6.8%**
3. India..... **4.2%**
4. El Salvador..... **2.8%**
5. Nigeria ..... **2.5%**

## SPENDING POWER & TAX CONTRIBUTIONS

In 2019, foreign-born residents in Tarrant County contributed **\$19.9B** to the county's GDP, or **16.6%** of the total.<sup>2</sup>

The foreign-born population in Tarrant County holds considerable economic power.

Amount earned by immigrant households in 2019:

# \$9.5B

## \$1.6B

 went to federal taxes.<sup>3</sup>

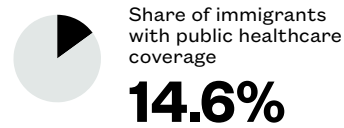
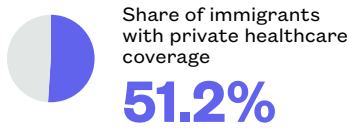
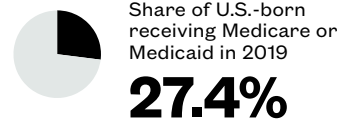
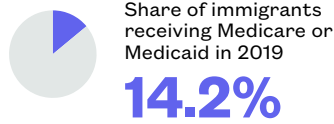
## \$783.3M

 went to state & local taxes.<sup>4</sup>

Leaving them with **\$7.1B** in spending power, or **15.6%** of all spending power in Tarrant County.

### SPENDING POWER & TAX CONTRIBUTIONS (CONTINUED)

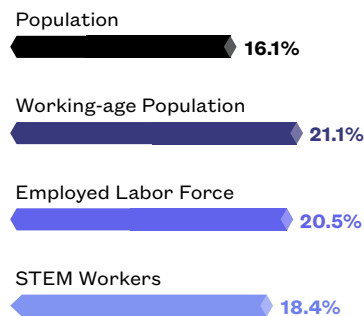
Immigrants in Tarrant County also supported federal social programs. In 2019, they contributed **\$1B** to Social Security and **\$262.1M** to Medicare.



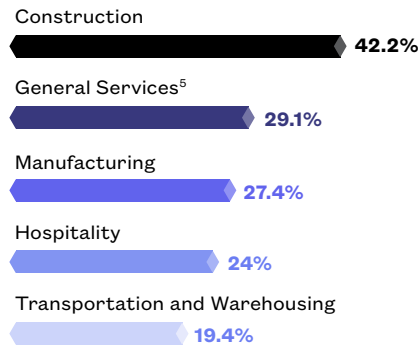
### WORKFORCE

Although the foreign-born population made up **16.1%** of the county's overall population, they represented **21.1%** of its working-age population, **20.5%** of its employed labor force, and **18.4%** of its STEM workers in 2019.

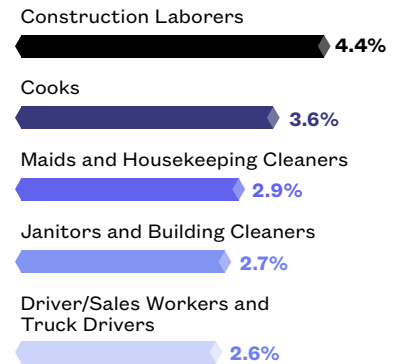
#### Immigrant shares of the...



Immigrants played a critical role in these key industries in Tarrant County:



Immigrants tend to concentrate in these occupations in the county:



Because of the role immigrants play in the workforce helping companies keep jobs on U.S. soil, we estimate that, by 2019, immigrants living in the county had helped create or preserve **15,200 local manufacturing jobs** that would have otherwise vanished or moved elsewhere.<sup>6</sup>

### ENTREPRENEURSHIP

**22,000**

foreign-born people worked for their own businesses, generating

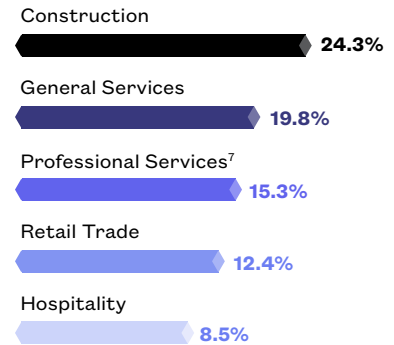
**\$592.2M**

in business income.

Despite making up **16.1%** of the overall population, immigrants made up **25%** of the entrepreneurs in the county in 2019.



Immigrants entrepreneurs tended to work in these industries in Tarrant County:



In the county, immigrants were **29.3%** more likely to be entrepreneurs than their U.S.-born counterparts.

