

Immigration in Bucks County: A Data Snapshot

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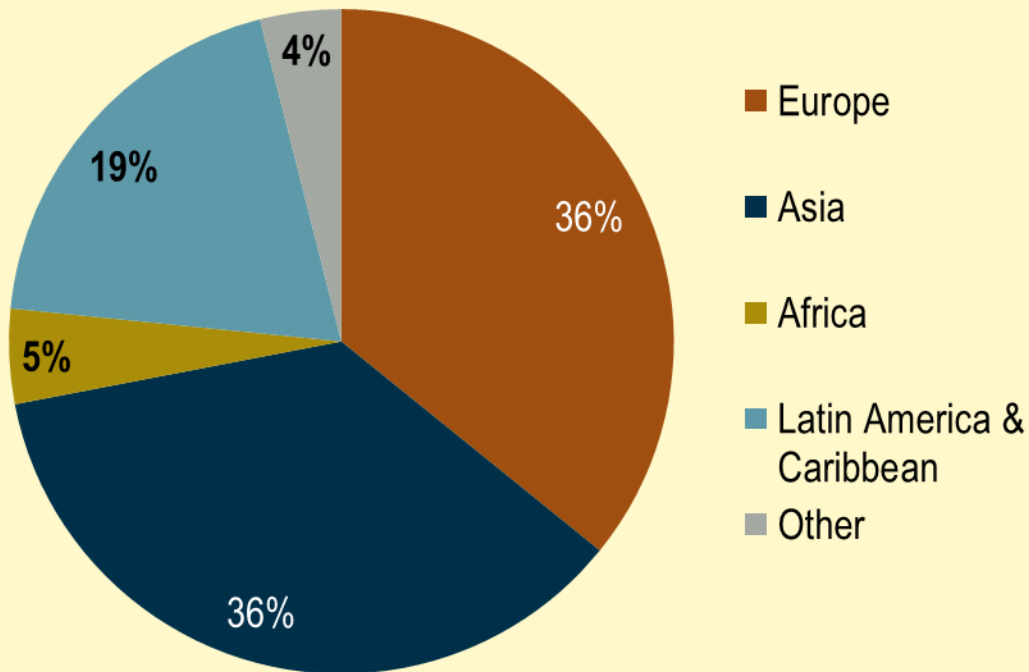


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Home to Immigrants from Around the World

Two-thirds of Bucks County Immigrants are From Europe or Asia



- There are approximately **51,000** immigrants in Bucks County, representing **8.1%** of the population.
- This proportion is below the national level of approximately **13%**.

Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2007-11.

