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## Introduction

Greater Philadelphia's population is becoming more diverse. Immigration has helped many communities in the region replenish population losses. Greater Philadelphia's foreign-born population has grown and changed rapidly since the 1990s. This Data Snapshot examines the foreign-born population in Greater Philadelphia using 2010 American Community Survey (ACS) five-year estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau.<sup>1</sup> Since the elimination of the Census long form, the American Community Survey provides detailed information about the social, economic, and housing characteristics of people living in the United States.<sup>2</sup>

## Definitions

**DVRPC Region:** DVRPC covers 353 municipalities in nine counties: Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia in Pennsylvania and Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, and Mercer in New Jersey; this term is used interchangeably with "Greater Philadelphia."

**Foreign-born:** The foreign-born population includes anyone who is not a U.S. citizen at birth, including those who have become U.S. citizens through naturalization. All immigrants are foreign-born, but not all foreign-born are immigrants. The foreign-born population includes nonimmigrants, such as students, business personnel, and diplomats, who have been admitted to the U.S. temporarily. Not all foreign-born arrived in the U.S. recently; some have spent many years in the country and are naturalized U.S. citizens.

**Native:** The native population includes anyone who is a U.S. citizen at birth, including those who were born in the United States, Puerto Rico, a U.S. Island Area (American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or the U.S. Virgin Islands), or abroad of a U.S. citizen parent or parents.

**Refugee:** This is a person who is unable or unwilling to return to his or her country of nationality because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution based on the alien's race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion. See The Refugee Act of 1980.

## Profile of Immigrants in the DVRPC Region

### How many immigrants are there in Greater Philadelphia?

The foreign-born population reached 563,603 (with a margin of error of +/- 6,022) in Greater Philadelphia in 2010, an increase of 159,143 (39 percent) since 2000. Approximately 10 percent of the Greater Philadelphia region's population is foreign-born. With 172,415 foreign-born

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<sup>1</sup> The U.S. Census is intended to cover everyone who is living in the United States, legally or illegally, but it is likely that undocumented immigrants are undercounted due to misunderstandings about the purpose and use of census data.

<sup>2</sup> Unlike the decennial census, the ACS collects data from a sample of about 250,000 addresses per month. The results are summarized over 1-, 3-, and 5- year periods. Areas with over 65,000 people receive 1-year estimates, while areas with fewer than 20,000 people require five years of data in order to provide estimates. Because some data in this publication is reported to the municipal level and many of the 353 municipalities in the DVRPC region have fewer than 20,000 people, ACS 5-year estimates were used as the basis of this report.

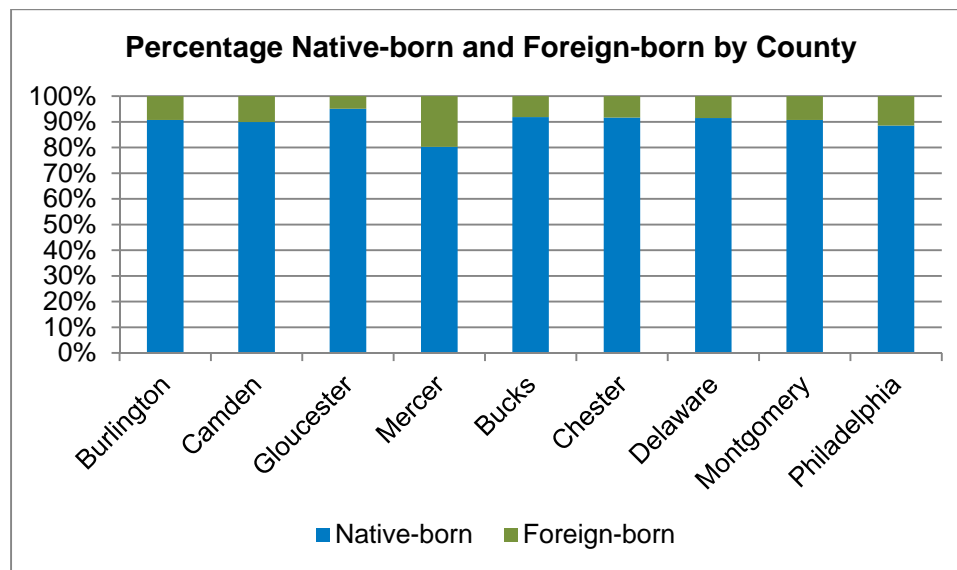
residents (+/-3,826), Philadelphia County is the county in the DVRPC region with the greatest number of foreign-born residents, while Mercer County has the highest percentage of foreign-born residents at 19.7 percent. Gloucester County has the fewest foreign-born residents (13,934 +/-862), as well as the lowest percentage of foreign-born residents (4.9 percent).

Table 1: Percent Native and Foreign-born in DVRPC Region, 2006-2010

State	County	Total	Native	Foreign-born	Foreign-born; Naturalized citizen	Foreign-born; Not a U.S. citizen
New Jersey	Burlington	447,861	90.7%	9.3%	56.1%	43.9%
	Camden	513,574	89.9%	10.1%	47.7%	52.3%
	Gloucester	285,223	95.1%	4.9%	61.7%	38.3%
	Mercer	364,445	80.3%	19.7%	41.7%	58.3%
Pennsylvania	Bucks	622,859	91.9%	8.1%	57.8%	42.2%
	Chester	490,571	91.7%	8.3%	39.2%	60.8%
	Delaware	556,468	91.5%	8.5%	50.6%	49.4%
	Montgomery	790,497	90.7%	9.3%	52.9%	47.1%
	Philadelphia	1,504,950	88.5%	11.5%	46.4%	53.6%

Source: American Community Survey 2010 5-year estimates

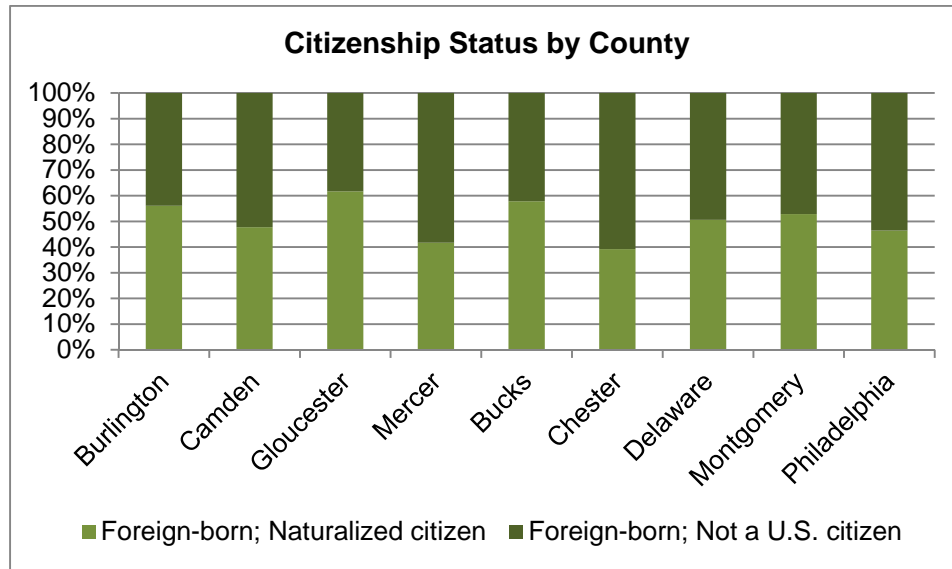
Figure 1: Percentage Native and Foreign-born by County, 2006-2010



Source: American Community Survey 2010 5-year estimates



Figure 2: Citizenship Status by County, 2006-2010

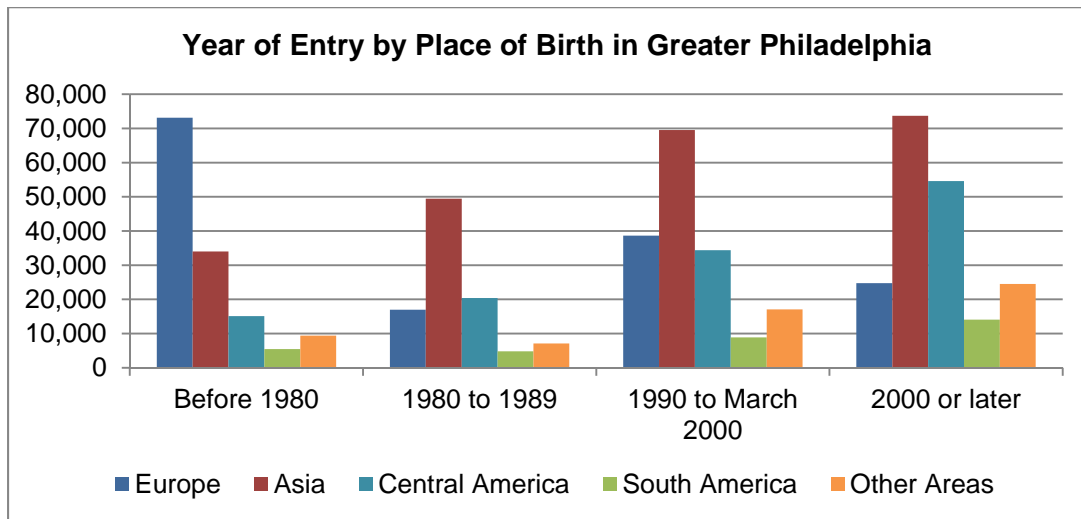


Source: American Community Survey 2010 5-year estimates

### Where were Greater Philadelphia’s immigrants born?

While Europeans overwhelmingly migrated to the Greater Philadelphia area prior to the 1980s, most foreign-born arriving since 2000 are from Asia and Latin America.<sup>3</sup> The top three countries of origin for Greater Philadelphia’s foreign-born are India, Mexico, and China.