#### Share of the population who were entrepreneurs:



### EDUCATION AND LONG-TERM ECONOMIC IMPACTS

Share of the county's population aged 25 or older that held a **bachelor's degree or higher** in 2019:



Share of the county's population aged 25 or older that held an **advanced degree** in 2019:



**6,578 students**

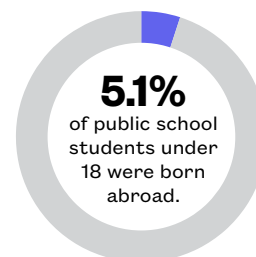
enrolled in colleges and universities in the county were temporary residents in fall 2019.<sup>8</sup>

These students supported **2,400 local jobs**

and contributed

**\$190.1M**

in spending in the 2019 academic year.<sup>9</sup>



### HOUSING WEALTH

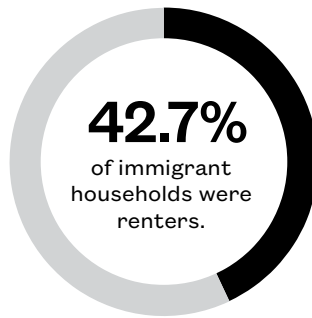
In 2019, **57.3%** of immigrant households in Tarrant County owned their homes, compared to **61.1%** of U.S.-born households.



Foreign-born households



U.S.-born households



**70.4%**  
of immigrant households lived in houses.



**27.3%**  
of immigrant households lived in apartments.

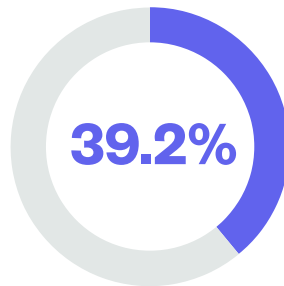
The total property value of immigrant households

**\$14.7B**

The total annual rent paid by immigrant households

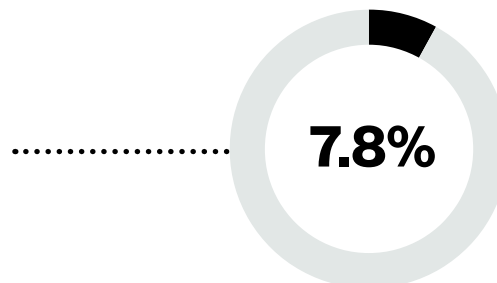
**\$569.4M**

### NATURALIZATION



**39.2%** of immigrants were naturalized U.S. citizens. This represented **129,700** immigrants.

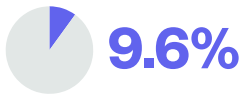
**7.8%** of non-citizen immigrants were likely eligible to be naturalized. This represented **25,800** immigrants.



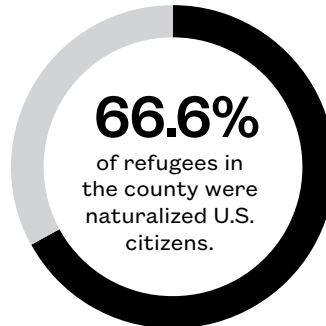
### REFUGEES

**31,600**

people, or



of the foreign-born population were likely refugees in 2019.<sup>10</sup>



**\$55,300**

The median household income of the refugees in the county in 2019.

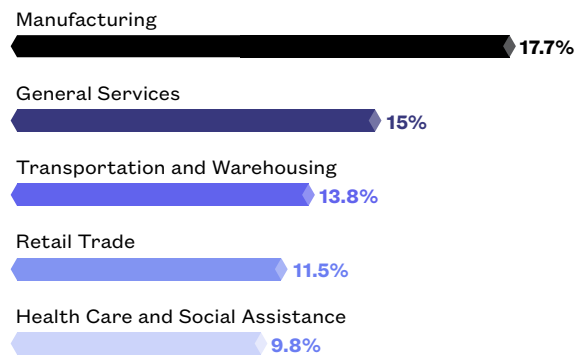


of refugees ages 25 and above held a **bachelor's degree or higher**.



of refugees ages 25 and above held an **advanced degree**.

