

# Immigrants in the Syracuse Metro Area

Analysis from the Fiscal Policy Institute

Based on American Community Survey 2013 data

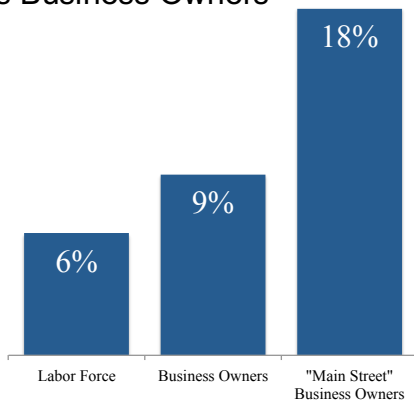
## Place of Origin for Immigrants in Syracuse Metro Area

Place of Birth	Number	Share
China	2,590	7%
Canada	2,332	6%
Ukraine	1,783	5%
India	1,765	5%
Italy	1,673	4%
Germany	1,344	4%
Korea	1,341	4%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,217	3%
Vietnam	1,200	3%
Jamaica	1,014	3%
Cuba	997	3%
Philippines	683	2%
Guyana	608	2%
Poland	604	2%
Thailand	587	2%
England	530	1%
Burma	528	1%
17 top places of birth	20,796	56%
All other	16,433	44%
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,229</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Immigrants Are Pulling their Weight in the Economy



## Immigrants Are Playing a Big Role as Business Owners



And immigrants play a particularly big role among "Main Street" businesses that spur the growth of neighborhoods such as restaurants and grocery stores.

## Unauthorized Immigrants

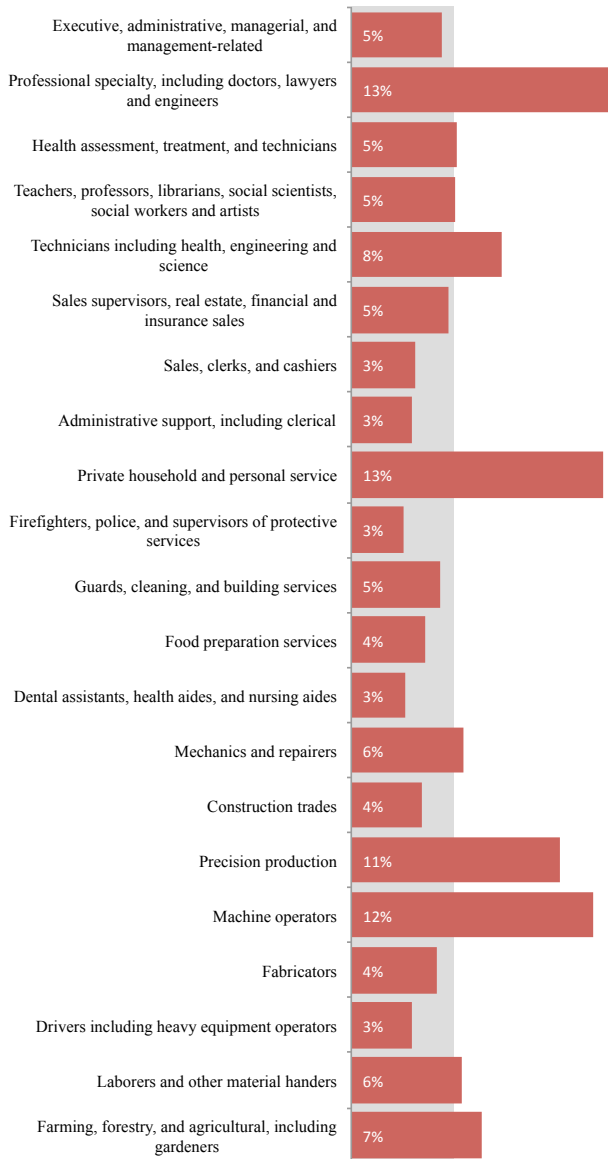
*About one in five immigrants in the upstate region does not have legal status in the United States. That means there are approximately 7,000 unauthorized immigrants in Onondaga County.*

## Half of Immigrants in Metro Syracuse are Eligible to Vote

Immigrants 18 years and older	33,201	100%
Naturalized Citizen	16,639	50%
Non-Citizen	16,562	50%

## Immigrant Occupations

(Grey area shows average; bars above the grey are where immigrants are overrepresented)



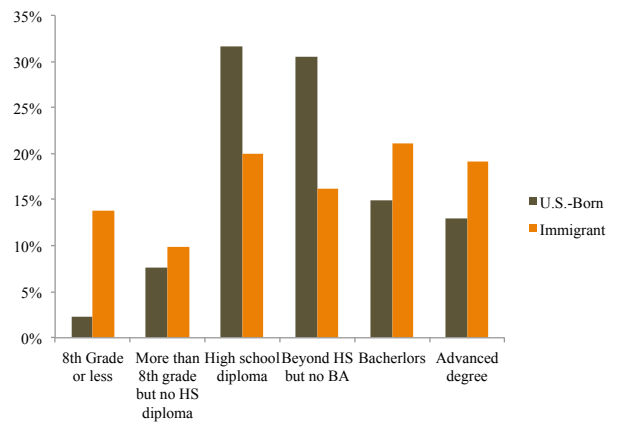
The eight occupational categories at the top of this chart represent white-collar jobs. The next five are service sector jobs, the following seven are blue-collar jobs, and the last is farming and related. Syracuse average is 5.4 percent.