Primary “Sending Countries” for Bucks County Immigrants

Top 5 Countries of Origin
India
Ukraine
Mexico
China*
Russia

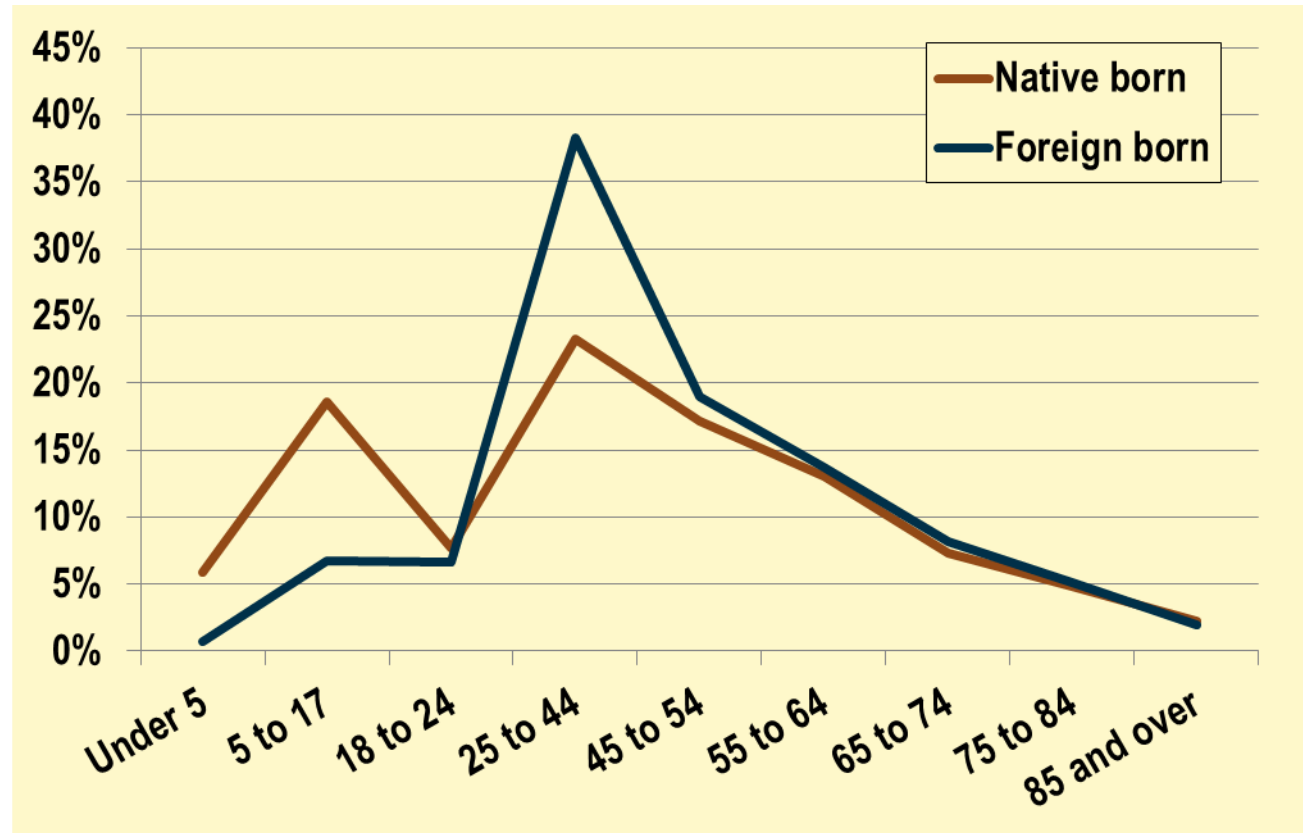
*Excludes Taiwan and Hong Kong



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The Bulk of Immigrants in Bucks are Working Age

- Note that immigrants' children are included in the **native-born** numbers, if those children were born in the US.



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Spotlight on European Immigrants

- Most European immigrants in Bucks County come from **Russia, Ukraine** , and other countries of the **former Soviet Union**.
- While some families moved to the area after living in Philadelphia, others migrated **directly to Bucks County**.

