



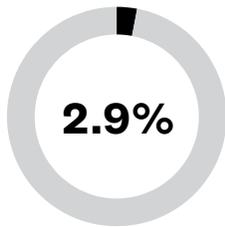
# New Americans in Southwest Iowa

A Snapshot of the Demographic and Economic Contributions of Immigrants in the Region<sup>1</sup>

## POPULATION GROWTH

# 5,100

immigrants lived in the region in 2019, making up 2.9% of the overall population.



Between 2014 and 2019, the overall population in the region shrunk from 181,200 to 179,300, or

# -1.1%



During the same period, the foreign-born population increased from 4,800 to 5,100, or

# 7.4%



Without growth in the immigration population, the region's total population would have shrunk by

# -1.3%

during that period.



**40.4%**  
of the foreign-born population in the region came from **Mexico.**

# 74,600

people worked in Southwest Iowa, either commuting into or within the region. Of these,



# 6.4%

or **4,800** were foreign-born.

## SPENDING POWER & TAX CONTRIBUTIONS

Amount earned by immigrant households in 2019:

# \$108.1M

**\$15.3M** went to federal taxes.<sup>2</sup>

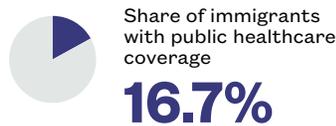
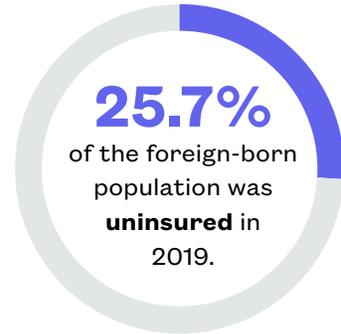
**\$11.2M** went to state & local taxes.<sup>3</sup>

Leaving them with **\$81.6M** in spending power, or **2.2%** of all spending power for the region.



### SPENDING POWER & TAX CONTRIBUTIONS (CONTINUED)

Foreign-born residents also supported federal social programs. In 2019, immigrants in the region contributed **\$14.6M** to Social Security and **\$3.5M** to Medicare.



### WORKFORCE

Although the foreign-born population made up **2.9%** of the region's overall population, they represented **4.0%** of its working-age population, and **3.9%** of its employed labor force.

#### Immigrant shares of the...



### EDUCATION AND LONG-TERM ECONOMIC IMPACTS

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



### HOUSING WEALTH



The total property value of immigrant households  
**\$100.6M**

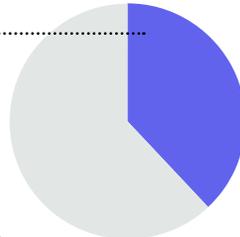
The total annual rent paid by immigrant households  
**\$4.8M**

### NATURALIZATION

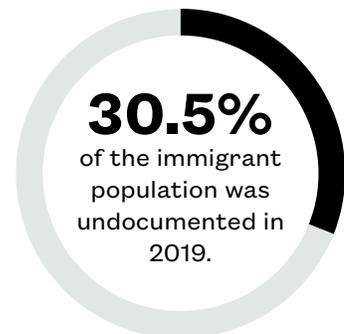
Share of immigrants who were naturalized U.S. citizens

**37.9%**

This represents a total of **1,900 immigrants.**



### UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS



## ENDNOTES

- 1 Unless otherwise specified, data comes from 5-year samples of the American Community Survey from 2014 and 2019 and figures refer to Southwest Iowa including the counties of Cass, Fremont, Harrison, Mills, Montgomery, Page, Pottawattamie, and Shelby.
- 2 U.S. Congressional Budget Office. 2020. "The Distribution of Household Income and Federal Taxes, 2017."
- 3 Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy. 2018. "Who Pays? A Distributional Analysis of the Tax Systems in All Fifty States."