Figure 3: Year of Entry by Place of Birth in Greater Philadelphia, 2006-2010



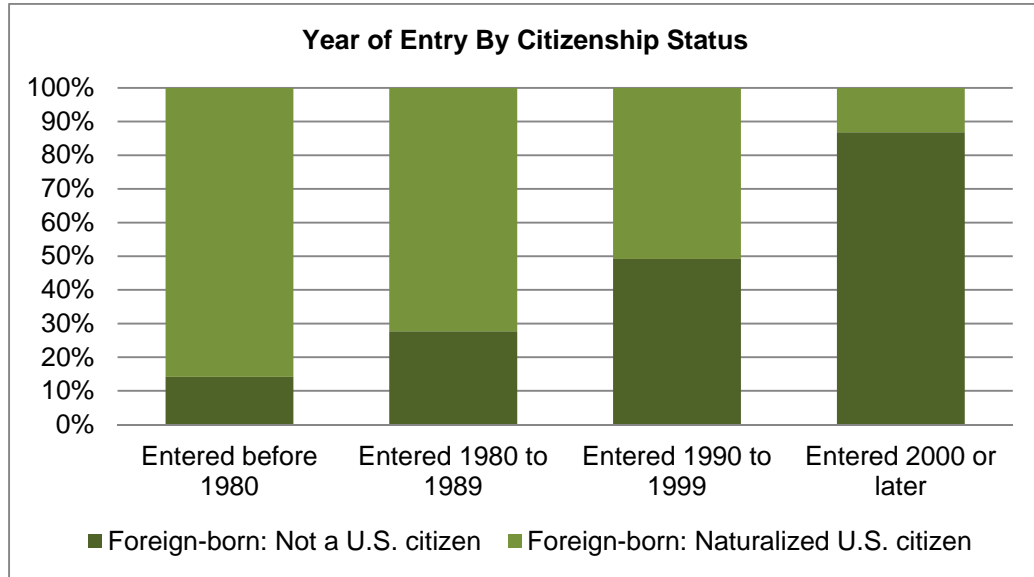
Source: 2000 Census SF3 data and American Community Survey 2010 5-year estimates

Bucks County has the highest percentage of immigrants from Europe, while Montgomery County has the highest percentage of immigrants from Asia. Delaware County leads in the percentage of immigrants from Africa, while Chester County has the highest percentage of immigrants from North America. (See Appendix A for Foreign-born Place of Birth by County.)

<sup>3</sup> Latin America includes the Caribbean, Central America (including Mexico), and South America.

In general, a Green Card holder (permanent resident) may apply for U.S. citizenship after five years in the United States. The longer immigrants are in the United States, the more likely they are to become naturalized U.S. citizens.

Figure 4: Year of Entry by Citizenship Status in Greater Philadelphia, 2006-2010



Source: American Community Survey 2010 5-year estimates

### Where do immigrants in Greater Philadelphia live?

While immigrants in the past tended to move directly to large cities, many immigrants today are moving directly to the suburbs. DVRPC's long-range plan for the Greater Philadelphia region, *Connections: The Regional Plan for A Sustainable Future*, characterized the region's municipalities into one of four planning areas: core city, developed community, growing suburb, or rural area. There are four core cities: Philadelphia, Trenton, Camden, and Chester. Developed communities have already experienced most of their population and employment growth, and include inner-ring communities adjacent to core cities, railroad boroughs, trolley car communities, and mature suburban townships. Growing suburbs are communities that have a significant percentage of developable acres remaining and are experiencing or are forecast to experience significant population and/or employment growth. Rural areas include the region's agricultural communities and communities with large remaining natural areas. There are more immigrants living in Greater Philadelphia's developed communities and growing suburbs than there are in the core cities of Philadelphia, Trenton, Camden, and Chester (See Table 2).

Table 2: Immigrants by 2035 Planning Area, 2006-2010

2035 Planning Area	Total # of Municipalities	Total Population	Total # of Foreign-born	% of Total Population in Planning Area Who Are Foreign-born	% of Foreign-born Living in Planning Area
Core City	4	1,702,642	204,293	12.0%	36.2%
Developed Community	199	2,446,810	246,599	10.1%	43.8%
Growing Suburb	90	1,106,471	96,194	8.7%	17.1%
Rural Area	60	320,525	16,517	5.2%	2.9%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>5,576,448</b>	<b>563,603</b>		

Source: American Community Survey 2010 5-year estimates

U.S. immigration policy tends to favor family reunification over other types of immigration. Family reunification now accounts for approximately 75 percent of the nation's immigrants (Pennsylvania Economy League 2000). As a result, certain communities have higher concentrations of immigrants than others. Tables 3 to 6 highlight the communities with the highest and lowest number of foreign-born, as well as the highest and lowest percentage.

Table 3: Towns With Greatest Number of Foreign-born Residents in Greater Philadelphia

Municipality	County	State	Total Population	Native	Foreign-born
Philadelphia City	Philadelphia	PA	1,504,950	1,332,535	172,415
Trenton City	Mercer	NJ	85,181	65,294	19,887
Upper Darby Township	Delaware	PA	82,370	67,206	15,164
Hamilton Township	Mercer	NJ	88,412	76,344	12,068
Camden City	Camden	NJ	78,047	67,004	11,043
Cherry Hill Township	Camden	NJ	70,963	60,588	10,375
Bensalem Township	Bucks	PA	60,275	50,815	9,460
East Windsor Township	Mercer	NJ	26,817	19,004	7,813
West Windsor Township	Mercer	NJ	26,283	18,534	7,749
Lawrence Township	Mercer	NJ	32,762	25,086	7,676
Lower Merion Township	Montgomery	PA	58,036	51,384	6,652
Norristown Borough	Montgomery	PA	33,783	27,266	6,517
Upper Merion Township	Montgomery	PA	28,102	23,006	5,096
Voorhees Township	Camden	NJ	29,050	23,998	5,052
Pennsauken Township	Camden	NJ	35,929	31,214	4,715

Source: American Community Survey 2010 5-year estimates

Table 4: Towns With Least Number of Foreign-born Residents in Greater Philadelphia, 2006-2010

Municipality	County	State	Total Population	Native	Foreign-Born
Tavistock Borough	Camden	NJ	4	4	0
Pine Valley Borough	Camden	NJ	13	13	0
Trumbauersville Borough	Bucks	PA	966	966	0
Audubon Park Borough	Camden	NJ	1,047	1,035	12
Woodland Township	Burlington	NJ	1,174	1,161	13
Green Lane Borough	Montgomery	PA	443	429	14
Richlandtown Borough	Bucks	PA	1,598	1,582	16
Riegelsville Borough	Bucks	PA	658	641	17
East Rockhill Township	Bucks	PA	5,626	5,608	18
Eddystone Borough	Delaware	PA	2,470	2,450	20
Lower Chichester Township	Delaware	PA	3,486	3,464	22
Modena Borough	Chester	PA	466	439	27
Elverson Borough	Chester	PA	1,266	1,239	27
Langhorne Borough	Bucks	PA	2,142	2,114	28
Atglen Borough	Chester	PA	1,296	1,266	30

Source: American Community Survey 2010 5-year estimates

Table 5: Towns With Highest Percentage of Foreign-born Residents in Greater Philadelphia, 2006-2010

Municipality	County	State	Total Population	% Native	% Foreign-Born
Millbourne Borough	Delaware	PA	1,052	43.2%	56.8%
Washington Township	Burlington	NJ	1,485	47.4%	52.6%
Avondale Borough	Chester	PA	1,426	55.7%	44.3%
Kennett Square Borough	Chester	PA	5,959	65.5%	34.5%
West Windsor Township	Mercer	NJ	26,283	70.5%	29.5%
East Windsor Township	Mercer	NJ	26,817	70.9%	29.1%
Princeton Township	Mercer	NJ	16,389	72.6%	27.4%
New Garden Township	Chester	PA	11,573	76.4%	23.6%
Lawrence Township	Mercer	NJ	32,762	76.6%	23.4%
Trenton City	Mercer	NJ	85,181	76.7%	23.3%
Colwyn Borough	Delaware	PA	2,513	76.9%	23.1%
Hatfield Borough	Montgomery	PA	3,175	77.2%	22.8%
East Lansdowne Borough	Delaware	PA	2,644	77.9%	22.1%
Princeton Borough	Mercer	NJ	12,533	78.9%	21.1%
West Grove Borough	Chester	PA	2,838	80.0%	20.0%

Source: American Community Survey 2010 5-year estimates

Table 6: Towns With Lowest Percentage of Foreign-born Residents in Greater Philadelphia, 2006-2010