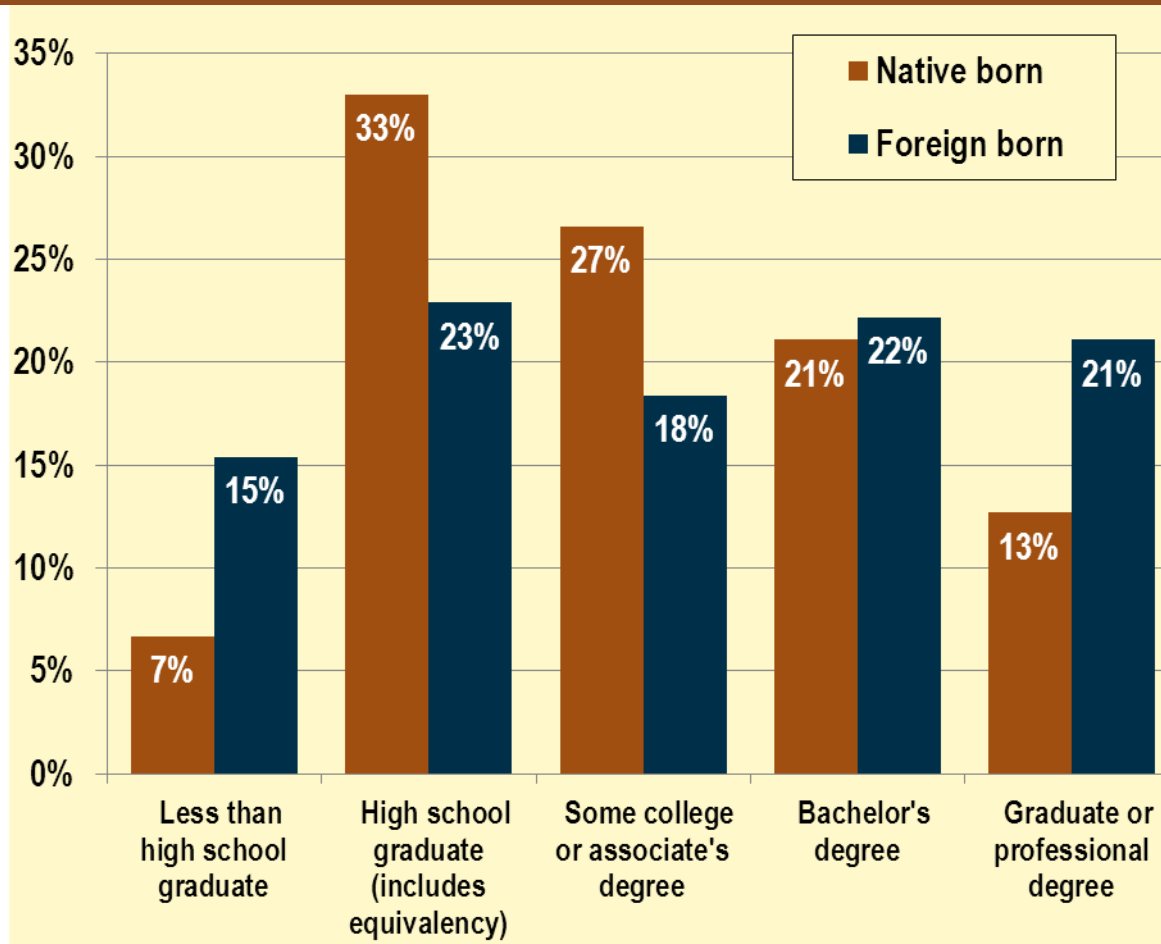


Asian Immigrants in Bucks County: A Closer Look

- Asian immigrants in Bucks County encompass an extraordinarily wide range of ethnicities, languages and religious backgrounds.
- Communities such as **Bensalem** are home to robust settlements of Indian, Chinese and other immigrant groups.



Educational Attainment: A Mixed Picture



Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2007-11.

In Bucks County, immigrants are more likely than US-born residents to have:

- **Limited education** (less than high school)

...but also more likely to have:

- **Advanced education** (graduate degree).

Geographic Mobility: Tracking the Flow of New Residents

Immigrant residents of Bucks County are *more likely to have moved* within the past five years.

Moved within the last five years:

- **7%** of US-born residents
- **11%** of immigrant residents



Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2007-11.

Immigrant Households: A Closer Look



Immigrants in Bucks County have a larger average household size (**3.05** individuals compared to **2.64** for the US-born).

In general, immigrants' **larger household size** tends to reflect both the presence of **additional adult wage-earners*** and of **children**.

