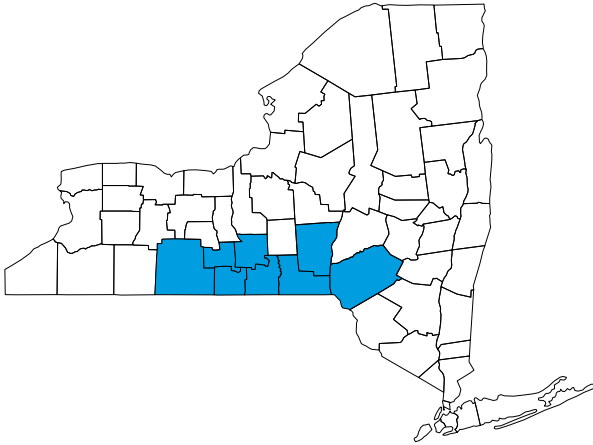


The State of Foreign-Born Workers

New York State • Southern Tier



22,003	1,888	52.82%	47.18%
Foreign-Born Population	Limited English Proficient	Women	Men
		Foreign-Born by Gender	

Place of Birth	Africa	Asia	Europe	Latin America	North America
	7.12%	50.78%	22.80%	13.51%	5.18%

Highlights

- The Southern Tier region ranked second in 2021, moving from 4th place in 2012. It successfully narrowed the gap between its foreign and native-born populations along several economic indicators.
- Overall poverty rates for the foreign-born population decreased and in 2021, poverty rates for foreign-born residents were similar to those of their native-born counterparts.
- In 2012, unemployment rates for foreign-born residents were lower than those of native-born residents. In 2021, the trend was reversed with foreign-born residents recording higher unemployment rates.
- Low educational attainment adversely affects poverty rates. However, English proficiency also has a significant influence and for college degree holders, limited English proficiency grants them an alarmingly higher than average poverty rate of 60.56%.

Ranking

	2012		2021	
Regional Score Card ¹	0.10		0.50	
Regional Rank ²	4th Place		2nd Place	
	Foreign-Born	Native Born	Foreign-Born	Native-Born
Poverty Rate	27.77%	21.03%	20.72%	20.19%
Unemployment Rate	4.48%	5.88%	6.97%	4.95%



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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	
6,054	4,334		
			1,720
		2012	2021
Poverty Rates for All		41.16%	36.51%
Poverty Rates for English Proficient		35.83%	38.73%
Poverty Rates for Non-English Proficient		51.96%	19.95%
Unemployment Rates for All		5.21%	9.78%
Unemployment Rates for English Proficient		5.02%	11.68%
Unemployment Rates for Non-English Proficient		5.60%	Not available

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	
10,936	10,981		
			45
		2012	2021
Poverty Rates for All		14.35%	12.34%
Poverty Rates for English Proficient		12.32%	12.60%
Poverty Rates for Non-English Proficient		60.65%	Not available
Unemployment Rates for All		4.42%	2.11%
Unemployment Rates for English Proficient		4.61%	2.16%
Unemployment Rates for Non-English Proficient		Not available	Not available

Southern Tier includes the counties: Broome, Chemung, Chenango, Delaware, Schuyler, Steuben, Tioga, and Tompkins. 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.