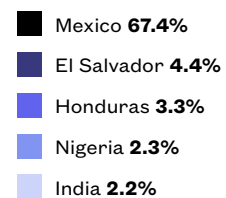
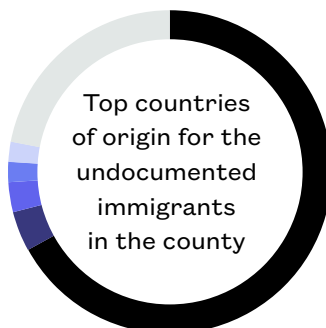
Refugees tend to concentrate in these occupations in the county:

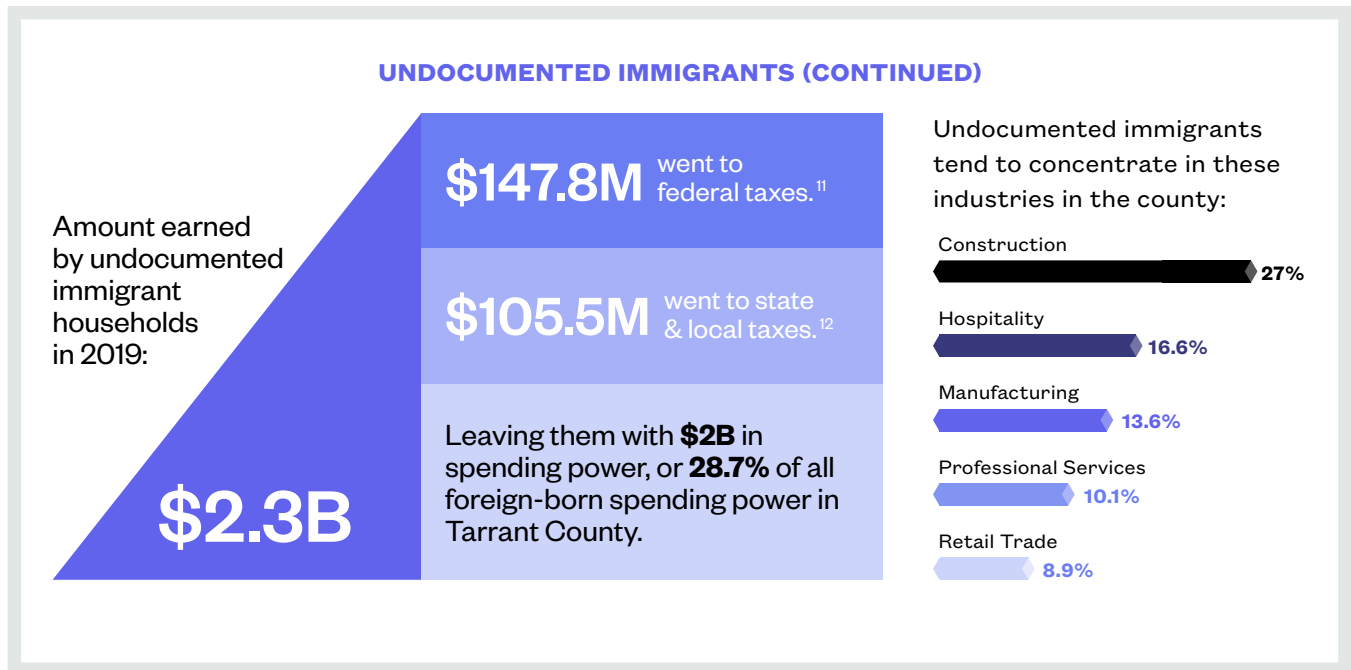


### UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS

**124,500**

Estimated number of undocumented immigrants in 2019, or **37.6%** of the immigrant population.





## ENDNOTES

- 1 Unless otherwise specified, data comes from 5-year samples of the American Community Survey from 2014 and 2019 and figures refer to Tarrant County.
- 2 These figures derive from our calculations based on immigrants' share of wage income and self-employment income in the 5-year ACS sample from 2019 and the statistics of GDP from the Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S..
- 3 U.S. Congressional Budget Office. 2016. "The Distribution of Household Income and Federal Taxes, 2013."
- 4 Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy. 2015. "Who Pays? A Distributional Analysis of the Tax Systems in All Fifty States."
- 5 General services include personal services (e.g. laundry services, barber shops, and repair and maintenance), religious organizations, social services, and labor unions.
- 6 Vigdor, Jacob. 2013. "Immigration and the Revival of American Cities: From Preserving Manufacturing Jobs to Strengthening the Housing Market." New American Economy.
- 7 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.
- 8 Data on total student enrollment in the county 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.
- 9 Economic data is derived from the International Student Economic Value Tool maintained by NAFSA, the association of international educators.
- 10 New American Economy. 2017. "From Struggle to Resilience: The Economic Impact of Refugees in America."
- 11 U.S. Congressional Budget Office. 2016. "The Distribution of Household Income and Federal Taxes, 2013."
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