

The State of Foreign-Born Workers New York State • North Country

9,543

292

N/A N/A Women Men

Foreign-Born Population Limited English Proficient Foreign-Born by Gender

Place of Birth **Africa** 14.49%

Asia

31.08%

Europe

12.68%

25.82%

Latin

America

North America

15.74%

Highlights

- The North Country's scorecard placed the region in 8th place in 2021, dropping from 5h place in 2012.
- Overall poverty rates for foreign-born residents dropped in 2021 by almost two percentage points from their 2012 rates.
- Unemployment rates also dropped in 2021.
- For foreign-born with low educational attainment, poverty rates fell significantly by 16% points in 2021.
- For college degree holders, poverty rates increased and unemployment rates dropped in 2021 from rates experienced in 2012.
- The paradox of increasing poverty rates and decreasing unemployment rates in this region is experienced by college degree holders and not their counterparts with lower educational attainment.

Ranking

Regional Score Card¹ Regional Rank²

Poverty Rate

Unemployment Rate

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Foreign-Born	Native Born
20.17%	20.44%
8.09%	7.25%

2021

-0.12

8th Place

Foreign-Born	Native-Born
18.22%	20.76%
7.52%	4.93%



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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 2,350	English Proficient 2,058	Non-English Proficient 292	
		2012	2021
Poverty Rates for All		30.39%	14.33%
Poverty Rates for English Proficient		32.22%	15.68%
Poverty Rates for Non-English Proficient		27.26%	Not available
Unemployment Rates for All		7.04%	5.79%
Unemployment Rates for English Proficient		11.16%	6.34%
Unemployment Rates for Non-English Proficient		Not available	Not available

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

Total Population 4,321	English Proficient 4,321	Non-English Proficient O	
		2012	2021
Poverty Rates for All		10.51%	11.36%
Poverty Rates for English Proficient		8.83%	11.70%
Poverty Rates for Non-English Proficient		28.38%	Not available
Unemployment Rates for All		10.48%	0.97%
Unemployment Rates for English Proficient		9.65%	1.00%
Unemployment Rates for Non-English Proficient		19.33%	Not available

North Country includes the counties: Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence.

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.