## Some Immigrant Groups Are Concentrated in White-Collar Jobs

	White Collar	All Other
Canada	85%	15%
China	77%	23%
India	77%	23%
Ukraine	52%	48%
Korea	79%	21%
All immigrant	61%	39%
All U.S. Born	62%	38%

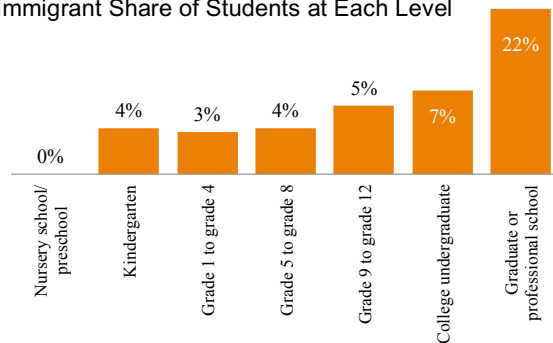
This list includes all immigrants with at least 400 workers in white-collar jobs. List is in order of largest number of immigrants in white-collar jobs.

## Immigrants Are More Likely to Be Highly Educated or to Be Less Educated



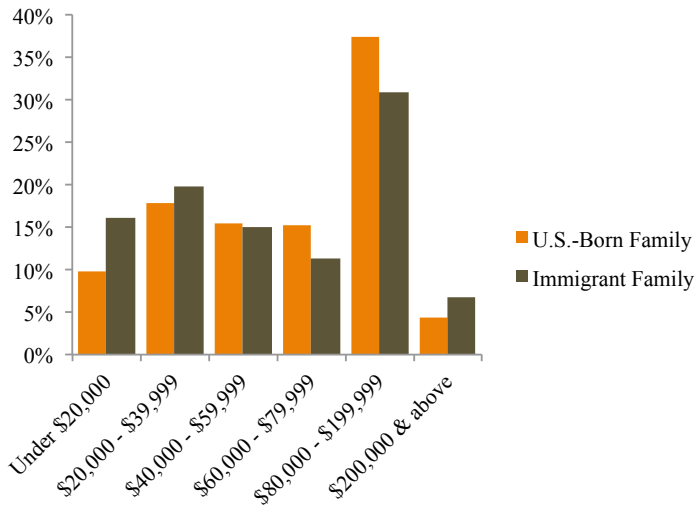
## Immigrants Make Up a Big Share of College and Graduate Students in Syracuse

Immigrant Share of Students at Each Level

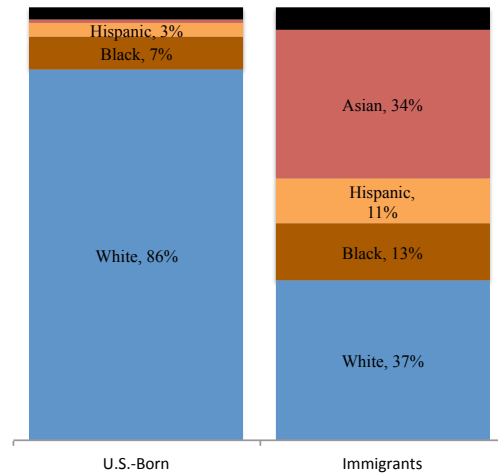


Overall, about 40 percent of the immigrant students came to the United States for college, the other half are immigrants who grew up here. (We see this in the year of arrival: 51 percent of students in college arrived in the U.S. in the past five years, as did just 5 percent of those in graduate or professional schools.)

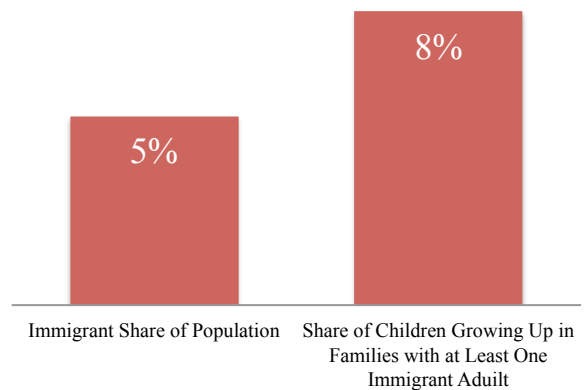
### Family Income: Similar for Immigrants and Non-Immigrant Families, Except in the Upper Middle Class



