



# A SNAPSHOT OF IMMIGRANTS IN MECOSTA COUNTY

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## COUNTY INDICATORS:

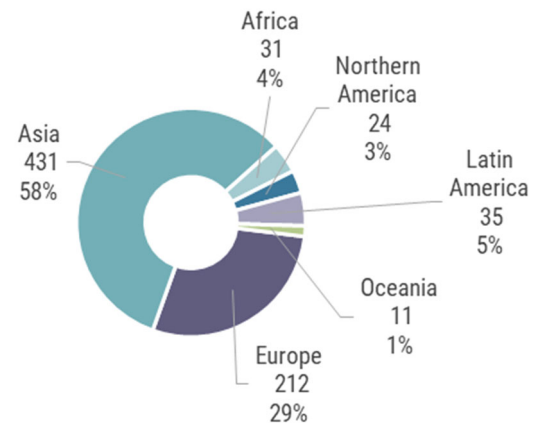
**1.7%** of Michiganders in this county are immigrants, ↓ from 1.8% in 2000.

**52%** of immigrants arrived to the U.S. before 2000.

Mecosta County	2010	2017	% Change
Total Immigrant Population	760	744	-2.1%
Citizen by Naturalization	466	266	-42.9%

## Region of Origin, 2017

The immigrant population in this county is diverse, with immigrants coming from all over the world.



## MICHIGAN IMMIGRATION FACTS:

Michigan has long been home to thousands of immigrants from all over the world. Immigrant families enrich our communities and help our state maintain a strong, modern economy. Policies that reduce barriers for immigrant workers and protect the health and well-being of children are vital to ensuring families' long term prosperity .

Race and Ethnicity	Native-born Children of Immigrants	Foreign-born Children of Immigrants
Asian	22.3%	38.6%
Black or African American	6.7%	5.0%
Hispanic or Latino	26.1%	14.5%
Native American	0.2%	0.0%
White	44.8%	41.9%

Source: Urban Policy Institute analysis of IPUMS datasets drawn from 2014 and 2015 American Community Survey

## Children of Immigrants



**25%**

of children in immigrant families are experiencing poverty, compared to 20% of children in U.S.-born families in 2016.<sup>1</sup>



**50%**

of children in immigrant families have parents who have difficulty speaking English in 2016.<sup>2</sup>

# Michigan – Immigration Facts (cont'd)

## IMMIGRANT CHILDREN

Immigrant children and youth living in Michigan come from diverse regions. They are the future thinkers and leaders of our state.



Source: 2015 American Community Survey 5- year estimates; 2000 Census data

## HEALTHCARE

- ▶ Many immigrants in Michigan do not have health insurance and have a difficult time paying for the medical services they and their families need.
- ▶ **14.4%** of all Michigan immigrants were uninsured, compared to **6.6%** of U.S.-born Michigan residents, in 2017.
- ▶ **21.6%** of all Michigan immigrants who were uninsured were also not citizens, in 2017.



Source: 2017 American Community Survey 5- year estimates; 2000 Census data

## Economic Contributions

Immigrants in Michigan work hard to support their families and their communities. Every year, immigrants contribute millions of dollars in consumer spending and state and local taxes to support local economies and important public programs.<sup>3</sup>

Undocumented immigrants in Michigan contribute approximately

**\$86.6 million**

in state and local taxes a year.

Young undocumented immigrants contributed approximately

**\$13.4 million**

in state and local taxes annually.<sup>4</sup>



## ENDNOTES

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