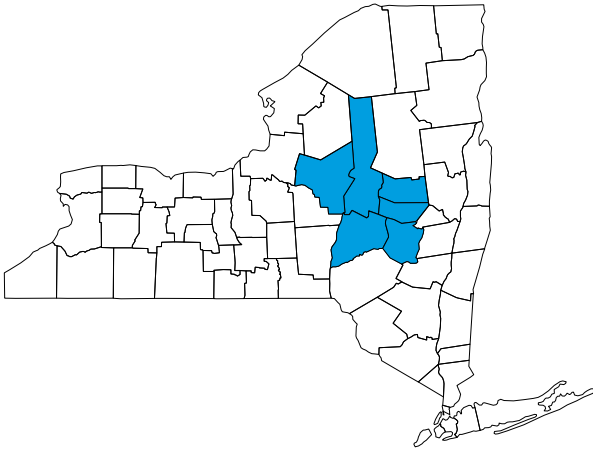


# The State of Foreign-Born Workers

## New York State • Mohawk Valley



18,610

Foreign-Born  
Population

4,280

Limited  
English  
Proficient

53.65% 46.35%  
Women Men

Foreign-Born  
by Gender

Place of  
Birth

Africa

0.39%

Asia

36.66%

Europe

38.03%

Latin  
America

22.22%

North  
America

2.53%

## Highlights

- In 2021, the overall poverty rate in the Mohawk Valley region was higher than the statewide poverty rate of 13.9% for both native and foreign-born residents. The region successfully reduced the poverty rates for most residents between 2012 and 2021. An exception to this success story in the poverty rate reduction is the alarming increase in 2021 poverty rates experienced by limited English-proficient foreign-born college degree holders.
- Limited English proficiency also affects employment rates adversely. Poverty rates in

2021 for the limited English-proficient foreign-born residents who also have low educational attainment rose sharply. The rates for limited English-proficient college degree holders paint a picture of the adverse impacts of limited English proficiency on this segment of the population as well.

- Poverty alleviation measures, workforce development, career readiness, and English language learning programs are needed in the Mohawk region to alleviate conditions that affect both native and foreign-born residents.

## Ranking

Regional Score Card<sup>1</sup>

Regional Rank<sup>2</sup>

Poverty Rate

Unemployment Rate

2012

-0.18

8th Place

Foreign-Born

30.80%

6.34%

Native Born

20.12%

7.01%

2021

0.20

6th Place

Foreign-Born

22.53%

5.29%

Native-Born

17.55%

4.33%



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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	
9,376	5,885		
		2012	2021
Poverty Rates for All		43.42%	19.34%
Poverty Rates for English Proficient		36.18%	13.44%
Poverty Rates for Non-English Proficient		57.16%	33.99%
Unemployment Rates for All		6.52%	6.93%
Unemployment Rates for English Proficient		7.26%	3.94%
Unemployment Rates for Non-English Proficient		5.14%	14.35%

## 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	
5,657	5,129		
		2012	2021
Poverty Rates for All		11.68%	9.27%
Poverty Rates for English Proficient		10.04%	7.71%
Poverty Rates for Non-English Proficient		44.89%	69.23%
Unemployment Rates for All		6.04%	6.03%
Unemployment Rates for English Proficient		5.59%	6.11%
Unemployment Rates for Non-English Proficient		15.15%	Not available

Mohawk Valley includes the counties: Fulton, Herkimer, Montgomery, Oneida, Otsego, and Schoharie.

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.