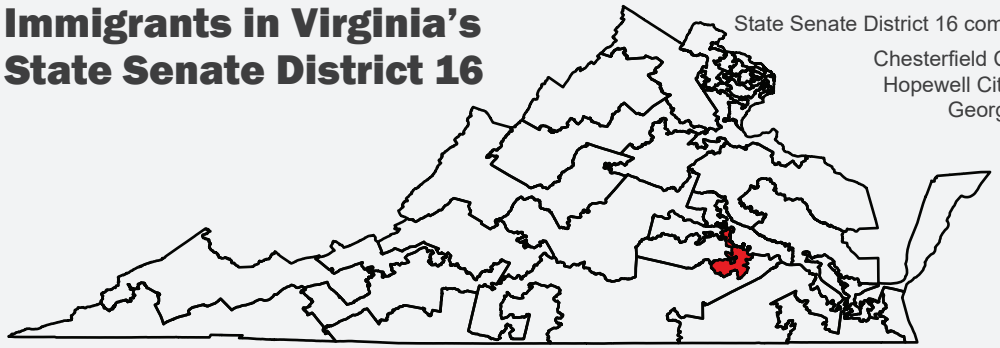
Immigrants in Virginia's State Senate District 16

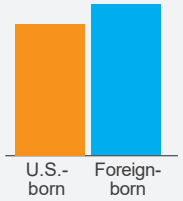


State Senate District 16 comprises in part or in whole:

Chesterfield County, Dinwiddie County, Hopewell City, Petersburg City, Prince George County, Richmond City

Economic Contributions of Immigrants

Immigrants are major contributors to the economy of Senate District 16 and the state.

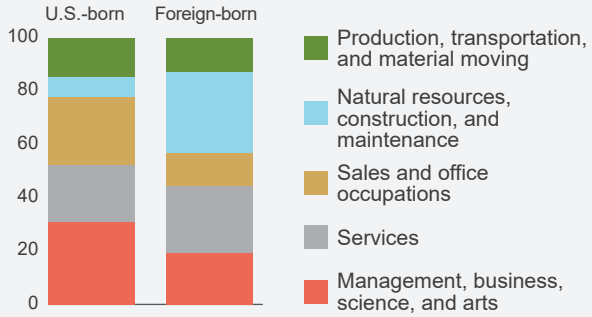


Among foreign-born adults, 71.9% are working or looking for work, compared to 62.7% of all U.S.-born adults in the district.

The median household income is $42,826 for foreign-born households, compared to $42,306 for U.S.-born households.

5% Around 5% of Virginia's **immigrant workers are owners of incorporated businesses** compared to 3% of U.S.-born workers.

Immigrants work in critcal occupations.



Eligible Voters

Exit polls of Latino and Asian American voters indicated that in addition to jobs and the economy, immigration reform is a very important issue to them and one that lawmakers should address.

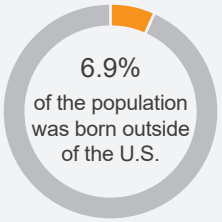
Margin of Difference in 2015 Senate race	Asian American and Latino Voting Age Citizens	Naturalized Citizen Voting Age Population
11,241	**8,444**	**4,567**

Diverse Population

Total population: 211,486

Foreign-Born: 14,682

31.4% of foreign-born residents are naturalized citizens.



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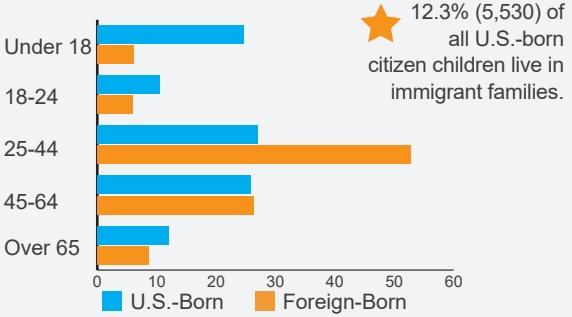


12.3% (5,530) of all U.S.-born citizen children live in immigrant families.

Educational Attainment

21% of U.S.-born and 20% of foreign-born adults in this district have a bachelor's degree or higher.

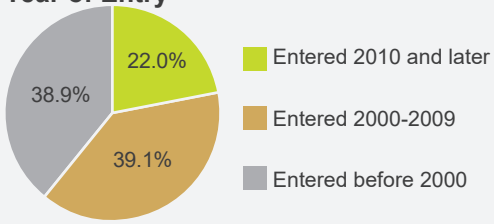
Regions of Origin

Africa	5.2%	Europe	8.6%
Asia	18.0%	Latin America	67.1%

Top Countries of Origin

The most common countries of birth are Guatemala, Mexico, and El Salvador.

Year of Entry



Sources: 2013-2017 ACS 5-Year Estimates, Virginia Division of Legislative Services, Virginia State Board of Elections

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