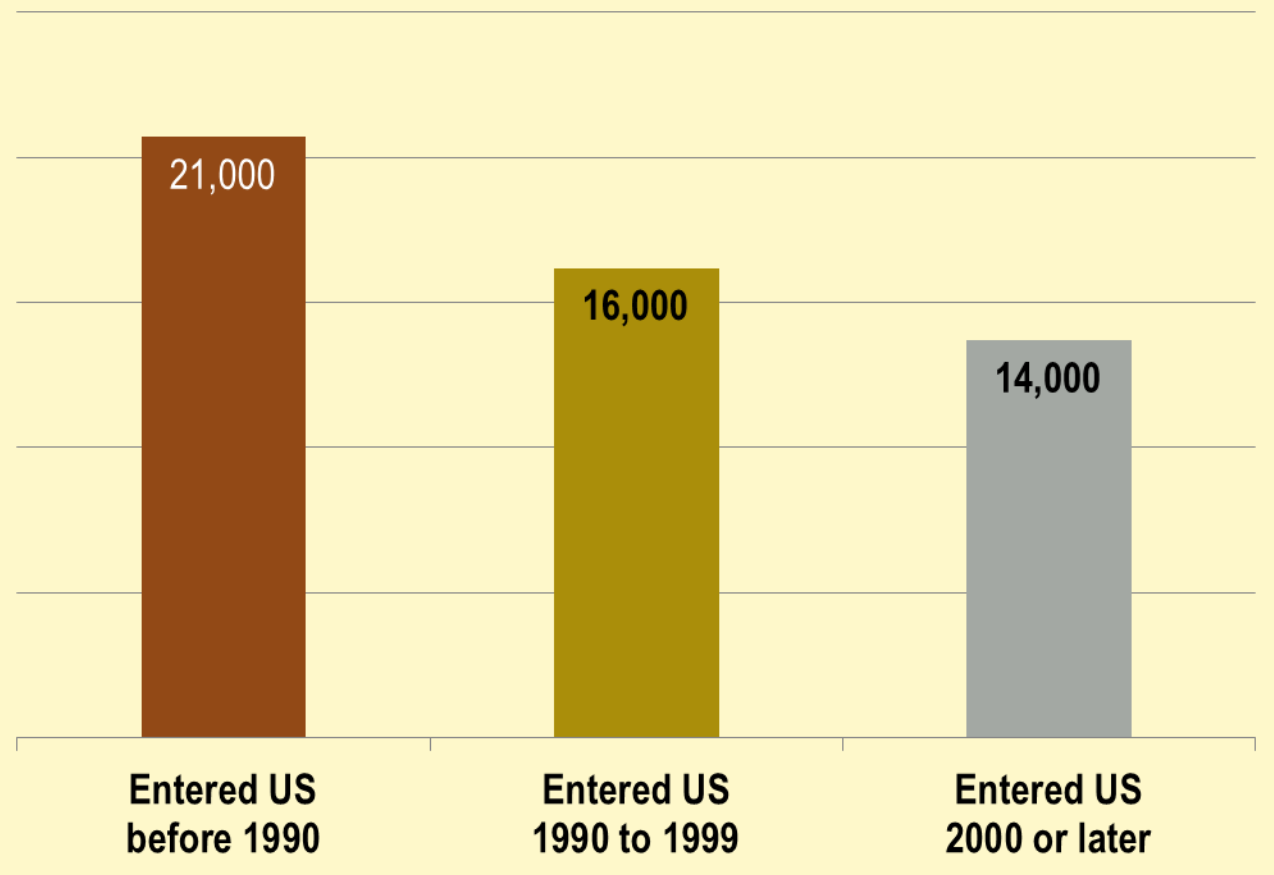
*Additional in this context means more than the customary two adults.

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Putting Down Roots: Length of Residence *in the US*

- More than **1 in 3** Bucks County immigrants (**41%**) have lived in the US for **over 20 years**

