

# Labor Market Spotlight

## Foreign-born Population

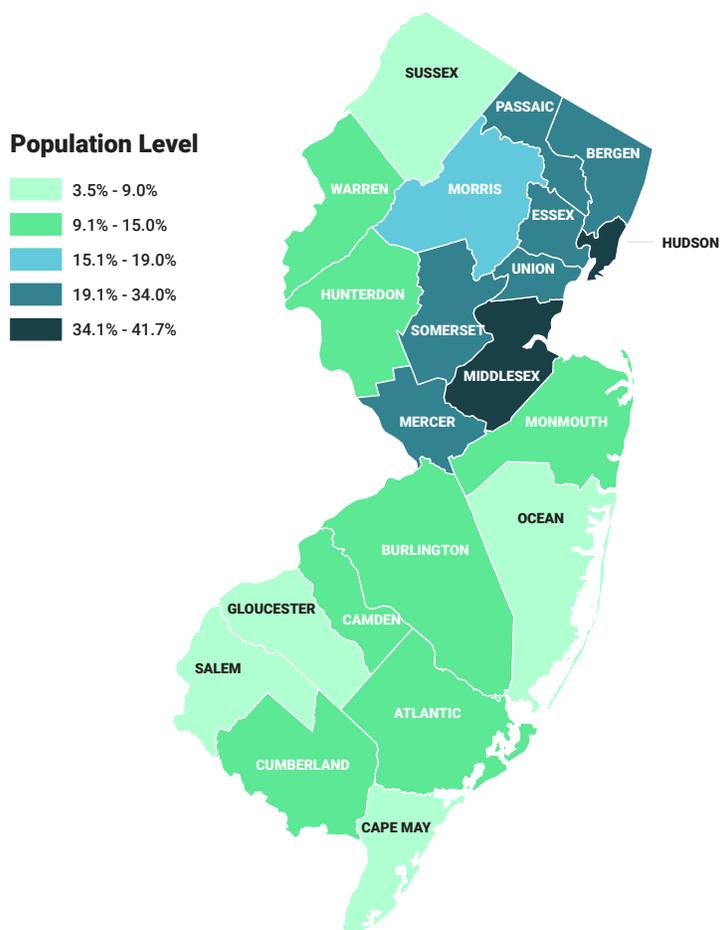
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New Jersey embraces cultural diversity and celebrates the 2.2 million immigrants who call our state home. Nearly half of the state’s immigrants (48.1%) come from Latin America. Middlesex and Hudson counties contain the largest immigrant populations in the state. Foreign-born workers are predominantly employed in education, healthcare, and social services. More than two in five (41.3%) hold a bachelor’s degree or higher, comparable to the state’s native-born population.

The proportion of foreign-born residents from Europe is decreasing, whereas it is rising for those from Latin American and African countries. The gender distribution is almost evenly split, except for those from the Caribbean (45% male, 55% female) and Central American (54% male, 46% female).

### Foreign-born Population by County



### Foreign-born Population by Country

Country of Origin	Percent of Foreign-born Population
India	12.4%
Dominican Republic	9.8%
Mexico	5.0%
China	4.9%
Ecuador	4.9%
Colombia	4.4%
Philippines	3.9%
Korea	3.1%
Peru	2.7%
Brazil	2.3%

Roughly one in five foreign-born residents are from India or the Dominican Republic.