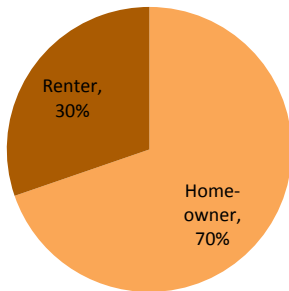
### Whites and Asians are the Biggest Immigrant Groups in Metro Syracuse



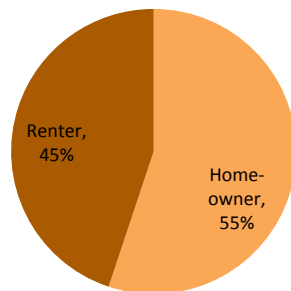
### Kids Are Growing Up in a Multicultural World



#### U.S.-Born Home Ownership



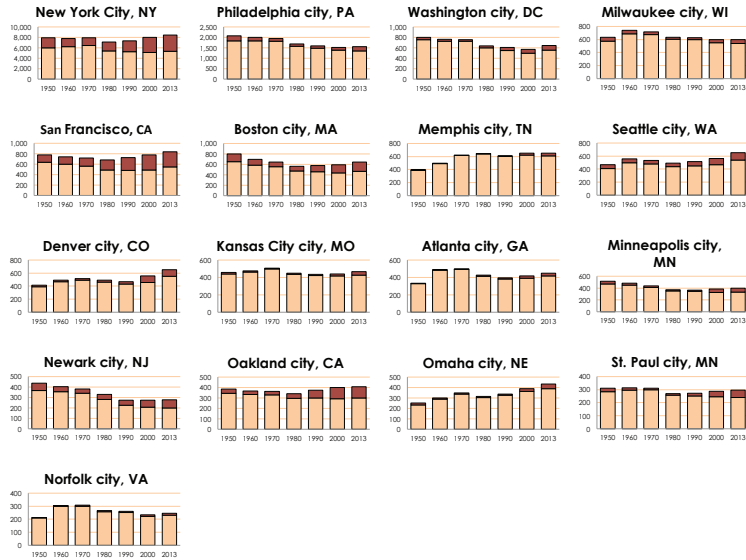
#### Immigrant Home Ownership



The median property taxes paid by immigrant households is \$3,050, a little lower than the amount for U.S.-born households, \$3,150. On the other hand, eight percent of immigrant households pay over \$10,000 in property taxes, compared to three percent of U.S.-born households. (Immigrant households are those where the head of household was born in another country.)

# Syracuse in National Context

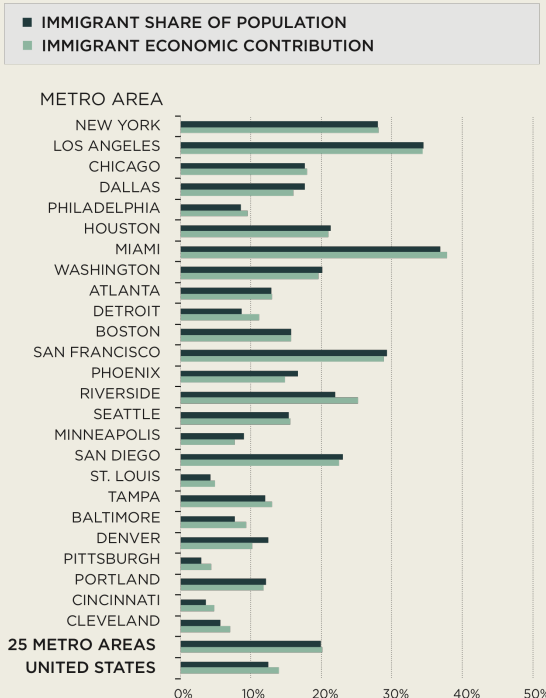
Cities with Rebounding Population: Immigrants Often Make the Difference Between Growth and Decline



*Among the 50 largest cities in the US, 30 saw a decline in population in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, with suburbanization and white flight part of the reason. Of those, 17 have seen a population rebound, with immigrants frequently playing a pivotal role. Those that didn't see a rebound, such as the city of Syracuse, are without exception places had very little growth in immigrant population. Our conclusion: a city is not likely to see future growth that it unaccompanied by immigration. If you want growth, you should also prepare to welcome immigrant communities.* Fiscal Policy Institute analysis based on decennial Census and ACS 2013.

## Immigrants contribute to the economy in proportion to their share of the population

(Contribution measured as wage and salary earnings plus proprietors' income, 2005-07)



*Comparing Syracuse metro area to metro areas around the country: The immigrant share of the population is just under 7 percent, putting it in a league with St. Louis, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and Cleveland, all slow-growing metro areas.*

“Immigrants and the Economy: The Contribution of Immigrant Workers to the Country’s 25 Largest Metropolitan Areas,” Fiscal Policy Institute, December 2009.