

District of Columbia Foreign-Born Population

Population: In 2007, the District of Columbia (District) had a foreign-born household population of 74,409 which was equally divided between males (50 percent) and females (50 percent). The foreign-born constituted 12.6 percent of the total District population of 588,292 in 2007. The median age was 38.4 years. Five percent of the foreign-born population was under 18 years and 11 percent was 65 years and older (Fig.1).

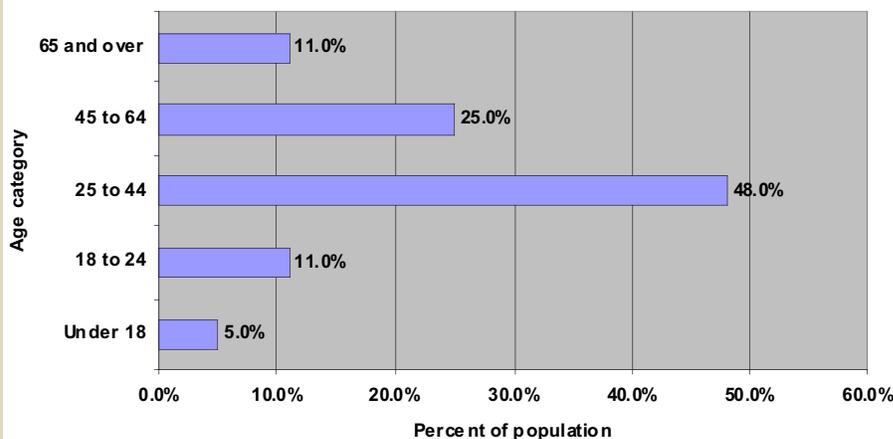
For the foreign-born population reporting one race alone, 41 percent was White; 20 percent was Black or African American; 14.8 percent was Asian; 0.1 percent was American Indian and Alaska Native, and 24 percent was Some Other race (Fig. 2). One percent reported Two or More races. Thirty-nine percent of the foreign-born population in the District was Hispanic. Note: People of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

Of the 74,409 foreign-born population in the District, 36.4 percent was naturalized citizens. The majority of foreign-born entered the country before 1990 (40 percent), another 25 percent entered between 1990 and 1999, and the other 34 percent entered in 2000 or later. In terms of world region of birth of the foreign-born, 47.6 percent came from Latin America, 18 percent from Europe, 17.8 percent from Asia, 13 percent from Africa and 3.4 percent from other regions.

Households and Families: In 2007, there were 34,895 households (14 percent) in the District that were occupied by foreign-born persons. Of the occupied households, 34 percent was owner-occupied units and 66 percent was renter-occupied units. Married-couple families constitute 41 percent of foreign-born households. The average household size of foreign-born households was 2.27 people.

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**Fig 1: Age Distribution of Foreign-Born Population
District of Columbia 2007**



Source: 2007 American Community Survey

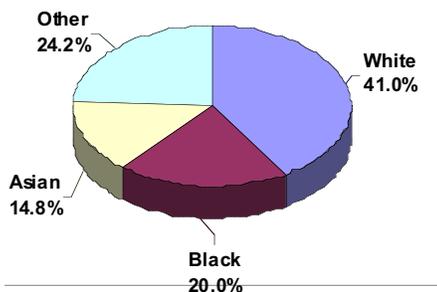
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Language: Among the foreign-born population at least five years old living in the District in 2007, 32.6 percent spoke English alone and 67.4 percent spoke a language other than English at home. Twenty-eight percent of the foreign-born population spoke English less than “very well”.

Fig 2: Foreign-Born Population by Race: District of Columbia 2007

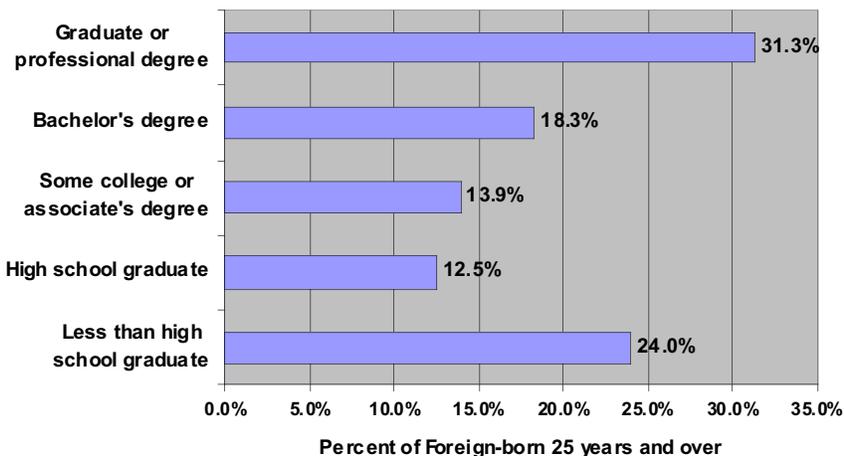


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Education: In 2007, of the 62,484 foreign-born residents 25 years and over in the District, 76 percent was high school graduates or higher, of which 18.3 percent had a bachelor's degree and 31.3 percent had a graduate or professional degree (Fig.3).

Employment and Occupation: Seventy-two percent of the foreign-born population 16 years and over was in the civilian labor force. Sixty-nine percent was employed and 3 percent was unemployed. Among the most common occupations were: Management, professional, and related occupations, 42 percent; Service occupations, 27 percent; Sales and office occupa-

Fig 3: Education Attainment of Foreign-Born Population: District of Columbia 2007



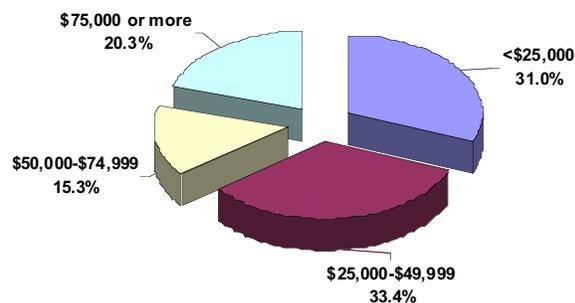
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tions, 15.4 percent; Production, transportation, and material moving occupations, 6.6 percent; and Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair occupations, 8.8 percent. Seventy-nine percent of the people employed were private wage and salary workers; 15.5 percent was government workers; and 5.7 percent was self-employed in own not incorporated business workers.

Income and Poverty: Twenty percent of foreign-born full-time workers in the District received wages of \$75,000 or more in 2007 (Fig. 4). The median household income of foreign-born in the District was \$47,416. Eighty-six percent of the households received earnings and 7.3 percent received retirement income other than Social Security. Thirteen percent of the households

received Social Security. The average income from Social Security was \$11,700. These income sources are not mutually exclusive; that is, some households received income from more than one source. In 2007, 13 percent of the foreign-born population in the District was living in poverty.

Fig 4: Earnings by Percent of Foreign-Born Population 16 years and Over: District of Columbia 2007



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