Characteristics of Foreign-Born and African American Residents of Montgomery County, Maryland

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Data from American Community Survey & Montgomery County Public Schools
Foreign Born vs. Native Born Percentage of Montgomery County

- Total Population of Montgomery County is 942,747 per American Community Survey 2006-2008 data.
- Source: American Community Survey 2006-2008
- **Foreign born** - The foreign-born population includes anyone who was not a U.S. citizen or a U.S. national at birth. This includes respondents who indicated they were a U.S. citizen by naturalization or not a U.S. citizen.

- **Native**
  - 662,906
  - 70%

- **Foreign Born**
  - 279,841
  - 30%
Growth Rate of Immigrant and Native-born Populations in Maryland and Montgomery County, 2000 to 2005-06

- Source: Urban Institute tabulations of 2000 U.S. Census of Population and Housing, 5 percent Public Use Microdata Sample; and 2005 and 2006 American Community Survey
Regions of Birth – Foreign Born

- **Eastern Asia**: China, Korea, Taiwan
- **South Central/Western Asia**: Middle Eastern, India
- **South Eastern Asia**: Vietnam, Thailand, Philippines
- **South America**: Peru, Brazil, Columbia
- **Central America**: El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico
- **Caribbean**: Jamaica, Haiti, Dominican Republic

Source: American Community Survey 2006-2008
Educational Level – Foreign Born

- Bachelor's degree: 22%
- Graduate or professional degree: 23%
- Some college or associate's degree: 19%
- High school graduate (includes equivalency): 18%
- Less than high school diploma: 18%

Source: American Community Survey 2006-2008
Survey is based on population 25 years and over.
Language Ability – Foreign Born

- Speak Spanish and English "very well" 10%
- Speak other languages and English "very well" 33%
- Speak only English 15%
- Limited English Proficiency 42%

Source: American Community Survey 2006-2008
Survey is based on population 5 years and over
Citizenship Status – Foreign Born

- Not a U.S. citizen: 53%
- Naturalized U.S. citizen: 47%

Source: American Community Survey 2006-2008
• **Median Age**: 41.8 Years – Foreign Born vs. 36.5 Years - Native
• Source: American Community Survey 2006-2008
Year of Entry to U.S –Foreign Born (Total: 279,841)

- Entered 2000 or later: 85,783
- Entered 1990 to 1999: 80,443
- Entered 1980 to 1989: 58,531
- Entered before 1980: 55,084

Source: American Community Survey 2006-2008
Foreign-born Shares of Total Population, Workers, Low-wage Workers, and Lower-skilled Workers, Montgomery County, 2000 and 2005-06

- Source: Urban Institute tabulations of 2000 U.S. Census of Population and Housing, 5 percent Public Use Microdata Sample; and 2005 and 2006 American Community Survey
- Note: Workers are people age 18 to 64 who are in the civilian workforce, report positive wage and salary earnings or self-employment earnings if self-employed for the prior 12 months, and have worked at least 25 weeks or 700 hours (i.e., the full-time equivalent for 20 weeks).
  - a. Low-wage workers earned less than twice the minimum wage in 1999 or in 2004–05. Self-employed workers are excluded from this tabulation.
  - b. Lower-skilled workers have less than a high school education.
Median Personal Earnings of Foreign- versus Native-born Workers, by Educational Attainment, Montgomery County, 2005-06

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Enrollment of Students from Outside the U.S.A. - MCPS

- 1998-1999 data is not available due to database problem.
- Source: Montgomery County Public Schools
MCPS ESOL Enrollment Trend by School Level

- Source: Montgomery County Public Schools
MCPS Cluster/Consortium Elementary School ESOL
Percent of Total Elementary School Enrollment, 2007-2008

- Source: Montgomery County Public Schools
Characteristics of African Americans
Age Distribution – African Americans

- Under 18 years: 26%
- 18 to 34 years: 24%
- 35 to 64 years: 42%
- 65 years and over: 8%

Source: American Community Survey 2006-2008
Educational Attainment – African Americans

- Source: American Community Survey 2006-2008
- Survey is based on population 25 years and over
• Source: American Community Survey 2006-2008
• Household – A household includes all the people who occupy a housing unit
Occupational Distribution – African Americans

- Source: American Community Survey 2006-2008
- Survey is based on population employed 16 years and over

- 43% Management, professional, and related occupations
- 27% Sales and office occupations
- 18% Service occupations
- 8% Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair occupations
- 4% Production, transportation, and material moving occupations
Characteristics by World Region