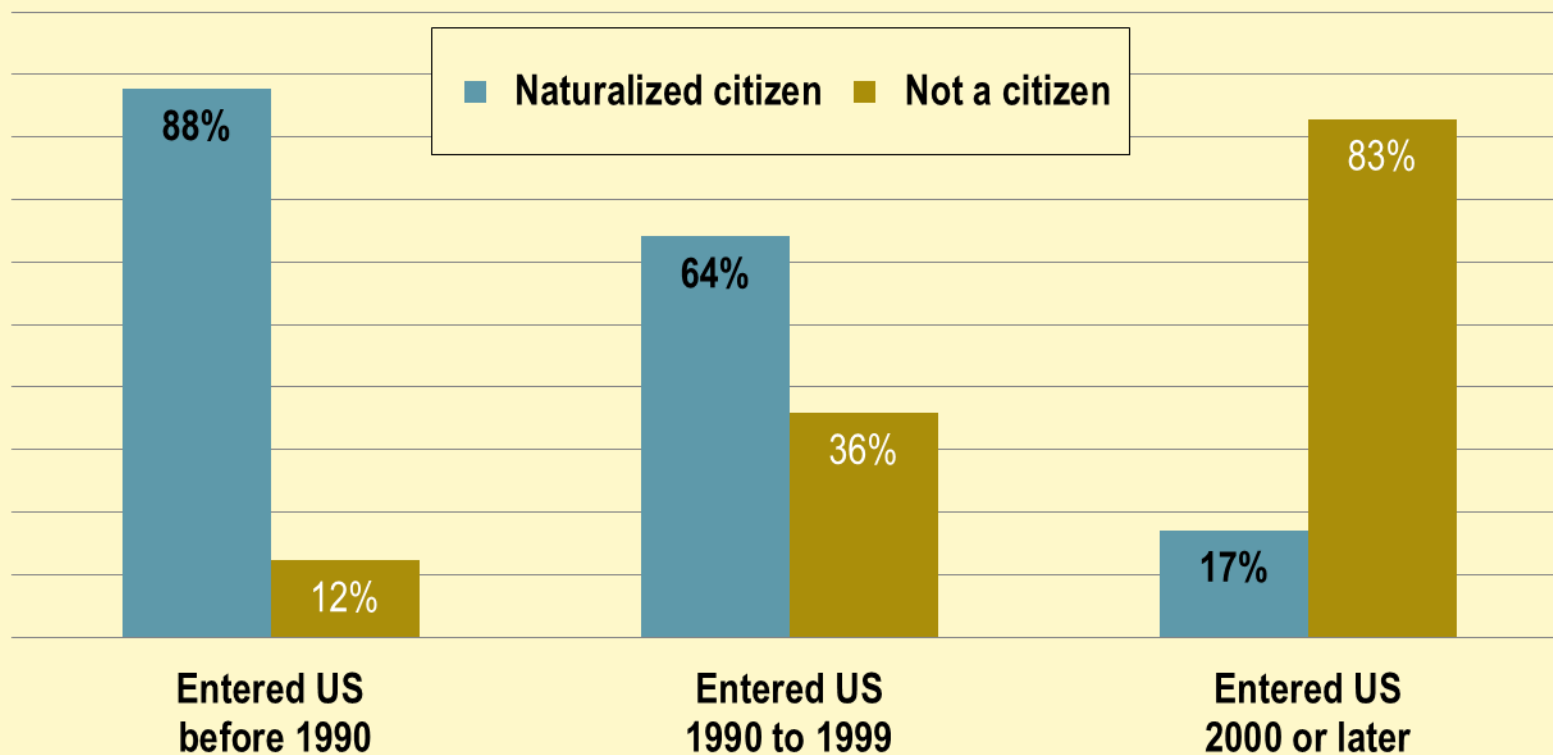
- An additional **1 in 3** immigrants (**32%**) have lived in the US for **10 years** or more



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Longer-Term Residents are More Likely to be US Citizens

The Longer Immigrants Are in the U.S.,
the More Likely they will Have Become Naturalized