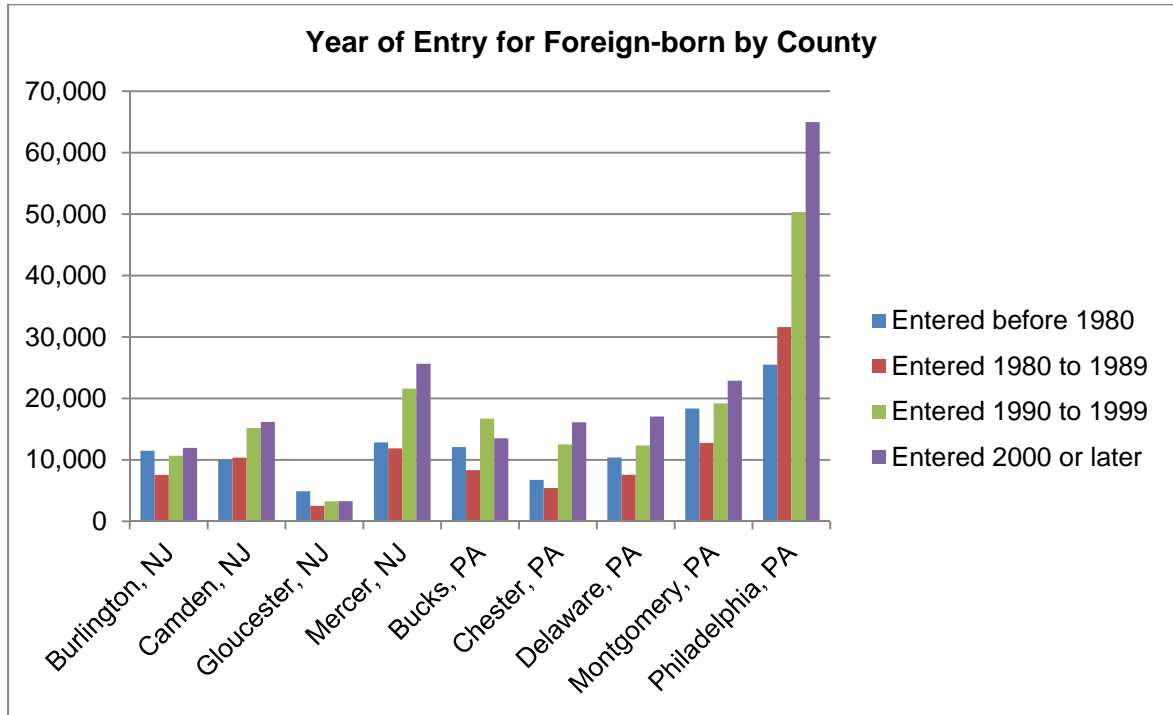
Municipality	County	State	Total Population	% Native	% Foreign-Born
Pine Valley Borough	Camden	NJ	13	100.0%	0.0%
Tavistock Borough	Camden	NJ	4	100.0%	0.0%
Trumbauersville Borough	Bucks	PA	966	100.0%	0.0%
East Rockhill Township	Bucks	PA	5,626	99.7%	0.3%
Lower Chichester Township	Delaware	PA	3,486	99.4%	0.6%
Eddystone Borough	Delaware	PA	2,470	99.2%	0.8%
Richlandtown Borough	Bucks	PA	1,598	99.0%	1.0%
Woodland Township	Burlington	NJ	1,174	98.9%	1.1%
Audubon Park Borough	Camden	NJ	1,047	98.9%	1.1%
Langhorne Borough	Bucks	PA	2,142	98.7%	1.3%
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Green Lane Borough	Montgomery	PA	443	96.8%	3.2%
Modena Borough	Chester	PA	466	94.2%	5.8%

Source: American Community Survey 2010 5-year estimates

## When did Greater Philadelphia’s immigrants come to the United States?

Major growth in Greater Philadelphia’s foreign-born population occurred in the 1990s and 2000s. All nine counties in the DVRPC region gained more immigrants in the 1990s than they did in the 1980s. The number of foreign-born who entered after 2000 was greater than the number who entered in 1990–1999 in every county in the DVRPC region except Bucks County.

Figure 5: Year of Entry for Foreign-born by County, 2006-2010



Source: American Community Survey 2010 5-year estimates

## How old are immigrants in Greater Philadelphia?

Immigrants who are not naturalized tend to be younger than those who are naturalized. The median age for foreign-born people in Greater Philadelphia who are not U.S. citizens is between 33.8 and 35.7 depending on their county of residence. Naturalized citizens tend to be older; their median age ranges from 46.7 and 51.4. See Appendix B: Native and Foreign-born Age Distribution in Greater Philadelphia

Table 7: Median Age for Native and Foreign-born in Greater Philadelphia, 2006-2010

State	County	Total	Native	Foreign-born	
				Naturalized citizen	Not a U.S. citizen
New Jersey	Burlington	39.6	39.1	49.9	34.8
	Camden	37.2	36.7	48.1	34.1
	Gloucester	38.2	37.6	51.4	35.7
	Mercer	37.4	36.4	47.3	33.8
Pennsylvania	Bucks	41.0	40.8	48.8	34.6
	Chester	38.8	39.0	46.7	33.8
	Delaware	38.5	38.1	48.2	35.5
	Montgomery	40.2	39.9	49.2	34.7
	Philadelphia	33.7	32.5	46.9	33.9

Source: American Community Survey 2010 5-year estimates

## What is the educational attainment of immigrants in Greater Philadelphia?

In every county in the DVRPC region, the percentage of foreign-born with a graduate or professional degree is higher than the percentage of native with a graduate or professional degree. However, there are also generally more foreign-born people who have not graduated from high school than in the native population.

Table 8: Educational Attainment for Native and Foreign-born in Greater Philadelphia, 2006-2010

County		Nativity	Total population	Population 25 years and over	Less than high school graduate	High school graduate (includes equivalency)	Some college or Associate's degree	Bachelor's degree	Graduate or professional degree
New Jersey	Burlington	Native	406,209	269,027	8.1%	31.0%	28.0%	21.7%	11.3%
		Foreign-born	41,652	35,751	17.2%	25.2%	20.3%	21.7%	15.6%
	Camden	Native	461,881	297,348	12.9%	33.7%	26.4%	17.5%	9.4%
		Foreign-born	51,693	42,449	26.6%	23.5%	15.5%	20.0%	14.4%
	Gloucester	Native	271,289	176,109	9.9%	36.2%	27.6%	18.3%	8.0%
		Foreign-born	13,934	11,942	20.0%	24.4%	19.6%	23.4%	12.6%
Mercer	Native	292,509	181,207	10.9%	27.3%	24.7%	21.1%	16.0%	
	Foreign-born	71,936	60,036	21.3%	21.7%	15.3%	19.1%	22.5%	
Pennsylvania	Bucks	Native	572,206	386,283	7.2%	32.8%	26.5%	21.0%	12.5%
		Foreign-born	50,653	42,808	16.4%	21.5%	18.9%	22.5%	20.7%
	Chester	Native	449,780	291,573	6.1%	24.9%	21.4%	30.1%	17.5%
		Foreign-born	40,791	32,390	20.5%	17.3%	12.6%	23.8%	25.8%
	Delaware	Native	509,110	329,025	8.3%	33.5%	24.2%	20.1%	13.8%
		Foreign-born	47,358	38,114	19.7%	21.4%	17.7%	20.8%	20.3%
	Montgomery	Native	717,326	484,118	6.6%	27.1%	22.9%	25.9%	17.6%
		Foreign-born	73,171	61,512	14.2%	20.1%	16.0%	24.4%	25.2%
Philadelphia	Native	1,332,535	825,679	19.3%	37.2%	22.2%	12.4%	8.8%	
	Foreign-born	172,415	139,892	28.5%	26.3%	17.4%	16.0%	11.9%	