**2.2M** Foreign-born residents

**48.1%** Share from Latin America

**42.6%** Work in management, sciences, business, or arts occupations

**46.9** Median age (6.5 years older than the median age of New Jersey’s population as a whole)

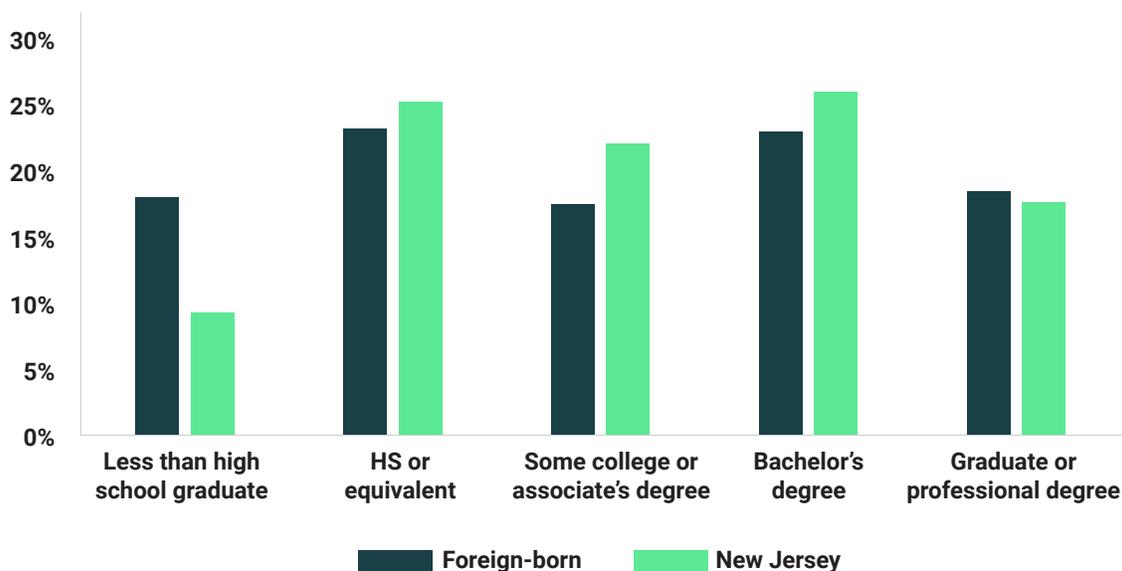


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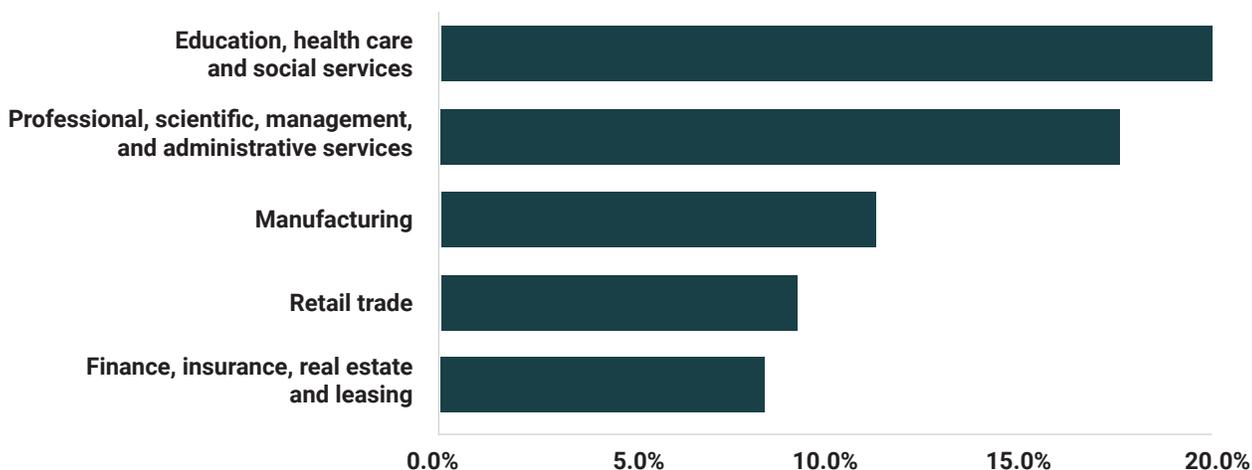


### Educational Attainment



Overall, the educational attainment of foreign-born individuals is similar to the statewide average.

### Top Industries for Foreign-born Residents



Foreign-born residents play a crucial role in certain New Jersey industries, most notably in the education, health care, and professional services sectors. These industries typically require employees to hold advanced certifications or degrees.

**Technical Note:** The data in this report are from the US Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) 2022 1-year estimates.

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