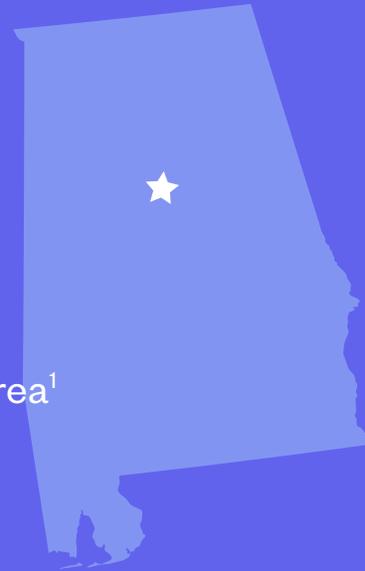
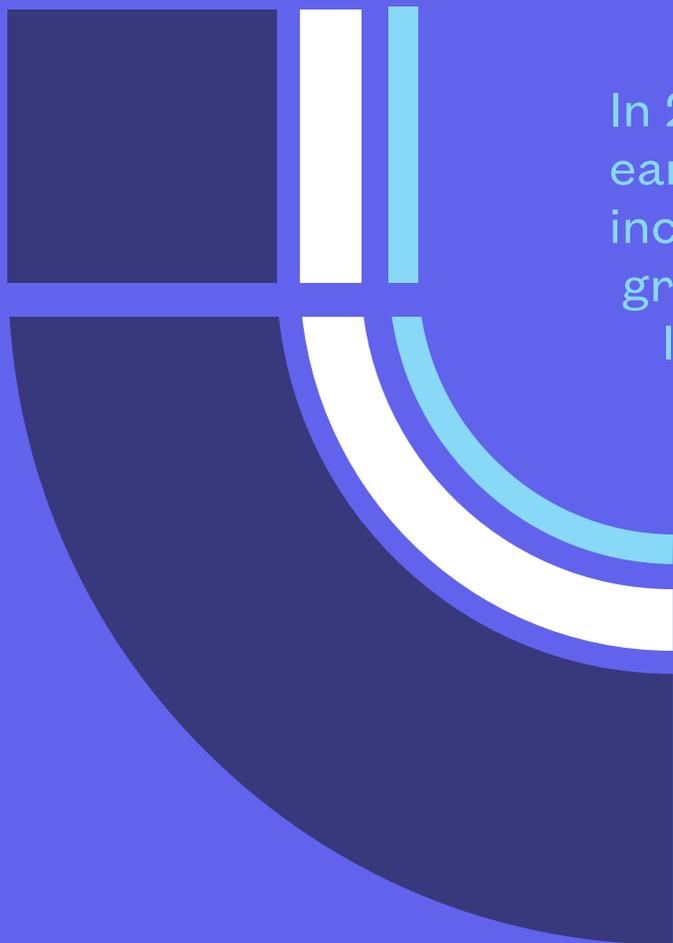


New Americans in Birmingham

A Snapshot of the Demographic and Economic
Contributions of Immigrants in the Metropolitan Area¹



SPENDING POWER AND TAX CONTRIBUTIONS



In 2014, foreign-born residents earned **\$1.1B**. Given their income, this group contributed greatly to federal, state, and local taxes.²

\$73.8M — Went to state and local taxes...³

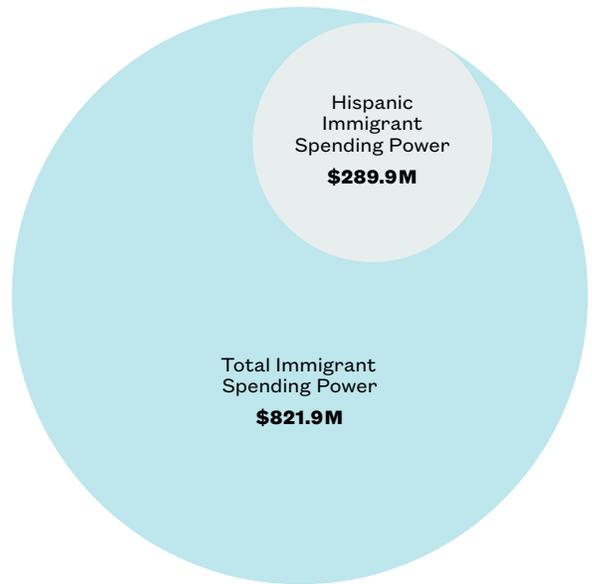
\$213.2M — Went to federal taxes...⁴

Leaving them with more than
\$821.9M in remaining spending power.