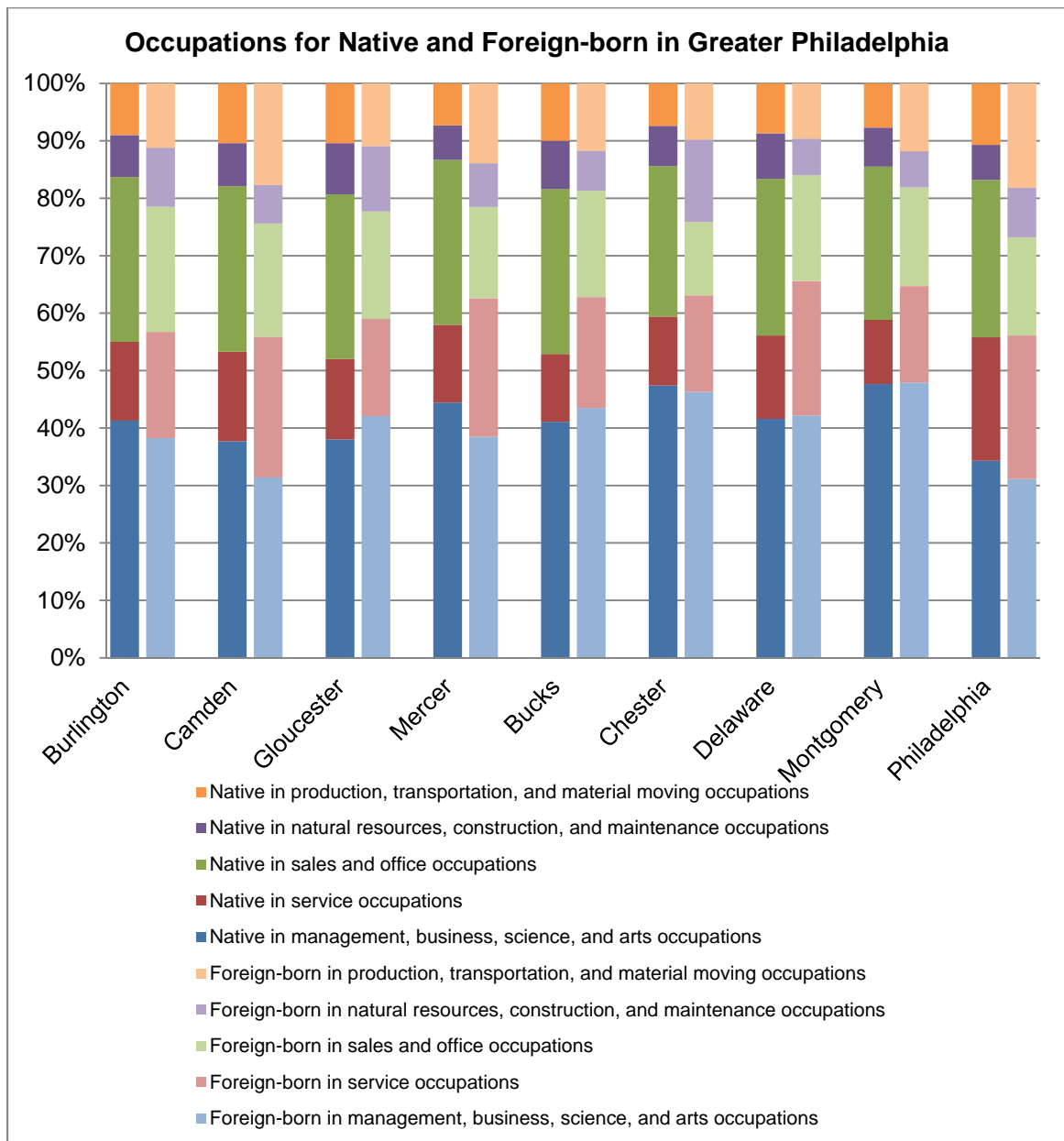
Source: American Community Survey 2010 5-year estimates



## In what industries and occupations do Greater Philadelphia immigrants work?

Immigrants make up 12.6 percent of the civilian employed population over the age of 16 in Greater Philadelphia. While the percentage of immigrants in different occupations generally mirrors the percentage of natives working in those occupations, foreign-born are slightly more likely to work in “service occupations” and “production, transportation, and material moving occupations,” as well as slightly less likely to work in “sales and office occupations.” Foreign-born are also more likely to work in the agricultural industry in Burlington and Gloucester counties in New Jersey and Chester County in Pennsylvania than natives.

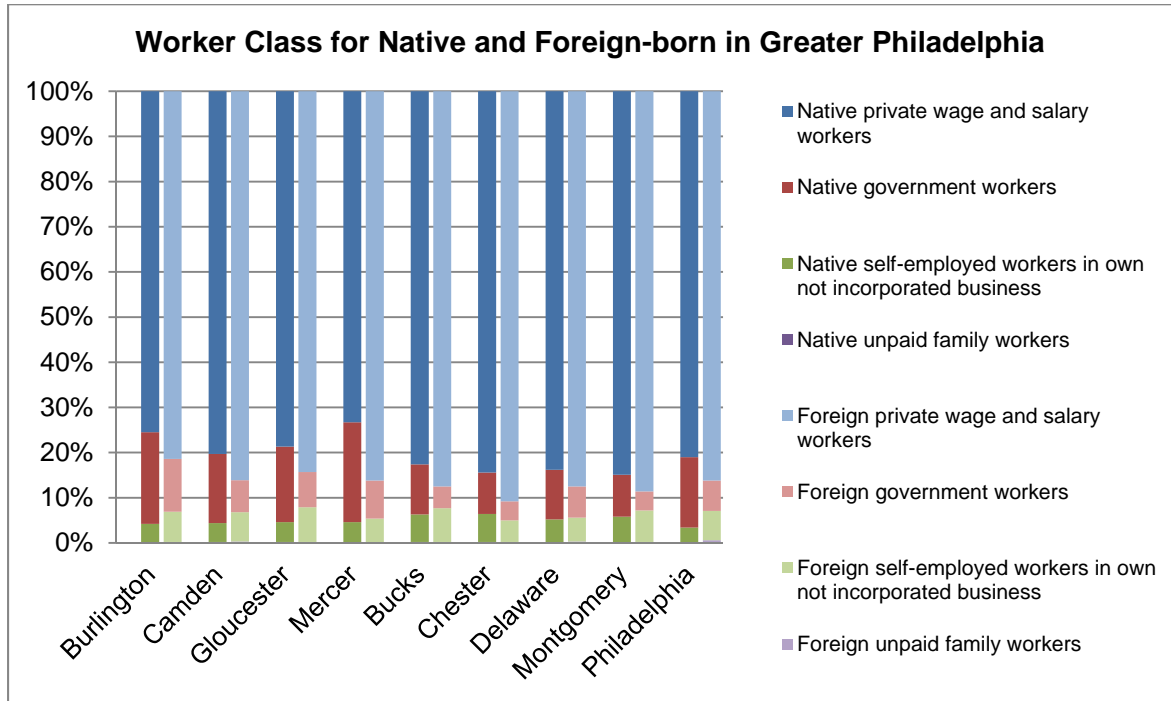
Figure 6: Occupations for Native and Foreign-born in Greater Philadelphia, 2006-2010



Source: American Community Survey 2010 5-year estimates

The majority of both native and foreign-born workers are private wage and salary workers.<sup>4</sup> Foreign-born are more likely to be self-employed and are less likely than natives to work in government. Unpaid family workers are people who worked without pay in a business or on a farm operated by a relative.

Figure 7: Worker Class for Native and Foreign-born in Greater Philadelphia, 2006-2010



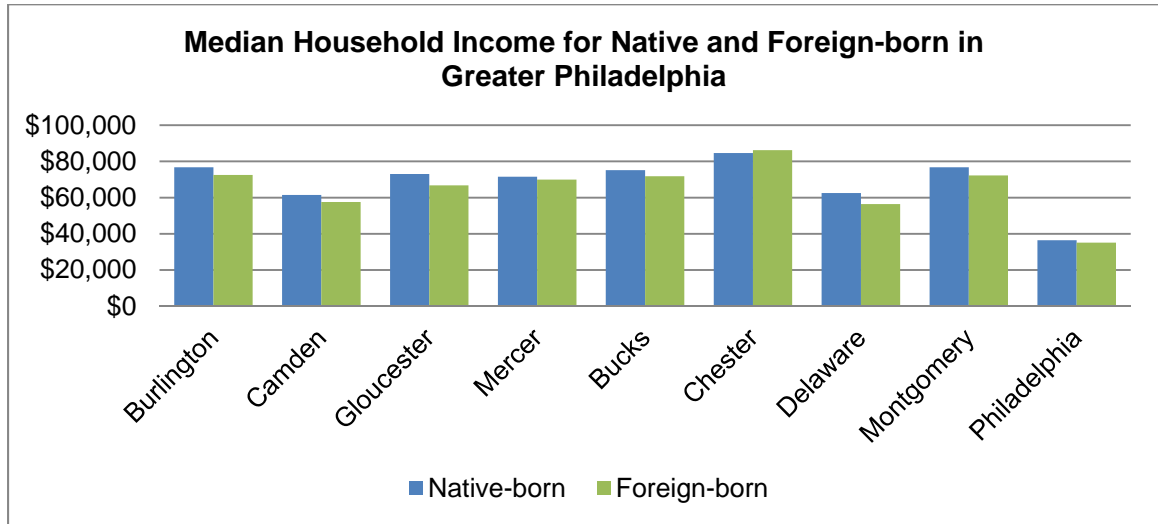
Source: American Community Survey 2010 5-year estimates.

<sup>4</sup> Private wage and salary workers includes people who worked for wages, salary, commission, tips, pay-in-kind, or piece rates for a private, for-profit employer or a private not-for-profit, tax-exempt or charitable organization. Self-employed people whose business was incorporated are included with private wage and salary workers because they are paid employees of their own companies.

