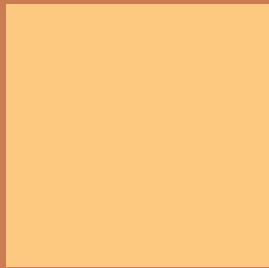
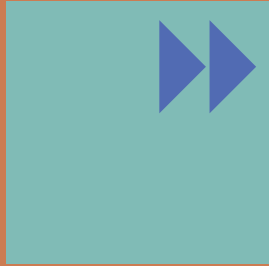
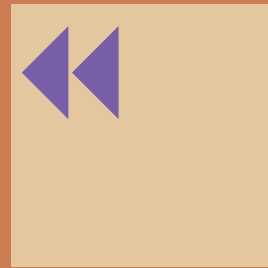


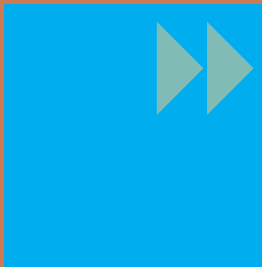
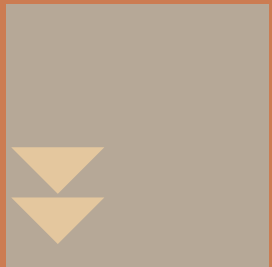
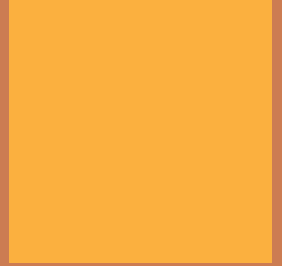
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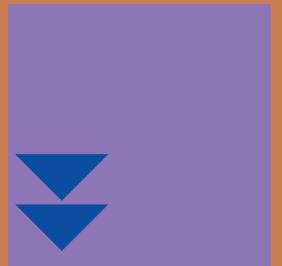
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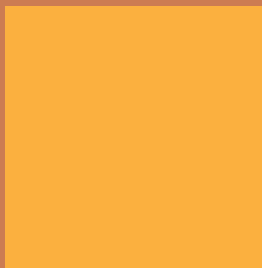
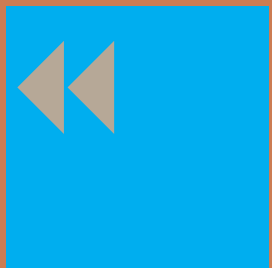
Family income  
for most  
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Most  
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Nearly a quarter  
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Like U.S.-born  
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## A Vital Sixth of the Economy



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## East End

*Immigrants make up 14 percent of the population, 17 percent of the labor force, and 8 percent of small business owners living on the East End—that is, in the towns of Southampton, East Hampton, Shelter Island, Southold, and Riverhead.*

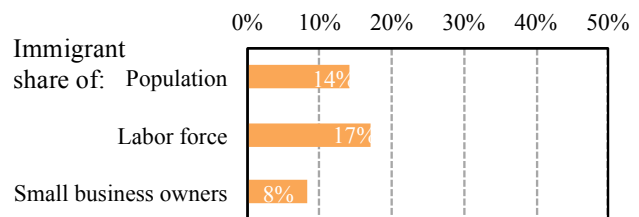
*Immigrants are paying property taxes as homeowners—65 percent of immigrants live in families that own their own home. And 15 percent of these immigrant-headed households pay \$10,000 or more in property taxes—about the same as the 14 percent of families with U.S.-born heads of household, though with more people per household in immigrant-headed families.*

*East End immigrants make up 58 percent of workers in private households and personal services; 52 percent in farming and landscaping; 48 percent in construction trades; and 33 percent in food preparation. Immigrants also make up 7 percent of executive, administrative*

*and managerial workers; 8 percent of teachers, professors, librarians, social scientists, social workers, and artists; and 10 percent of administrative support workers.*

*While immigrant family income is not as high as for U.S.-born families, more than half (53 percent) live in families earning at least \$80,000/year.*

### Immigrants are a significant share of workers and small business owners



	U.S.-born	Foreign-born	Total
Population	124,593	20,395	144,988
Labor force	65,061	13,408	78,469
Small business owners	6,703	605	7,308

### Immigrants pay property taxes, even if they are renters

#### Property owners

Median property tax paid	\$5,249	\$4,649
Share who pay \$10,000 or more in property tax	14%	15%
Number of households	41,282	4,203
Avg. people per household	2.3	3.1
Share in owner-occupied homes	81%	65%

#### Renters

Median rent	\$900	\$1,500
Number of households	8,607	1,898
Avg. people per household	2.3	3.8
Share in renter-occupied homes	19%	19%