This constituted **3.8%** of the metro area's total spending power.⁵

SPENDING POWER AND TAX CONTRIBUTIONS CONT.

In 2014, foreign-born residents contributed **\$3B** to the GDP of the Birmingham metro area.⁶

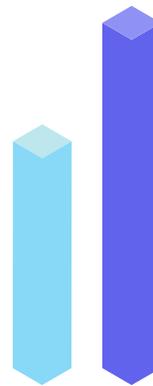


ENTREPRENEURSHIP

2,665

immigrants in Birmingham metro area are self-employed.

Their businesses generated **\$19.2M** in business income in 2014.⁷



11.2%

of all immigrants are self-employed, compared to just **7.8%** of all U.S.-born.

	Number of Businesses Owned, 2012	Sales Revenue, 2012	Number of Employees, 2012 ⁸
Hispanic Residents in the Metro Area	2,035	\$351.8M	2,108
Asian Residents in the Metro Area	2,499	\$796.5M	3,828

LABOR FORCE



While immigrants made up only 3.5% of the population in Birmingham...



They made up 5.2% of the area's **employed labor force** in 2014.

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

In 2014, foreign-born residents had **higher levels** of education than U.S.-born citizens in Birmingham metro area.⁹

FOREIGN-BORN

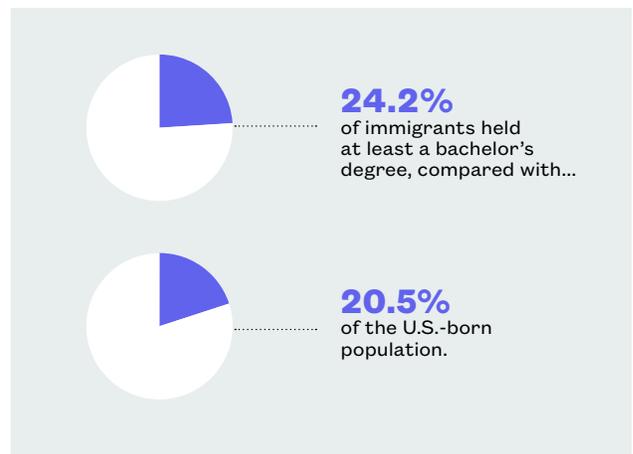


U.S.-BORN



Less than Bachelor's Degree
 Bachelor's Degree
 Advanced Degree

In 2014, **4,682** foreign-born students attended public schools in metro Birmingham.



NATURALIZATION

13,241

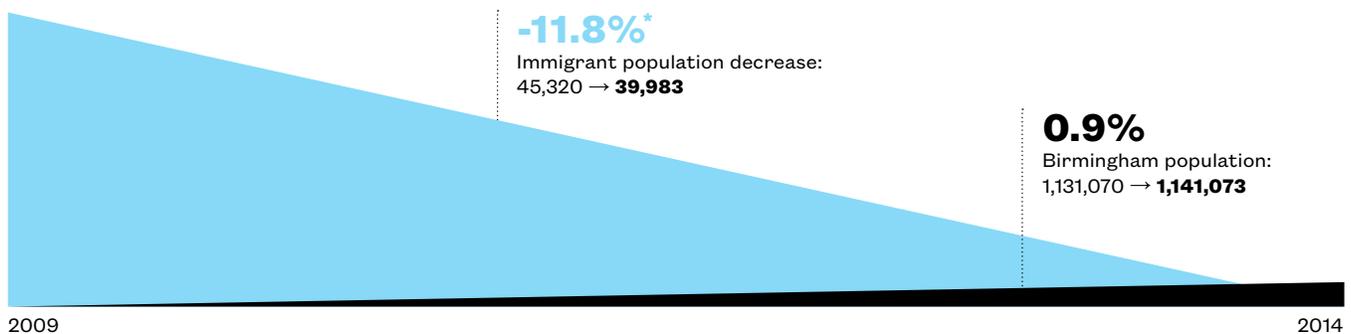
Number of foreign-born residents who had naturalized as of 2014.



