

Seattle's Immigrants and Refugees

a Snapshot

Between 2000 and 2014, Seattle's immigrant population grew 20% compared to 14% for the overall population.



18% of Seattle residents are foreign-born. In King County, 20% of residents are foreign-born.

ACS 2014



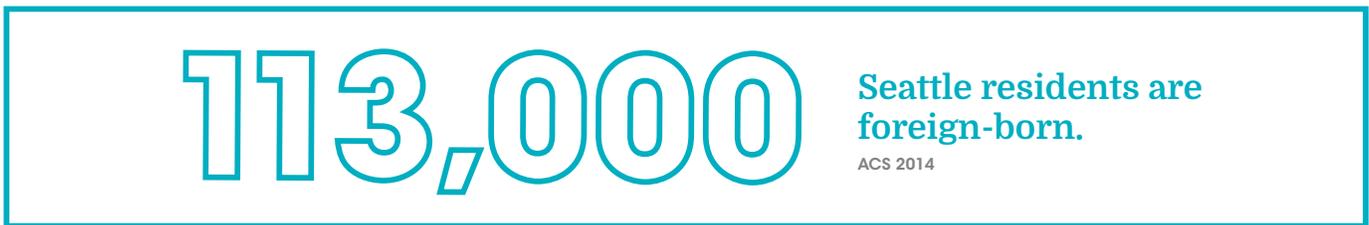
Washington is the 8th largest refugee-receiving state.

Migration Policy Institute 2015



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Top 10 Countries of Origin

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	1. China	11.76%
	2. Vietnam	11.50%
	3. Philippines	8.01%
	4. Mexico	6.69%
	5. Ethiopia	5.43%
	6. Canada	5.15%
	7. South Korea	4.31%
	8. India	3.38%
	9. Somalia	2.69%
	10. Japan	2.62%

Language

Seattle School District & ACS 2014



Education

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20%

of foreign-born have less than a high school degree.



43%

of foreign-born have a college or graduate degree.

Naturalization

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Number of foreign born eligible to be naturalized:

22,648

in Seattle

182,684

in Washington State

74,982

in King County

Median Income of Foreign-born

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\$31,580

Comparing Federal Poverty Rates of Seattle Residents

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Native Born

14%

Foreign-born, Naturalized U.S. Citizens

17%

Foreign-born, Non-U.S. Citizens

27%



34%

of households headed by foreign-born women are at poverty level



37%

of foreign-born own homes

Foreign-born Spending Power

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\$4.4 Billion

Entrepreneurship and Small Business

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45,696

new immigrant businesses opened in Washington State between 2006–2010.

\$2.4 Billion

Net business income from new immigrant businesses or 13.1% of all net business income

Labor Market

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Foreign-born percentage of workers by occupation in the Seattle Metropolitan area

Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations	40.2%
Computer and Mathematical Occupations	34.9%
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	34.1%
Production Occupations	29.9%
Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	29%
Personal Care and Service Occupations	28.1%
Construction and Extraction Occupations	21.9%
Healthcare Support Occupations	22.8%