

NEW AMERICANS IN DENVER

A SNAPSHOT OF THE DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS OF IMMIGRANTS IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA

SPENDING POWER AND TAX CONTRIBUTIONS

Foreign-born households control more than

\$6.9 billion
in spending power

and contribute more than

\$673 million
in taxes to state and local budgets.

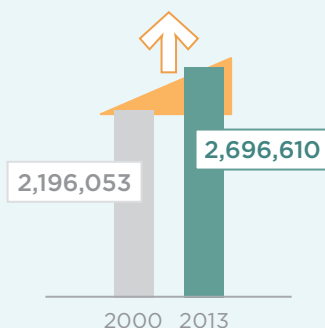
Immigrant households also contribute more than
\$1.2 billion in federal taxes.

Foreign-born households also pay into federal social programs, including Social Security and Medicare. In 2013, we estimate that immigrants contributed

\$1+ billion
to Social Security and
\$256+ million
to Medicare.

POPULATION GROWTH

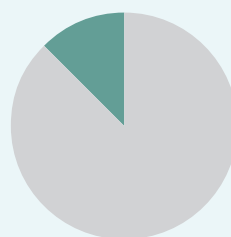
TOTAL POPULATION GROWTH



Between 2000 and 2013, the population of the Denver metropolitan area **increased by more than 500,000 people**, going from 2,196,053 in 2000 to 2,696,610 in 2013.

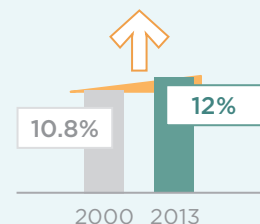
FOREIGN-BORN SHARE OF GROWTH

FOREIGN-BORN RESIDENTS 17.5%
NATIVE-BORN RESIDENTS 82.5%



The foreign-born accounted for **17.5% of the total population growth**.

FOREIGN-BORN SHARE OF POPULATION



The foreign-born population during this period grew by close to 86,000, **an increase of more than 37%**. Their share of the area's population grew from 10.8% in 2000 to 12% in 2013.

LABOR MARKET

TOTAL WORKFORCE

12% of the total population are foreign-born

14.2% of the employed population are foreign-born

Immigrants make up a disproportionate share of all employed people in the Denver metro area. While 12% of the population, they account for **14.2% of the employed population**.

HIGH-SKILLED INDUSTRIES

They make up significant shares of the IT (14.7%), and advanced manufacturing (16.8%) industries.



14.7%
OF THE IT
INDUSTRY



16.8%
OF THE ADVANCED
MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY

HEALTHCARE SERVICES

Immigrants are also active in providing healthcare services to the Denver metropolitan region.



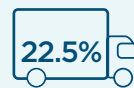
12%+
OF HEALTHCARE
SERVICE WORKERS

KEY INDUSTRIES

Foreign-born workers contribute significantly to key industries in Denver where they make up large shares of the workforce. For example, immigrants make up:



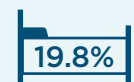
28.6%
OF CONSTRUCTION
WORKERS



22.5%
OF AUTOMOTIVE
WORKFORCE



21.3%
OF WORKERS IN
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT,
AND RECREATION



19.8%
OF WORKERS IN
ACCOMMODATION
AND FOOD SERVICES

HIGH-TECH AND STEM

Foreign-born workers also figure significantly into the high-tech and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) workforce. More than **one in four** professional, scientific, or technical service workers is foreign-born.



12.3%
OF ALL
HIGH-TECH
WORKERS



13.2%
OF ALL
STEM
WORKERS

IN 2010
4,427
manufacturing jobs



Immigrants play a large role in the workforce and help companies keep jobs on U.S. soil; over the course of the decade an estimated **4,427 manufacturing jobs** were preserved or created in Denver county due to the influx of immigrants.¹

¹ Vigdor, Jake. "Immigration and the Revival of American Cities," Partnership for a New American Economy and Americas Society/Council of the Americas, September 2013.

