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The State of Immigrants in Virginia’s Economy

Virginia’s workforce is one of the most highly educated and highest earning in the nation, forming the backbone of an economy that is routinely ranked as a powerhouse. Immigrants play a key role in the commonwealth’s success.

Virginia’s immigrant communities are diverse.

In 2019, Virginia was home to more than 1 million foreign-born residents, making it the 10th largest immigrant population in the U.S.

Virginia’s immigrants come from a wide range of countries.

- 10.3% El Salvador
- 8.8% India
- 6.3% Mexico
- 4.6% Vietnam
- 4.5% Philippines

Virginia’s immigrants are well educated.

More than 40% of Virginia’s adult immigrants had bachelor’s degrees or higher in 2019.

- Graduate or Professional Degree
- Bachelor’s Degree

Virginia’s foreign-born are active in the labor market.

Almost 20 percent of Virginia business owners are foreign-born...

- 72.3% Foreign-Born
- 64.8% Native-Born

Virginia’s immigrants have high rates of working or looking for work.

- 19% (2013 data)

Virginia households, both immigrant and U.S.-born, have high median incomes.

Virginia households – both immigrant and native-born – have some of the highest typical incomes in the country.

Source: 2019 American Community Survey