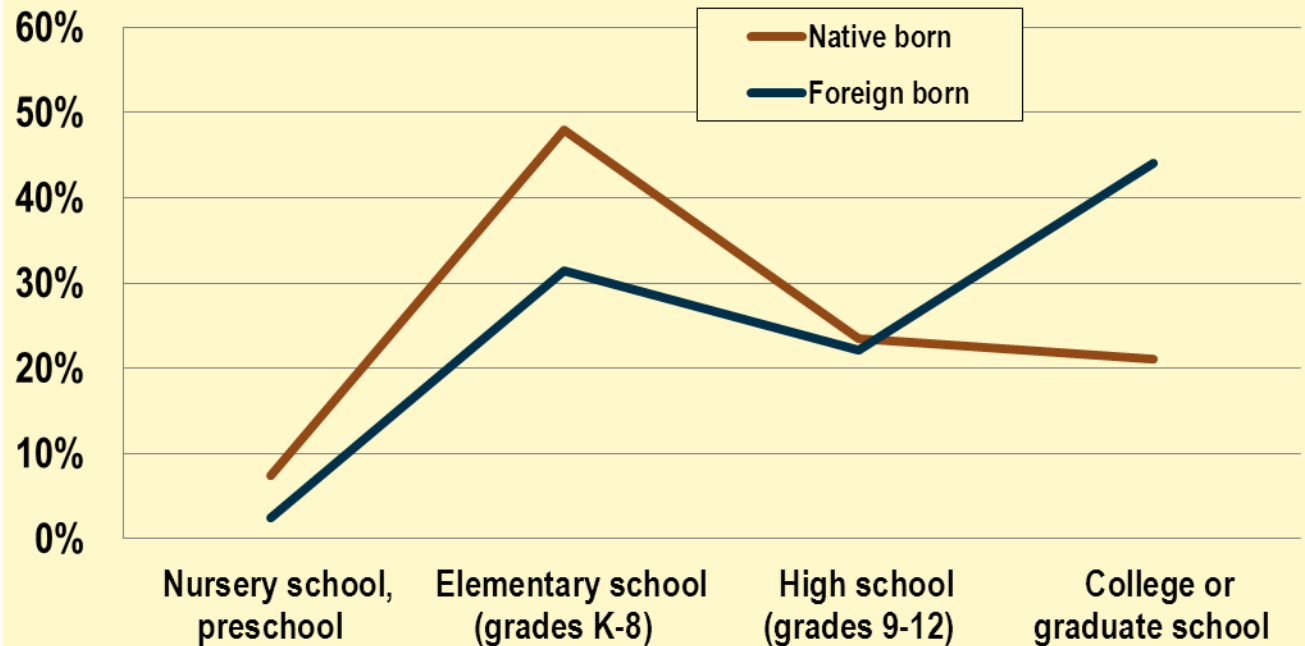


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Drawn to Bucks County for Higher Education



Immigrants Are Significantly More Likely to be Enrolled in College or Graduate School

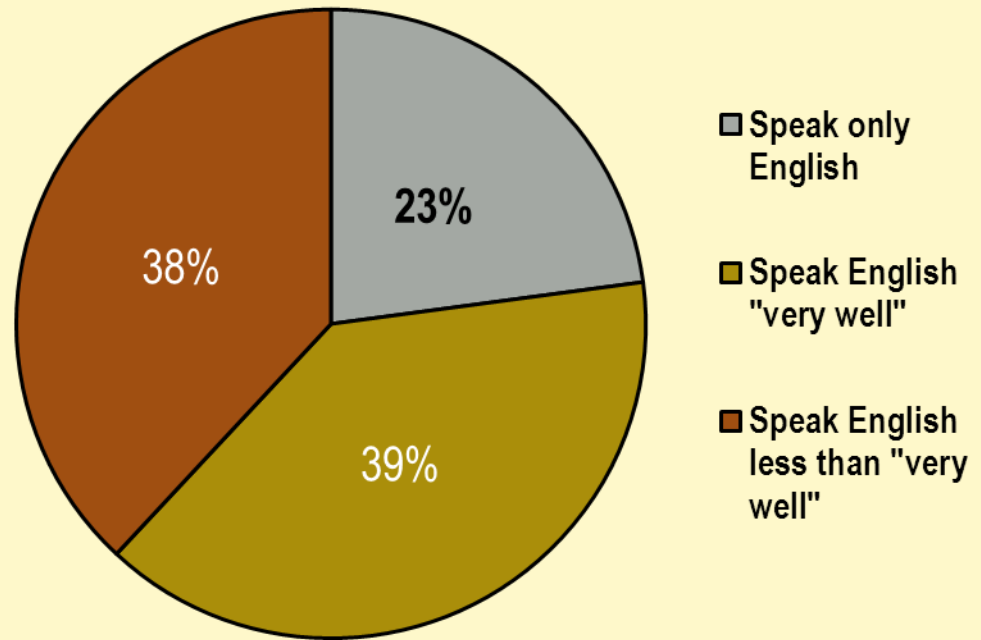


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Language Skills: Key to Immigrant Integration



