

A Snapshot of Immigrants in Kent County

County Indicators

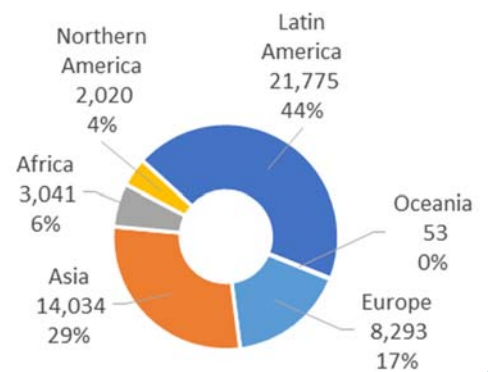
7.8% of Michiganders in this county are immigrants,
↑ from **6.6%** in 2000.

50.3% of immigrants arrived to the U.S. before 2000.

Kent County	2000	2015	% Change
Total Immigrant Population	38,154	49,216	29.0%
Citizen by Naturalization	12,040	19,544	62.3%

Region of Origin, 2016

The immigrant population in this county is diverse, with immigrants coming from all over the world.



A crackdown on Michigan immigrant families places these children at risk of being separated from family, and having poor health and economic outcomes.

Race and Ethnicity	Children of Immigrants	Children of Immigrants in Families Experiencing Poverty
Asian	24.9%	13.8%
Black or African-American	5.6%	5.2%
Hispanic or Latino	23.8%	39.1%
White	45.6%	41.9%

6.9%

of native-born children (under age 6) had at least one immigrant parent in 2015.



In 2014,

14.8%

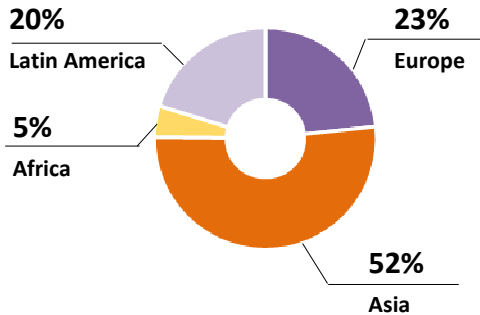
of children with at least one immigrant parent were experiencing poverty, with Hispanic children of immigrants being more likely to be in families experiencing economic hardship.¹



Michigan — Immigration Facts (cont'd)

Children of Immigrants

Immigrant children and youth living in Michigan come from diverse regions. They are the future thinkers and leaders of our state.



Healthcare

- ▶ Many immigrants in Michigan do not have health insurance and have a difficult time paying for the medical services they and their family need.
- ▶ As of 2014, **18.4%** of all Michigan immigrants were uninsured, compared to **9.6%** of all state residents.
- ▶ In the same year, **46%** of all undocumented immigrants in the state were uninsured.²



Economic Contributions

Immigrants in Michigan work hard to support their families and their communities. Every year, immigrants contribute millions of dollars in consumer spending and state and local taxes to support local economies and important public programs.³ In 2015, undocumented immigrants in Michigan paid

\$86.6 million

in state and local taxes.



Young undocumented immigrants contributed approximately

\$15 million

in state and local taxes in the same year.⁴



Source: 2016 American Community Survey 5- year estimates; 2000 Census data

ENDNOTES

1. Urban Policy Institute analysis of U.S. Census Bureau data from the 2014 American Community Survey (ACS).
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