# The State of Foreign-Born Workers
# New York State • Mid-Hudson
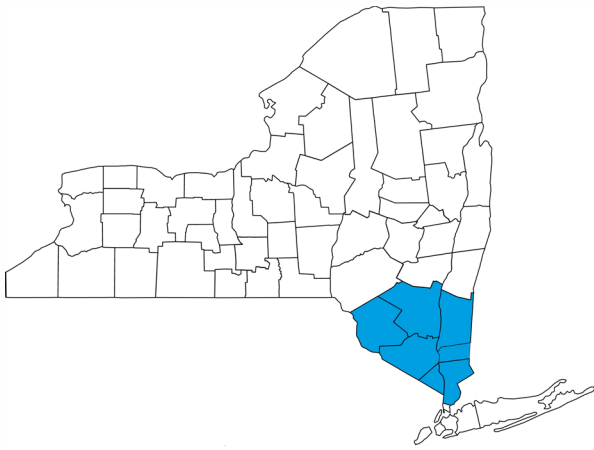


| 317,057 | 46,962 | 51.20% | 48.80% |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | Women | Men |
| Foreign-Born Population | Limited English Proficient | Foreign-Born by Gender | |

| Place of Birth | Africa | Asia | Europe | Latin America | North America |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 4.38% | 19.62% | 15.98% | 57.56% | 1.99% |

## Highlights

- Taking into consideration all economic indicators, the overall score for the Mid-Hudson region placed it in first place. The region succeeded in narrowing the gap between foreign and native-born counterparts in 2021 and moved to first place from its 3rd place rank in 2012. The disparities in poverty rates between foreign and native-born narrowed from 9 percentage points difference in 2012 to 2 percentage points in 2021.
- Foreign-born residents of Mid-Hudson recorded lower unemployment rates in 2012 and 2021 compared to their native-born counterparts.

- Poverty rates for foreign-born residents at the lower end of the educational attainment ladder experienced significantly higher poverty rates than their foreign-born counterparts with higher educational attainment. Limited English proficiency further increased rates of poverty. In 2021, however, this group experienced 16 percentage points lower poverty rates than in 2012.
- Similarly limited English proficiency also affects college degree holders adversely. Higher unemployment rates for this group are recorded in 2021 than in 2012.

## Ranking

| | 2012 | | 2021 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Regional Score Card[1] | 0.10 | | 0.52 | |
| Regional Rank[2] | 3rd Place | | 1st Place | |
| | **Foreign-Born** | **Native Born** | **Foreign-Born** | **Native-Born** |
| Poverty Rate | 21.97% | 12.71% | 14.16% | 11.90% |
| Unemployment Rate | 6.32% | 7.45% | 4.46% | 5.76% |

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## Effects of Low Educational Attainment & English Proficiency: Outcomes of Foreign-Born New Yorkers Who Are Holders of High School Diploma or Less

| Total Population | English Proficient | Non-English Proficient |
|---|---|---|
| 122,324 | 88,601 | 33,663 |

| | 2012 | 2021 |
|---|---|---|
| Poverty Rates for All | 32.45% | 20.82% |
| Poverty Rates for English Proficient | 27.91% | 18.83% |
| Poverty Rates for Non-English Proficient | 40.89% | 24.36% |
| Unemployment Rates for All | 8.07% | 4.52% |
| Unemployment Rates for English Proficient | 8.70% | 3.32% |
| Unemployment Rates for Non-English Proficient | 6.89% | 6.64% |

## Effects of High Educational Attainment & English Proficiency: Outcomes of Foreign-Born New Yorkers Who Are Holders of College Degrees

| Total Population | English Proficient | Non-English Proficient |
|---|---|---|
| 130,307 | 123,085 | 7,222 |

| | 2012 | 2021 |
|---|---|---|
| Poverty Rates for All | 7.87% | 6.19% |
| Poverty Rates for English Proficient | 5.99% | 5.50% |
| Poverty Rates for Non-English Proficient | 25.48% | 17.49% |
| Unemployment Rates for All | 3.56% | 5.87% |
| Unemployment Rates for English Proficient | 3.67% | 5.76% |
| Unemployment Rates for Non-English Proficient | 2.53% | 7.72% |

Mid-Hudson includes the counties: Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester.

The source of data is the American Community Survey, 2021, one-year data. The data includes all foreign-born individuals who are 16-64 years of age.

[1] Scorecard is calculated based on the performance of the region against seven economic indicators; income, poverty, unemployment, working poor, full-time work, homeownership, and rent burden. The region's performance is calculated based on the differences in the seven economic outcomes between foreign-born and native-born New Yorkers. We calculate a standardized score for seven outcomes using the mean and standard deviation of each outcome across the state. Then, we average these scores for seven scores to compose one general index score indicating the overall disparity between foreign-born and native-born New Yorkers in each region. Higher index scores can be interpreted as positive and lower scores can be interpreted as negative.

[2] Rank represents the performance of the region when compared to the other nine regions of New York State. 1 = best performer; 10 = worst performer.