Share of foreign-born residents who had naturalized as of 2014

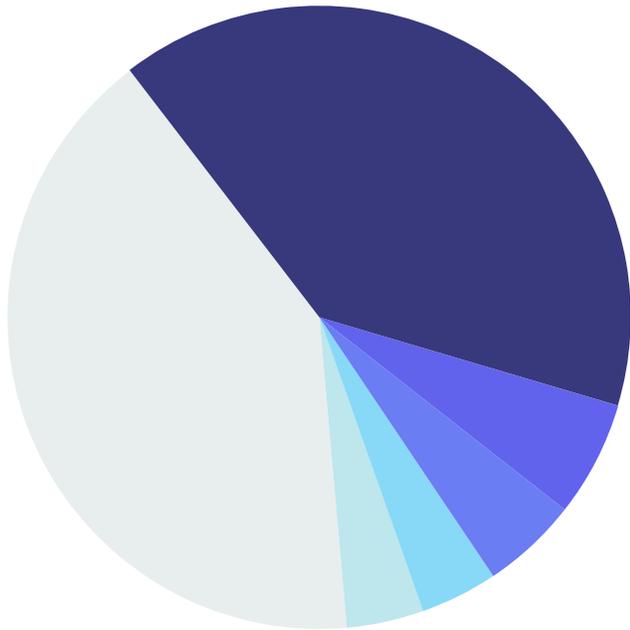
Among the **26,742** residents who were not citizens, **21.1%**, or **5,650**, were eligible for naturalization.

POPULATION GROWTH



* In 2011 the Alabama legislature passed HB 56, the most restrictive state bill on immigration in the country. Among other provisions, it required schools to check the legal status of students and police offers to arrest anyone who couldn't produce a driver's license. Some provisions of this bill were struck down by the US 11th Circuit Court of Appeals and later the Supreme Court blocked police from detaining people on the suspicion of being undocumented.

TOP FIVE COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN



1	Mexico	40.1%
2	El Salvador ¹⁰	5.8%
3	Pakistan ¹¹	4.9%
4	Vietnam ¹²	4.2%
5	China ¹³	3.9%
	Other	41.1%

Want more information about this region? See our state report:

[The Contributions of New Americans in Alabama](#)



Endnotes

- 1** We define the Birmingham metropolitan area using the Office of Management and Budget definition of the Birmingham-Hoover, AL Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). Unless otherwise specified, data comes from one-year sample of the 2014 American Community Survey and figures refer to the metro area of Birmingham.
- 2** State and local taxes include property, income, sales, and excise taxes levied by either the state of Alabama or by municipal governments.
- 3** Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy. 2015. "Who Pays? A Distributional Analysis of the Tax Systems in All Fifty States."
- 4** U.S. Congressional Budget Office. 2014. "The Distribution of Household Income and Federal Taxes, 2011."
- 5** Estimates are based on federal tax rates from the U.S. Congressional Budget Office, and state and local tax rates from the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy.
- 6** These figures derive from our calculations based on immigrants' share of wage income and self-employment income in the one-year ACS sample from 2014 and the statistics of GDP by the Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce.
- 7** The number of observations for foreign-born business owners is below 50.
- 8** The 2012 Survey of Business Owners, U.S. Census Bureau
- 9** The number of observations for different education levels is below 50.
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