1. Africa
2. Latin America
3. South America
4. Central America
5. Eastern Asia
6. South Central Asia
7. South Eastern Asia
8. Europe
Characteristics of Foreign-Born Residents of Montgomery County Africa
Top Three Countries Represented in Montgomery County - Africa

- Western Africa (Ghana, Nigeria): 14,987
- Eastern Africa (Ethiopia): 12,805
- Middle Africa: 4,468

Source: American Community Survey 2006-2008
Age Distribution – Africa

- Source: American Community Survey 2006-2008

- 35 to 64 years: 53%
- 18 to 34 years: 33%
- Under 18 years: 10%
- 65 years and over: 4%
Citizenship Status - Africa

- Not a U.S. citizen: 66%
- Naturalized U.S. citizen: 34%

Source: American Community Survey 2006-2008
Language Ability – Africa

- Source: American Community Survey 2006-2008
- Survey is based on population 5 years and over

- Speak other language/speak English "very well" 59%
- Limited English proficiency 27%
- English only 14%
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### Occupational Distribution - Africa

- **Management, professional, and related occupations**: 38%
- **Service occupations**: 25%
- **Sales and office occupations**: 25%
- **Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair occupations**: 9%
- **Production, transportation, and material moving occupations**: 3%

- **Source**: American Community Survey 2006-2008
- **Survey**: Based on population employed 16 years and over
Characteristics of Foreign-Born Residents of Montgomery County

Latin America
Top Three Regions Represented – Latin America

- Caribbean: 15,867
- Central America: 52,313
- South America: 29,775

Source: American Community Survey 2006-2008
Age Distribution – Latin America

- 35 to 64 years: 53%
- 65 years and over: 9%
- Under 18 years: 7%
- 18 to 34 years: 31%

Source: American Community Survey 2006-2008
Citizenship Status – Latin America

- Naturalized U.S. citizen: 34%
- Not a U.S. citizen: 66%

Source: American Community Survey 2006-2008
Language Ability – Latin America

- English only: 13%
- Limited English proficiency: 55%
- Speak other language/speak English "very well": 32%

Source: American Community Survey 2006-2008
Survey is based on population 5 years and over
Educational Attainment – Latin America

- Source: American Community Survey 2006-2008
- Survey is based on population 25 years and over
Median Household Income – Latin America

- Source: American Community Survey 2006-2008
- Household – A household includes all the people who occupy a housing unit
Occupational Distribution – Latin America

- Source: American Community Survey 2006-2008
- Survey is based on population employed 16 years and over
Characteristics of Foreign-Born Residents of Montgomery County Central America
Top Three Countries Represented – Central America

- El Salvador: 32,350
- Guatemala: 7,301
- Mexico: 4,713

Source: American Community Survey 2006-2008
Age Distribution – Central America

- Under 18 years: 7%
- 18 to 34 years: 40%
- 35 to 64 years: 48%
- 65 years and over: 5%

Source: American Community Survey 2006-2008
Citizenship Status – Central America

- Naturalized U.S. citizen: 26%
- Not a U.S. citizen: 74%

Source: American Community Survey 2006-2008
Language Ability – Central America

- Limited English Proficiency: 68%
- Speak Other Language/Speak English "very well": 28%
- English Only: 4%

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Educational Attainment – Central America

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Median Household Income – Central America

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South America
Top Three Countries Represented – South America

- Peru: 6,848
- Brazil: 4,632
- Colombia: 4,730

Source: American Community Survey 2006-2008
Age Distribution – South America

- Under 18 years: 10%
- 18 to 34 years: 21%
- 35 to 64 years: 58%
- 65 years and over: 11%

Source: American Community Survey 2006-2008
Citizenship Status – South America

- Naturalized U.S. citizen: 38%
- Not a U.S. citizen: 62%

Source: American Community Survey 2006-2008
Language Ability – South America

- Limited English Proficiency: 48%
- Speak Other Language/Speak English "very well": 42%
- English Only: 10%

Source: American Community Survey 2006-2008
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Educational Attainment – South America

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Median Household Income – South America

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Occupational Distribution – South America

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Eastern Asia
Top Three Countries Represented – Eastern Asia

- China, excluding Hong Kong and Taiwan: 17,766
- Korea: 14,260
- Taiwan: 6,796

Source: American Community Survey 2006-2008
Age Distribution – Eastern Asia

- 35 to 64 years: 59%
- 18 to 34 years: 17%
- Under 18 years: 8%
- 65 years and over: 16%

