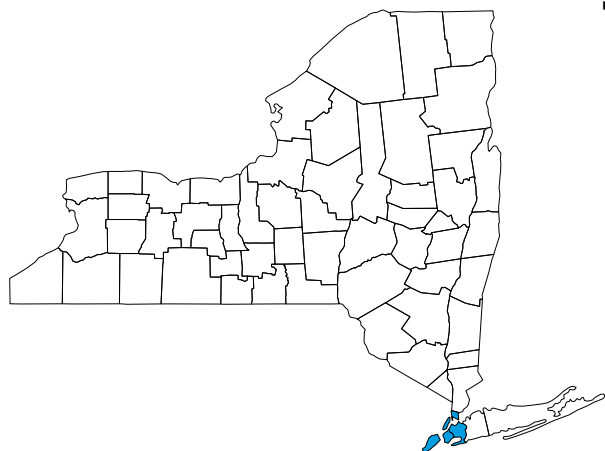


# The State of Foreign-Born Workers

## New York State • New York City



2,259,049

Foreign-Born  
Population

570,568

Limited  
English  
Proficient

52.12% 47.88%  
Women Men

Foreign-Born  
by Gender

Place of  
Birth

Africa

5.30%

Asia

29.66%

Europe

13.09%

Latin  
America

50.81%

North  
America

0.76%

## Highlights

- While successful in reducing the disparity gap between foreign and native-born populations, the New York City region retained its rank in 7th place based on its score.
- The gap in poverty rates experienced by foreign-born residents decreased from a 7-percentage point difference in 2012 to a 2-percentage point in 2021.
- Poverty rates for residents on both ends of the educational attainment and English proficiency spectrum decreased in 2021 from the 2012 rates. However, rates remained high in 2021, especially for limited English-proficient residents and for those on the lower end of the educational attainment ladder.
- Lower educational attainment in this region translated to higher unemployment rates.

## Ranking

Regional Score Card<sup>1</sup>

Regional Rank<sup>2</sup>

2012

-0.08

7th Place

2021

0.05

7th Place

Foreign-Born

Native Born

Foreign-Born

Native-Born

Poverty Rate

28.36%

20.94%

22.51%

20.02%

Unemployment Rate

7.08%

8.14%

8.64%

8.99%



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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	
1,052,353	614,301		
		<b>2012</b>	<b>2021</b>
Poverty Rates for All		38.52%	28.74%
Poverty Rates for English Proficient		32.96%	25.13%
Poverty Rates for Non-English Proficient		46.20%	34.50%
Unemployment Rates for All		7.18%	7.58%
Unemployment Rates for English Proficient		7.65%	7.36%
Unemployment Rates for Non-English Proficient		8.03%	7.29%

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## 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	
769,390	700,270		
		<b>2012</b>	<b>2021</b>
Poverty Rates for All		13.09%	11.97%
Poverty Rates for English Proficient		11.47%	10.85%
Poverty Rates for Non-English Proficient		30.37%	24.95%
Unemployment Rates for All		5.18%	5.16%
Unemployment Rates for English Proficient		5.12%	4.90%
Unemployment Rates for Non-English Proficient		5.91%	8.17%

New York City includes the counties: Bronx, Kings, New York, Richmond, and Queens.

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.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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