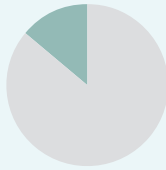
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

12%



OF TOTAL
POPULATION

14%



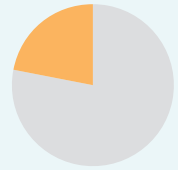
OF LABOR
FORCE

While immigrants account for 12% of the population and 14% of the labor force, they are 22% of “main street” business owners.

In 2012, immigrant-owned main street businesses alone generated

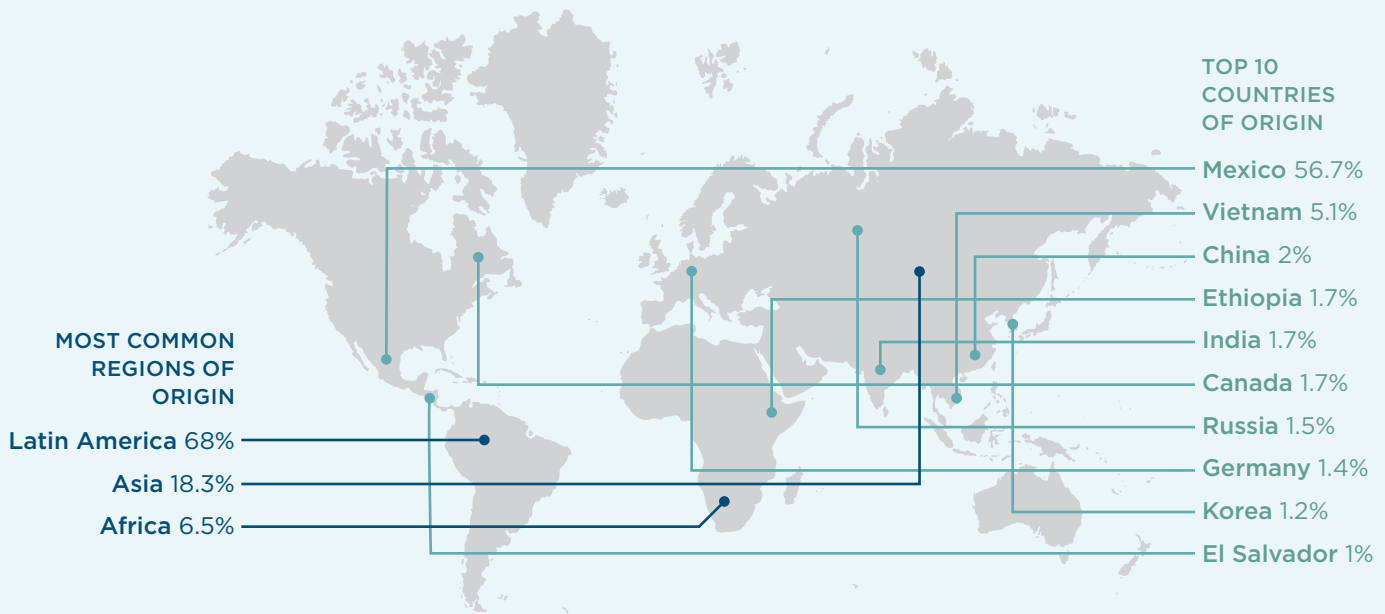
\$152 million in earnings,
nearly one-quarter of the total earnings
for this sector.²

22%



OF “MAIN STREET”
BUSINESS OWNERS

A PROFILE OF DENVER’S IMMIGRANTS



² Kallick, David. “Bringing Vitality to Main Street: How Immigrant Small Businesses Help Local Economies Grow,” Americas Society/Council of the Americas and Fiscal Policy Institute, January 2015. <http://www.as-coa.org/sites/default/files/ImmigrantBusinessReport.pdf>. Main street businesses are those fall into the ACS-defined Retail and Accommodations and Food Services sectors, as well as a subset of businesses in the Other Services sectors. For a full list, see Kallick, p. 37.