## What is the income of immigrants in Greater Philadelphia?

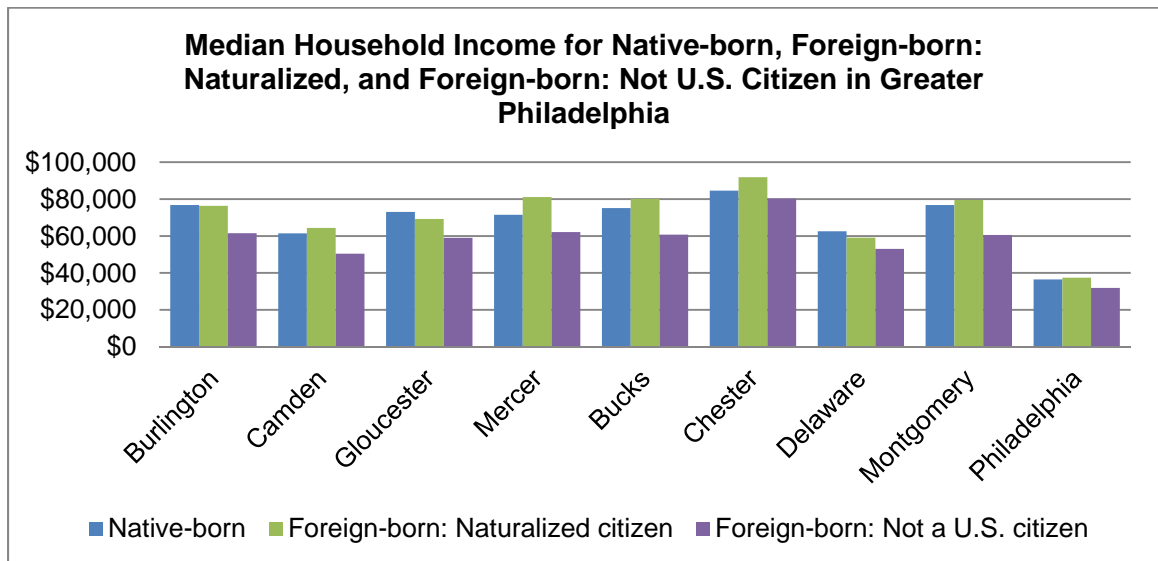
As a group, foreign-born households tend to have lower median income than native households; however, when foreign-born are disaggregated into “Naturalized citizen” and “Not a U.S. citizen,” many households headed by a foreign-born person who has become a U.S. citizen actually have higher household incomes than native households. The longer immigrants stay in the United States, the less apparent the wage gap is between native and foreign-born Americans.

Figure 8: Median Household Income for Native and Foreign-born in Greater Philadelphia, 2006-2010



Source: American Community Survey 2010 5-year estimates.

Figure 9: Median Household Income for Native-born, Foreign-born: Naturalized, and Foreign-born: Not U.S. Citizen in Greater Philadelphia, 2006-2010

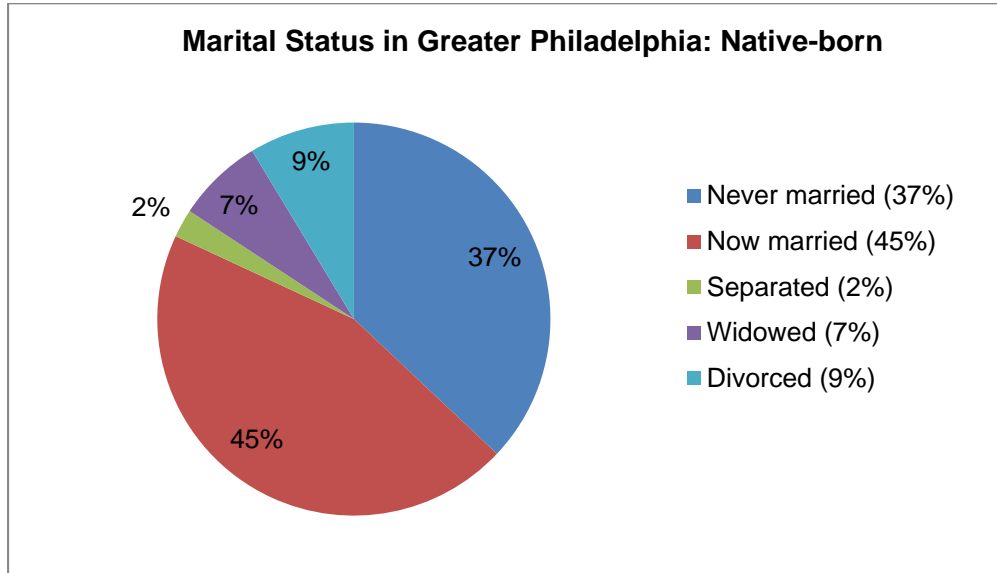


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## What are immigrant households like in Greater Philadelphia?

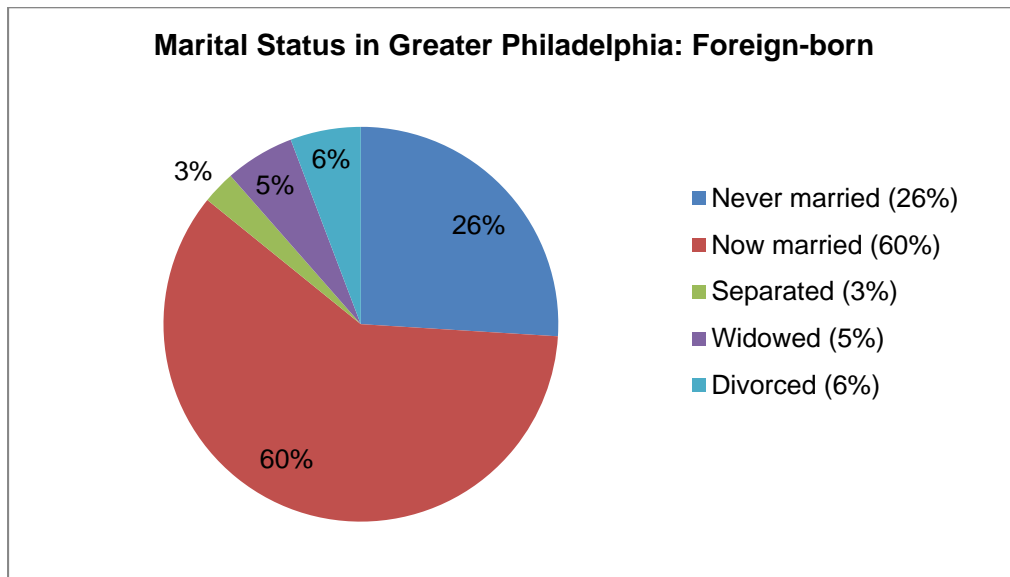
Immigrants are more likely to be married than the native-born population.

Figure 10: Marital Status for Native-born in Greater Philadelphia, 2006-2010



Source: American Community Survey 2010 5-year estimates

Figure 11: Marital Status for Foreign-born in Greater Philadelphia, 2006-2010

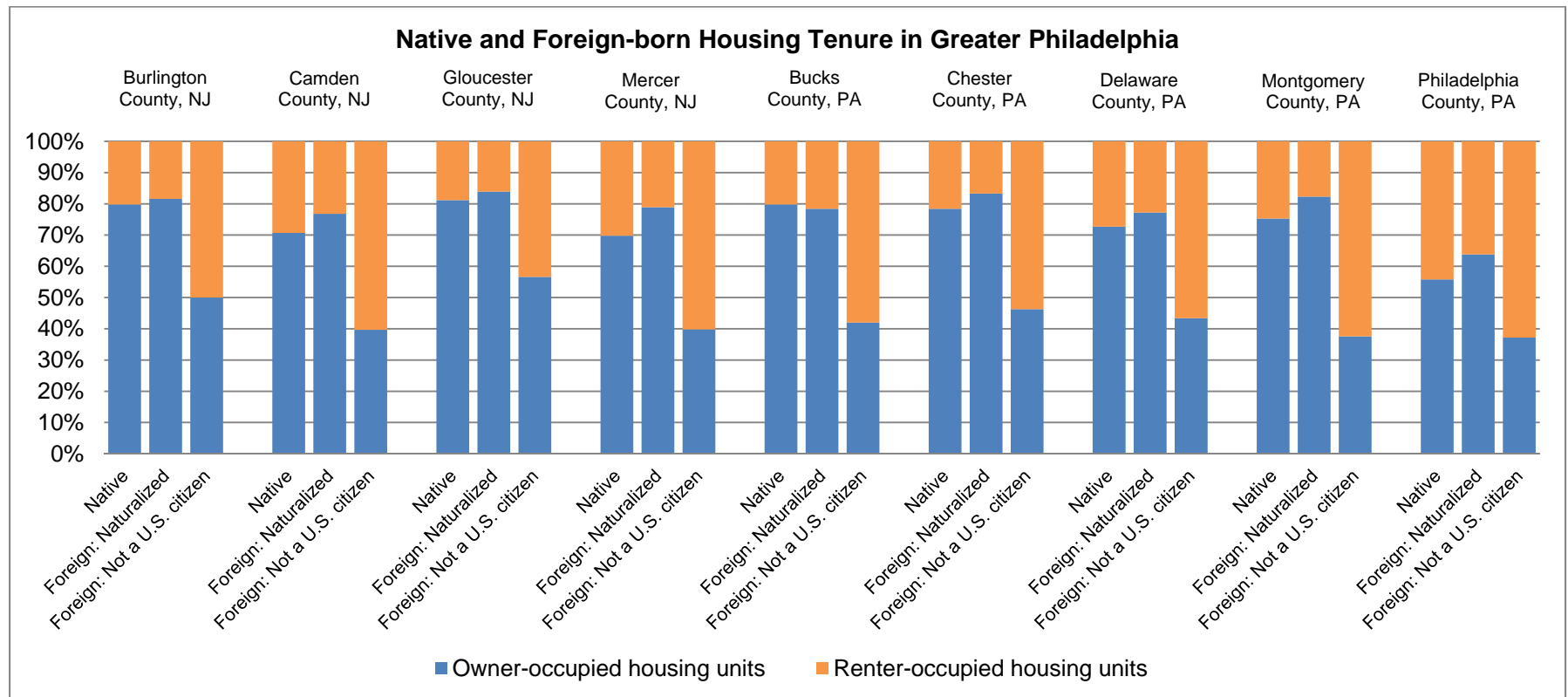


Source: American Community Survey 2010 5-year estimates

## In what type of housing do immigrants in Greater Philadelphia live?

Foreign-born who are not naturalized citizens are more likely to rent compared to the native population; however, foreign-born who are naturalized are slightly more likely to own their own homes compared to the native population in all counties in Greater Philadelphia except Bucks County.