Source: American Community Survey 2006-2008
Citizenship Status – Eastern Asia

- Naturalized U.S. citizen: 59%
- Not a U.S. citizen: 41%

Source: American Community Survey 2006-2008
Language Ability – Eastern Asia

- Limited English proficiency: 56%
- English only: 8%
- Speak other language/speak English "very well": 36%

Source: American Community Survey 2006-2008
Survey is based on population 5 years and over
Educational Attainment – Eastern Asia

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Median Household Income – Eastern Asia

- Source: American Community Survey 2006-2008
- Household – A household includes all the people who occupy a housing unit
Occupational Distribution – Eastern Asia

- Management, professional, and related occupations: 69%
- Service occupations: 7%
- Sales and office occupations: 10%
- Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair occupations: 6%
- Production, transportation, and material moving occupations: 6%

Source: American Community Survey 2006-2008
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South Central Asia
Top Three Countries Represented – South Central Asia

- India: 18,189
- Iran: 6,760
- Bangladesh: 2,407

Source: American Community Survey 2006-2008
Age Distribution – South Central Asia

- Under 18 years: 5%
- 18 to 34 years: 23%
- 35 to 64 years: 59%
- 65 years and over: 13%

• Source: American Community Survey 2006-2008
Citizenship Status – South Central Asia

- Not a U.S. citizen: 39%
- Naturalized U.S. citizen: 61%

Source: American Community Survey 2006-2008
Language Ability – South Central Asia

- **Speak Other Language/Speak English "very well"**: 63%
- **Limited English Proficiency**: 26%
- **English Only**: 11%

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Occupational Distribution – South Central Asia

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South Eastern Asia
Top Three Countries Represented – South Eastern Asia

- Vietnam: 8,818
- Phillipines: 7,961
- Thailand: 1,325

Source: American Community Survey 2006-2008
Age Distribution – South Eastern Asia

- Under 18 years: 5%
- 18 to 34 years: 22%
- 35 to 64 years: 62%
- 65 years and over: 11%

Source: American Community Survey 2006-2008
Citizenship Status – South Eastern Asia

- Naturalized U.S. citizen: 66%
- Not a U.S. citizen: 34%

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Language Ability – South Eastern Asia

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- Speak Other Language/Speak English "very well": 42%
- English Only: 10%

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Occupational Distribution – South Eastern Asia

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- 40% Management, professional, and related occupations
- 27% Service occupations
- 18% Sales and office occupations
- 9% Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair occupations
- 6% Production, transportation, and material moving occupations
Characteristics of Foreign-Born Residents of Montgomery County

Europe
Top Three Countries Represented - Europe

- U.K. 4,407
- Russia 5,432
- Germany 3,673

Source: American Community Survey 2006-2008
Age Distribution - Europe

- Under 18 years: 10%
- 65 years and over: 23%
- 35 to 64 years: 48%
- 18 to 34 years: 19%

Source: American Community Survey 2006-2008
Citizenship Status - Europe

- Not a U.S. citizen: 44%
- Naturalized U.S. citizen: 56%

Source: American Community Survey 2006-2008
Language Ability - Europe

- Limited English proficiency: 23%
- English only: 31%
- Speak other language/speak English "very well": 46%

Source: American Community Survey 2006-2008
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Educational Attainment - Europe

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Occupational Distribution - Europe

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- Survey is based on population employed 16 years and over
Key Points: African Americans

- 40% has bachelor’s degree or higher.
- Median Household Income is about $31,000 less than county median.
Key Points: Africa

- 44% has bachelor’s degree or higher.
- Only 27% is LEP
- Median household income for Africans is $34K less than county average.
Key Points: Central America
(El Salvador, Guatemala)

• 74% is not a U.S. citizen
• 69% is LEP
• 50% has less than high school diploma
• 47% is 18 to 34 years old, younger than other regions
Key Points: South America
(Peru, Brazil, Columbia)

- 62% is not a U.S. citizen (74% for CA)
- 48% is LEP (69% for CA)
- Almost 35% has bachelor’s degree or higher
- Median household income is almost $28K less than county average.
Key Points: Eastern Asia
(China, Korea, Taiwan)

- 56% is LEP despite higher educational attainment level.
- 64% has bachelor’s degree or higher.
- % of senior population is higher than most other foreign born groups.
Key Points: South Central Asia
(India, Middle Eastern Countries)

• High Educational Attainment – almost 73% has bachelor’s degree or higher
• LEP is only 26%
• Median income is more than $100K -highest among foreign-born groups
  -$14K higher than county median
Key Points: South Eastern Asia (Vietnam, Philippines, Thailand)

• 48% is LEP
• 44% has bachelor’s degree or higher.