New Americans in Medina
A Snapshot of the Demographic and Economic Contributions of Immigrants in the Region

POPULATION GROWTH

19,200 immigrants lived in the Medina, Ohio region in 2019, making up 2.5% of the overall population.

Between 2014 and 2019, the population in the region grew from 766,700 to 775,500, or 1.2% of the overall population growth between 2014 and 2019 was attributed to immigrants.

During the same period, the immigrant population in the region grew from 18,800 to 19,200, or 2.3%.

Top countries of origin for immigrants living in the region:
1. India ......................... 9.9%
2. Mexico ....................... 8.3%
3. Germany .................... 8.0%
4. Canada ...................... 6.9%
5. China ....................... 6.2%

SPENDING POWER AND TAX CONTRIBUTIONS

Immigrants in the region hold considerable economic power. In 2019, immigrant residents in Medina contributed more than $900M to the region's GDP.

Amount earned by immigrant households in 2019:
- $636.1M

Amounts paid in taxes:
- $105.1M went to federal taxes.
- $63.1M went to state & local taxes.

Leaving them with $467.9M in spending power, or 2.7% of all spending power in Medina.
**SPENDING POWER AND TAX CONTRIBUTIONS (CONTINUED)**

In 2019, immigrants in the region contributed:

**$59.0M** to Social Security and

**$15.0M** to Medicare.

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**WORKFORCE**

2019 immigrant shares of the...

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Immigrants play a critical role in several key industries in the region. This includes:

- **Professional Services**: 3.6%
- **Manufacturing**: 3.4%
- **Education**: 2.5%
- **Hospitality**: 2.4%
- **Finance**: 2.4%

Because of the role immigrants play in the workforce helping companies keep jobs on U.S. soil, we estimate that, by 2019, immigrants living in the region had helped create or preserve 900 local manufacturing jobs that would have otherwise been eliminated or moved elsewhere.7
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

While 7.6% of the U.S.-born population was self-employed, 10.1% of immigrant residents worked for their own businesses.

2019 immigrant share of:

- 3.3% Entrepreneurs
- 2.5% Population

In the region, immigrants were +33.0% more likely to be entrepreneurs than their U.S.-born counterparts.

EDUCATION AND LONG-TERM ECONOMIC IMPACTS

824 students enrolled in colleges and universities in the region were temporary residents in 2020. These students supported 181 local jobs and contributed $34.2M in spending in the 2020-21 academic year.

0.8% of the students under age 18 who attended public schools in the region in 2019 were immigrants.

Share of the region’s population aged 25 or older that held a:

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**HOUSING WEALTH**

Share of residents in Medina who owned their homes in 2019:

- 68.3% Immigrants
- 73.1% U.S.-born

Share of immigrant residents in Medina who rented their homes in 2019:

- 31.7%

The total property value of immigrant households in 2019 was $1.2B.

Share of immigrants living in:

- 74.4% Houses
- 23.6% Apartments
- 2.0% Other

The total annual rent paid by immigrant households in 2019 was $23.1M.

**NATURALIZATION**

In 2019,

- 11,600 immigrants, or 60.5% of the immigrant population in the region, were naturalized citizens.

- 1,400 immigrants, or 7.0% of immigrants in the Medina region were potentially eligible for naturalization in 2019.
UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS

In 2019, approximately 3,000 undocumented immigrants lived in the region, making up 15.6% of the immigrant population. Mexico was the most common country of origin for undocumented immigrants in the region. 31.9% of the undocumented population is Mexican-born.

REFUGEES

3.6% of the immigrant population, were likely refugees in 2019.

Amount earned by undocumented immigrant households in 2019:

- $6.2M went to federal taxes
- $3.8M went to state & local taxes
- $66.6M left in spending power
- $76.5M total

48.8% of undocumented immigrants worked in the manufacturing industry in 2019.
ENDNOTES

1. Unless otherwise specified, data comes from 5-year samples of the American Community Survey (ACS) from 2014 and 2019 and figures refer to the counties of Ashland, Lorain, Medina, Richland, and Wayne.

2. Except where otherwise noted (e.g., “undocumented immigrant” or “DACA-eligible”), we define an immigrant as anyone born outside the country to non-U.S. citizen parents who resides in the United States. This includes naturalized citizens, green card holders, individuals with temporary immigration status, refugees, asylees, and undocumented immigrants, among others.

3. These figures derive from our calculations based on immigrants’ share of wage income and self-employment income in the 5-year ACS sample from 2019 and the statistics on GDP from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis.


6. Professional services: Most of these industries include professions that require a degree or a license, such as legal services, accounting, scientific research, consulting services, etc.


8. Data on total student enrollment in the region is derived from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System maintained by the National Center for Education Statistics. Temporary residents refer to people who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

9. Economic data is derived from the International Student Economic Value Tool maintained by NAFSA, the association of international educators.

10. An immigrant is eligible to naturalize if they are documented, have resided in the United States for five years or more, and speak English well or fluently, as well as immigrants in military service who meet certain requirements such as speaking English well. Those who do not fit these criteria are deemed to be not eligible or currently ineligible to naturalize.


Asylum is a protection grantable to foreign nationals already in the United States or arriving at the border who meet the international law definition of a “refugee.” More on asylum seekers can be found here: American Immigration Council, Asylum in the United States (Washington, D.C., 2022), https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/sites/default/files/research/asylum_in_the_united_states_0.pdf.