Figure 12: Native and Foreign-born Housing Tenure in Greater Philadelphia, 2006-2010



Source: American Community Survey 2010 5-year estimates

## Do immigrants in Greater Philadelphia have access to cars?

Vehicle availability among the foreign-born population mimics the patterns of the native population; the vast majority of households in Greater Philadelphia have one or more vehicles available. As might be expected, vehicle availability is lower among foreign-born who are not U.S. citizens compared to foreign-born who are naturalized citizens and who have generally lived in the U.S. longer. This has important implications for transportation planning; communities experiencing a rapid increase in their immigrant populations might have an increased need for transit services.

Table 9: Native and Foreign-born Vehicle Availability, 2006-2010

County	Nativity	Vehicles Available		Margin of Error
		None	1 or More	
Burlington County, NJ	Native	4.7%	95.3%	+/-0.3
	Foreign-born	7.0%	93.0%	+/-1.4
Camden County, NJ	Native	11.3%	88.7%	+/-0.5
	Foreign-born	12.3%	87.7%	+/-1.8
Gloucester County, NJ	Native	5.4%	94.6%	+/-0.5
	Foreign-born	9.8%	90.2%	+/-2.9
Mercer County, NJ	Native	11.5%	88.5%	+/-0.6
	Foreign-born	11.9%	88.1%	+/-1.4
Bucks County, PA	Native	4.0%	96.0%	+/-0.3
	Foreign-born	6.0%	94.0%	+/-1.2
Chester County, PA	Native	4.6%	95.4%	+/-0.3
	Foreign-born	4.4%	95.6%	+/-1.0
Delaware County, PA	Native	10.6%	89.4%	+/-0.4
	Foreign-born	12.1%	87.9%	+/-1.9
Montgomery County, PA	Native	5.6%	94.4%	+/-0.2
	Foreign-born	6.9%	93.1%	+/-1.1
Philadelphia County, PA	Native	34.2%	65.8%	+/-0.5
	Foreign-born	28.9%	71.1%	+/-1.2

Source: American Community Survey 2010 5-year estimates

Table 10: Vehicle Availability Among Naturalized and Non-naturalized Foreign-born, 2006-2010

County	Foreign-born	Vehicles Available		Margin of Error
		None	1 or More	
Burlington County, NJ	Naturalized citizen	5.6%	94.4%	+/-1.5
	Not a U.S. citizen	10.0%	90.0%	+/-3.2
Camden County, NJ	Naturalized citizen	7.2%	92.8%	+/-1.6
	Not a U.S. citizen	19.9%	80.1%	+/-3.4
Gloucester County, NJ	Naturalized citizen	8.7%	91.3%	+/-3.6
	Not a U.S. citizen	12.1%	87.9%	+/-6.5
Mercer County, NJ	Naturalized citizen	7.3%	92.7%	+/-1.3
	Not a U.S. citizen	17.1%	82.9%	+/-2.7
Bucks County, PA	Naturalized citizen	5.3%	94.7%	+/-1.4
	Not a U.S. citizen	7.2%	92.8%	+/-2.4
Chester County, PA	Naturalized citizen	4.5%	95.5%	+/-1.5
	Not a U.S. citizen	4.4%	95.6%	+/-1.6
Delaware County, PA	Naturalized citizen	10.1%	89.9%	+/-2.1
	Not a U.S. citizen	14.8%	85.2%	+/-3.4
Montgomery County, PA	Naturalized citizen	4.5%	95.5%	+/-1.0
	Not a U.S. citizen	10.6%	89.4%	+/-2.0
Philadelphia County, PA	Naturalized citizen	24.0%	76.0%	+/-1.4
	Not a U.S. citizen	35.0%	65.0%	+/-2.0

Source: American Community Survey 2010 5-year estimates

## Findings

- ▶ Greater Philadelphia had a foreign-born population of 563,603 (with a margin of error of +/- 6,022) in 2010. Approximately 10 percent of the Greater Philadelphia region's population is foreign-born.
- ▶ Greater Philadelphia's foreign-born population increased by 159,143 (39 percent) between 2000 and 2010.
- ▶ With 172,415 foreign-born residents (+/-3,826), Philadelphia County is the county in the DVRPC region with the greatest number of foreign-born residents, while Mercer County has the highest percentage of foreign-born residents at 19.7 percent.
- ▶ Gloucester County has the fewest foreign-born residents (13,934 +/-862), as well as the lowest percentage of foreign-born residents (4.9 percent).
- ▶ Since 2000, most foreign-born are from Asia and Latin America. The top three countries of origin for Greater Philadelphia's foreign-born are India, Mexico, and China.
- ▶ Foreign-born residents have a higher percentage of graduate or professional degrees than the native population, but are also more likely to have less than a high school diploma.
- ▶ Naturalized citizens have higher household incomes than native households and are more likely to own their own homes.

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## APPENDIX A

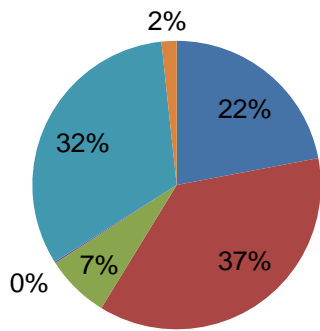




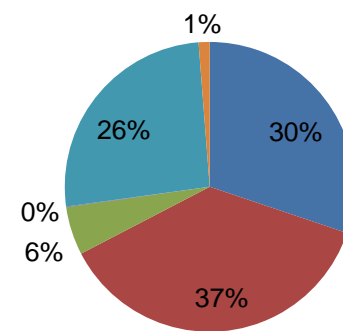
## Appendix A: Foreign-born Place of Birth by County

- Europe
- Asia
- Africa
- Oceania
- Latin America (includes Mexico, Central America, and South America)
- North America

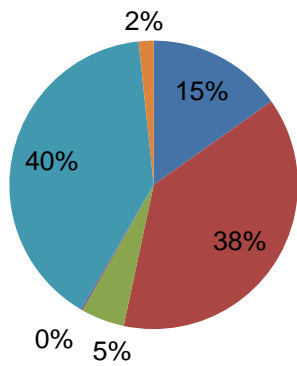
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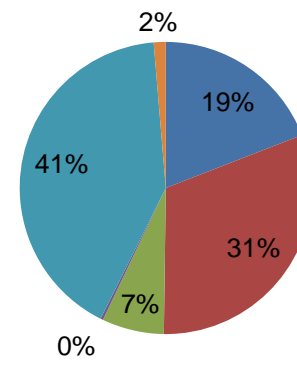
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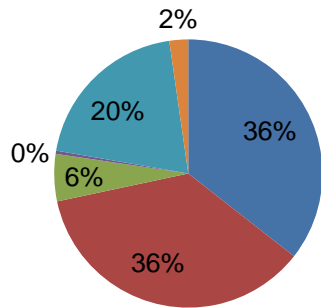
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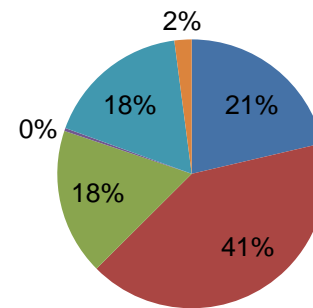
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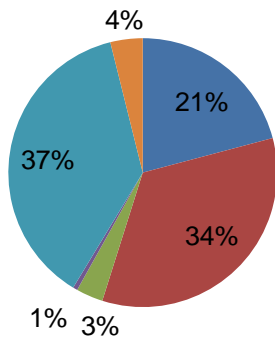
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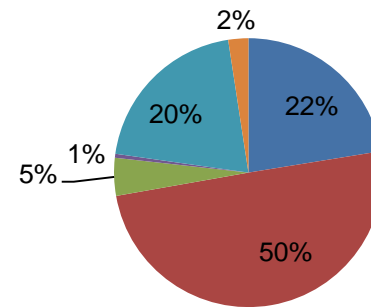
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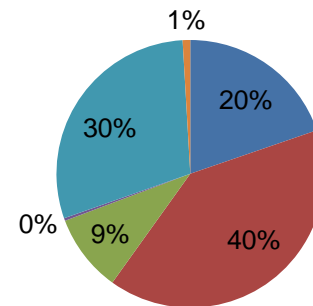
### Montgomery County



- Europe
- Asia
- Africa
- Oceania
- Latin America (includes Mexico, Central America, and South America)
- North America

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2010 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates

### Philadelphia County



## APPENDIX B



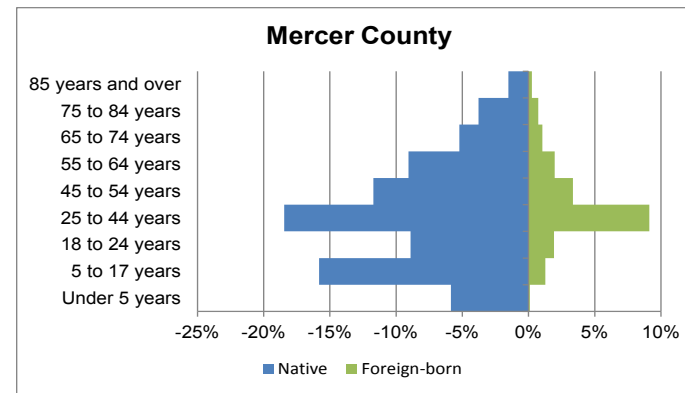
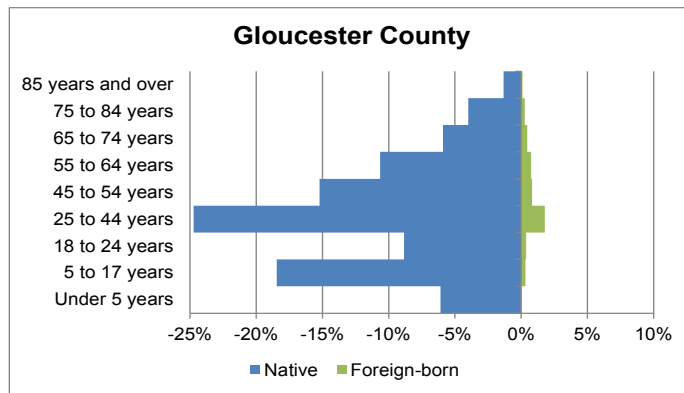
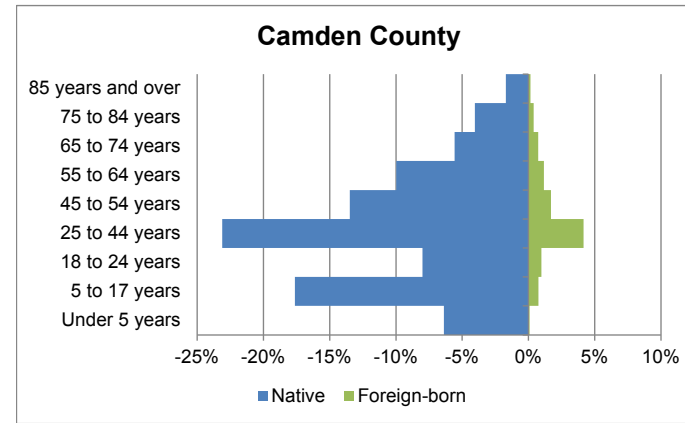
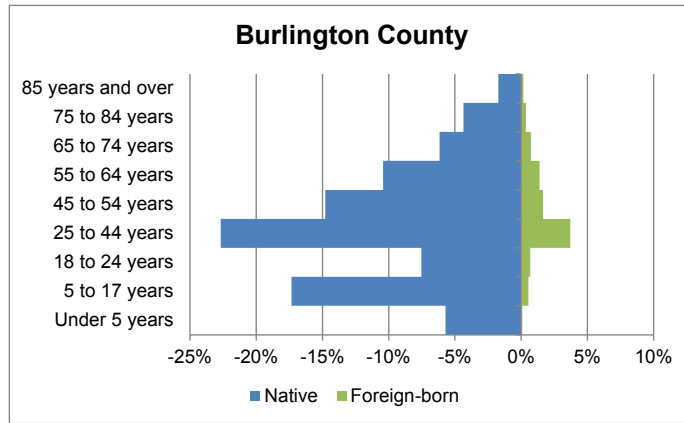


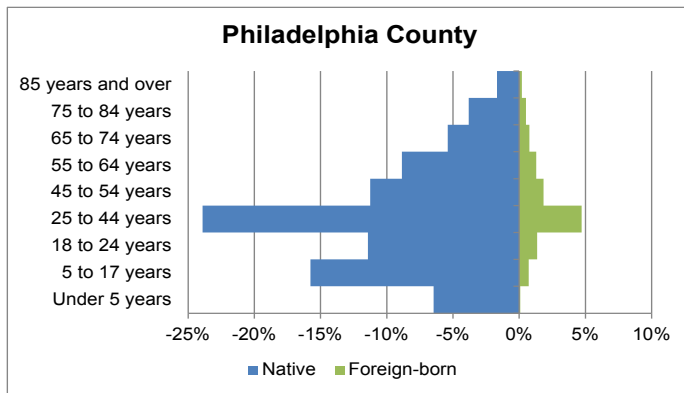
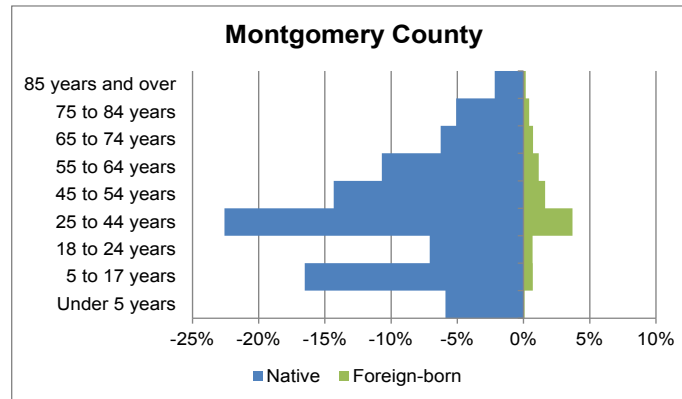
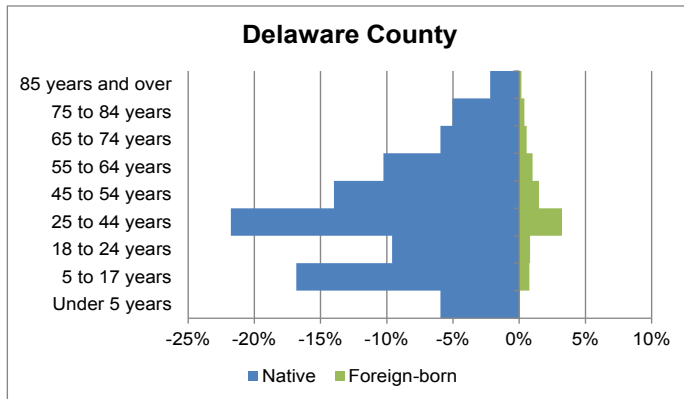
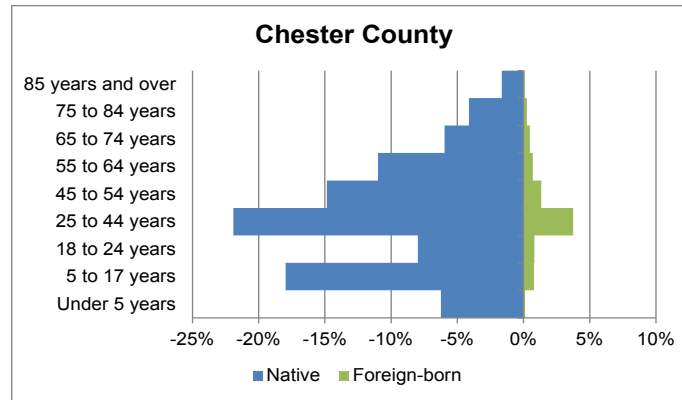
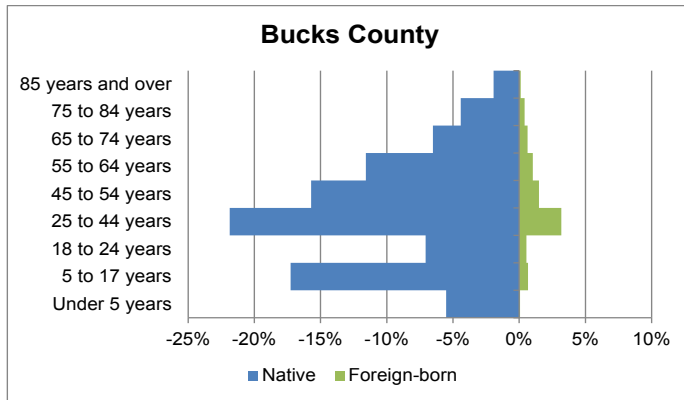


## Appendix B: Native and Foreign-born Age Distribution in Greater Philadelphia

These population pyramids compare the age distribution of the native and foreign-born populations in each county of the DVRPC region. These graphs show there are fewer foreign-born children than there are native-born children under the age of 18. Most foreign-born are working age. Both groups have approximately the same percentage of seniors.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2010 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates





## APPENDIX C





### Appendix C: Flags of Nations Representing 75% of Immigrants in the DVRPC Region

Approximately 75% of Greater Philadelphia's immigrants come from the countries shown below. The flags are shown in order of greatest number of immigrants.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2010 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates



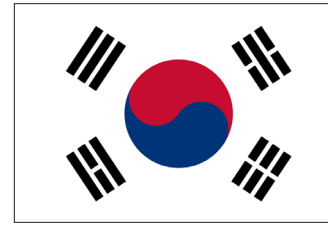
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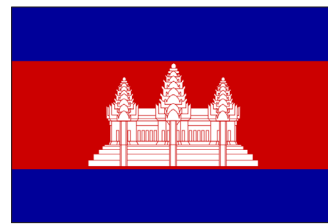
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Colombia



Brazil



Cambodia



United Kingdom  
(excluding England & Scotland)



Trinidad & Tobago



## APPENDIX D







## Appendix D: Countries of Origin for Immigrants in Greater Philadelphia

The graphic below highlights the countries of origin for Greater Philadelphia's immigrant population. The size of each country indicates the rough proportion of immigrants from that nation.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2010 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates displayed using <http://www.wordle.net/>



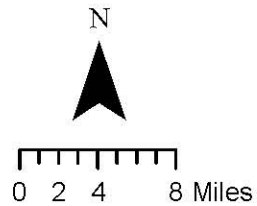
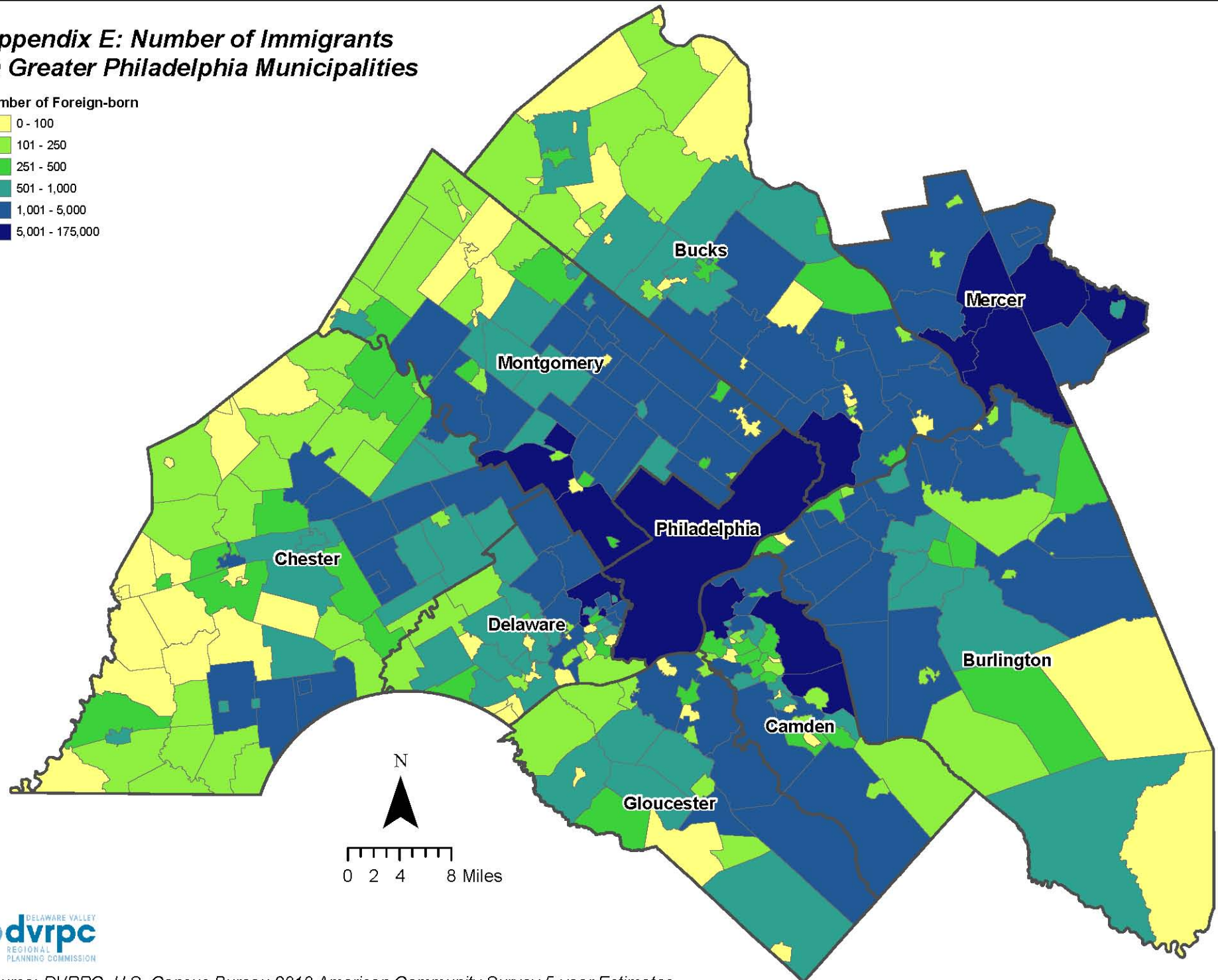
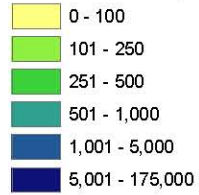
## APPENDIX E





## Appendix E: Number of Immigrants in Greater Philadelphia Municipalities

Number of Foreign-born





## APPENDIX F

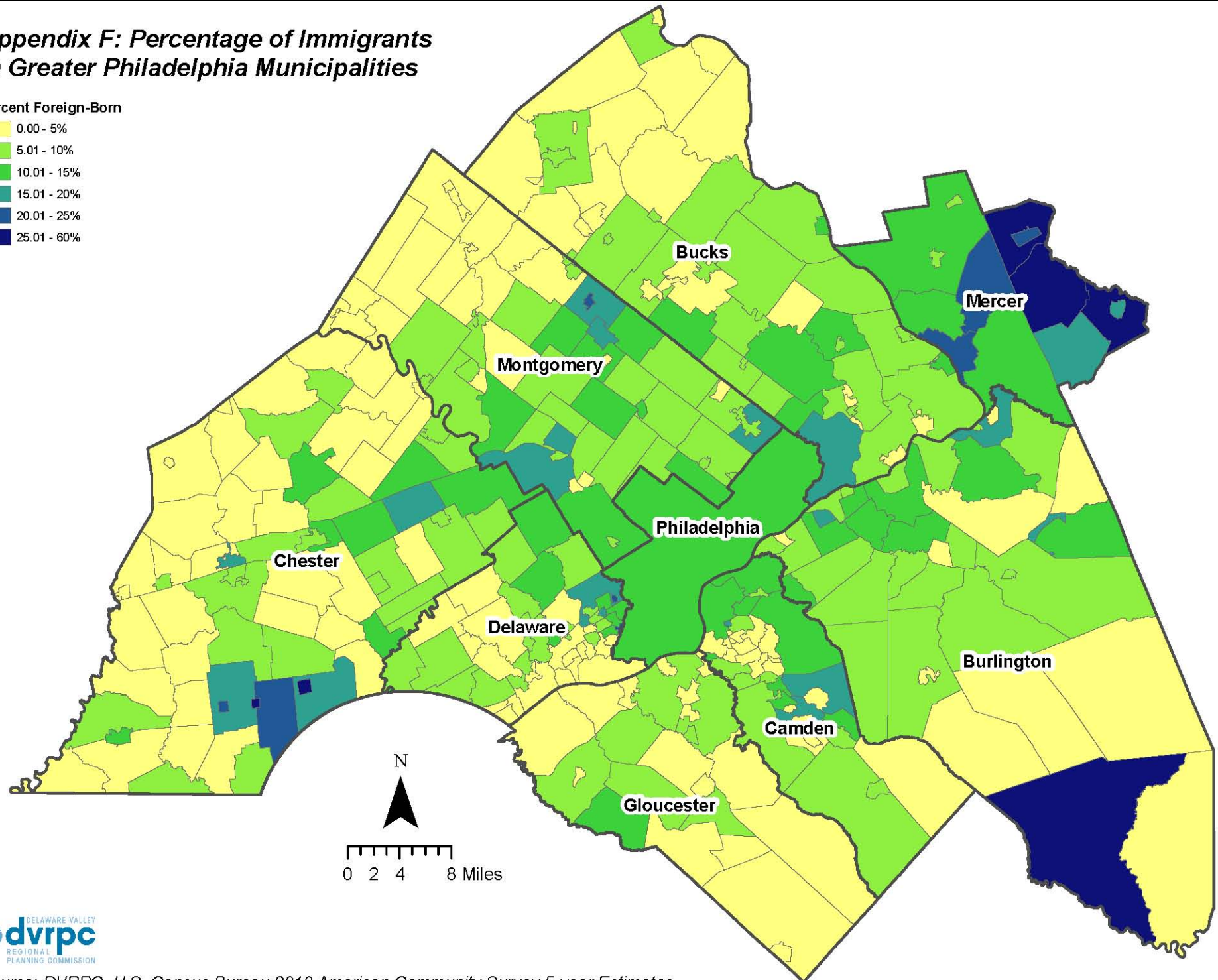
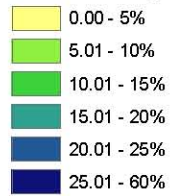






## Appendix F: Percentage of Immigrants in Greater Philadelphia Municipalities

### Percent Foreign-Born





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