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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ACS 2014

113,000 Seattle residents are foreign-born.

ACS 2014

Top 10 Countries of Origin

ACS 2014

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

129 languages spoken in Seattle schools

43% Speak English less than “very well”

Education

ACS 2014

20% of foreign-born have less than a high school degree.

43% of foreign-born have a college or graduate degree.
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

$31,580

Entrepreneurship and Small Business


$2.4 Billion

of net business income

Comparing Federal Poverty Rates of Seattle Residents

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

Labor Market

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%

Foreign-born Spending Power

$4.4 Billion