### Most immigrants live in families that earn at least \$80,000/year

Share of individuals in families with incomes	Foreign-born	U.S.-born	Percentage point difference
Under \$20,000	3%	5%	-1%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	18%	11%	7%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	14%	11%	3%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	12%	10%	1%
\$80,000 to \$199,999	45%	47%	-2%
\$200,000 plus	8%	16%	-8%
Median	\$80,500	\$100,000	-20%

### East End immigrants are clustered in a handful of occupations

	Immigrant share of occupation
Executive, administrative, managerial	7%
Professional specialty (incl. doctors, engineers, lawyers)	n/a
Registered nurses, pharmacists, and health therapists	n/a
Teachers, professors, librarians, social scientists, social workers, & artists	8%
Technicians (incl. health, engineering & science)	n/a
Sales (supervisors, real estate, finance & insurance)	n/a
Sales (clerks & cashiers)	n/a
Administrative support (incl. clerical)	10%
Private household & personal service	58%
Firefighters, police & supervisors of protective services	n/a
Guards, cleaning, and building services	26%
Food preparation services	33%
Dental, health, & nursing aides	n/a
Mechanics & repairers	n/a
Construction trades	48%
Precision production	n/a
Machine operators	n/a
Fabricators	n/a
Drivers (incl. heavy equipment operators)	n/a
Construction laborers & other material handlers	n/a
Farming, forestry & agriculture (incl. gardeners)	52%
<b>Total</b>	<b>17%</b>

## East End

*A third (33 percent) of all foreign-born adults living on the East End are U.S. citizens. Two thirds (66 percent) of all children living in immigrant families were born in the United States.*

*On the East End, a little more than half (58 percent) of immigrants are Latino, and two thirds of Latinos are immigrants (a third of Latinos were born in the United States).*

*Half (49 percent) of immigrants report either only speaking English or speaking English very well. Another 23 percent say they speak English well.*

*The fastest-growing groups of immigrants on the East End are immigrants from Mexico, who have tripled their number since 2000, and those from Colombia—growing by 142 percent to a total of 3,300. Colombians are now the biggest immigrant*

*country of origin for immigrants on the East End.*

**A little more than half of immigrants are Latino, and two thirds of Latinos are immigrants**

	Share of immigrants who are white/black/Latino/Asian	Share of whites/blacks/Latinos/Asians who are immigrants
White	33%	6%
Black	n/a	n/a
Latino/Hispanic	58%	66%
Asian	9%	94%
Other	n/a	n/a
Total	100%	14%

**Most immigrants are citizens; most kids of immigrants are U.S.-born**

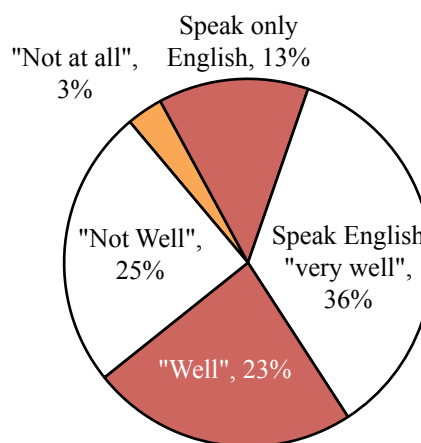
	Number	Share
All foreign-born	20,395	100%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	6,082	30%
Non-citizen	14,313	70%
Foreign-born adults	18,279	100%
Naturalized U.S. citizen	5,991	33%
Non-citizen	12,288	67%

All children in East End	26,822	100%
Children in immigrant families	5,452	20%
Born in the United States	3,577	66%
Foreign-born	1,875	34%

**Top immigrant country of birth and fastest-growing groups**

	2000	2009	2009 Share	Growth 2000-2009
Colombia	1,357	3,278	16%	142%
Guatemala	1,632	2,673	13%	64%
Mexico	781	2,376	12%	204%
El Salvador	254	1,417	7%	n/a
Philippines	59	1,234	6%	n/a
Brazil	195	1,228	6%	n/a
Ecuador	894	1,045	5%	17%
Poland	946	975	5%	3%
Greece	166	782	4%	n/a
Germany	601	750	4%	25%
Nicaragua	21	548	3%	n/a
Canada	438	521	3%	n/a
Top 12 in 2009	7,344	16,827	83%	129%
All other	6,951	3,568	17%	-49%
Total	14,295	20,395	100%	43%

**How well do immigrants speak English?**



Sources for all charts on these two pages: FPI analysis of 2000 Census and 2009 ACS. Small business based on 2005-09 ACS. Details in Appendix, "Note on Sources." East End combines the towns of Southampton, East Hampton, Shelter Island, Southold and Riverhead to obtain a statistically significant sample.