Nearly 2 in 3 Bucks County Immigrants Speak English Only or English "Very Well"

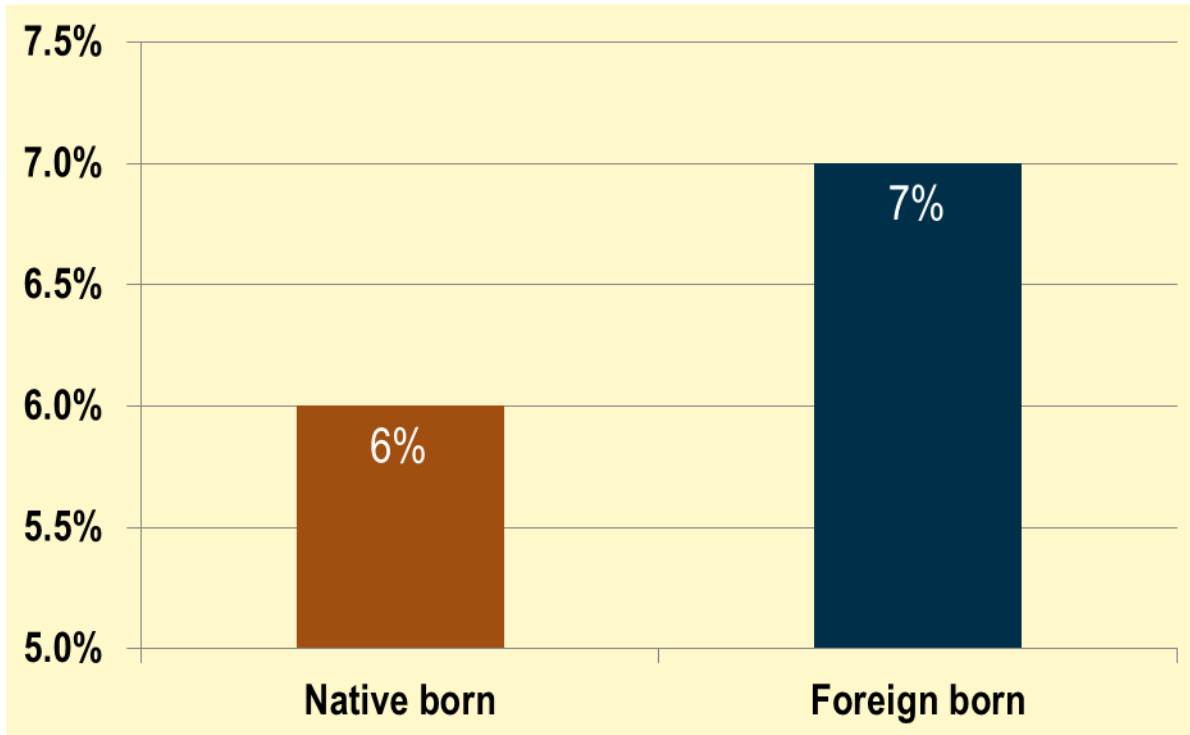


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Small Business Owners: Investing in Our Community

Percentage Self-Employed



Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2007-11.

Becoming Pennsylvanians, Becoming Americans

- More than **half** of immigrants (**61%**) in Bucks County Pennsylvania have become **naturalized US citizens** and are eligible to vote.
- This percentage substantially exceeds the number statewide (**50%**), and nationwide (**45%**).



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