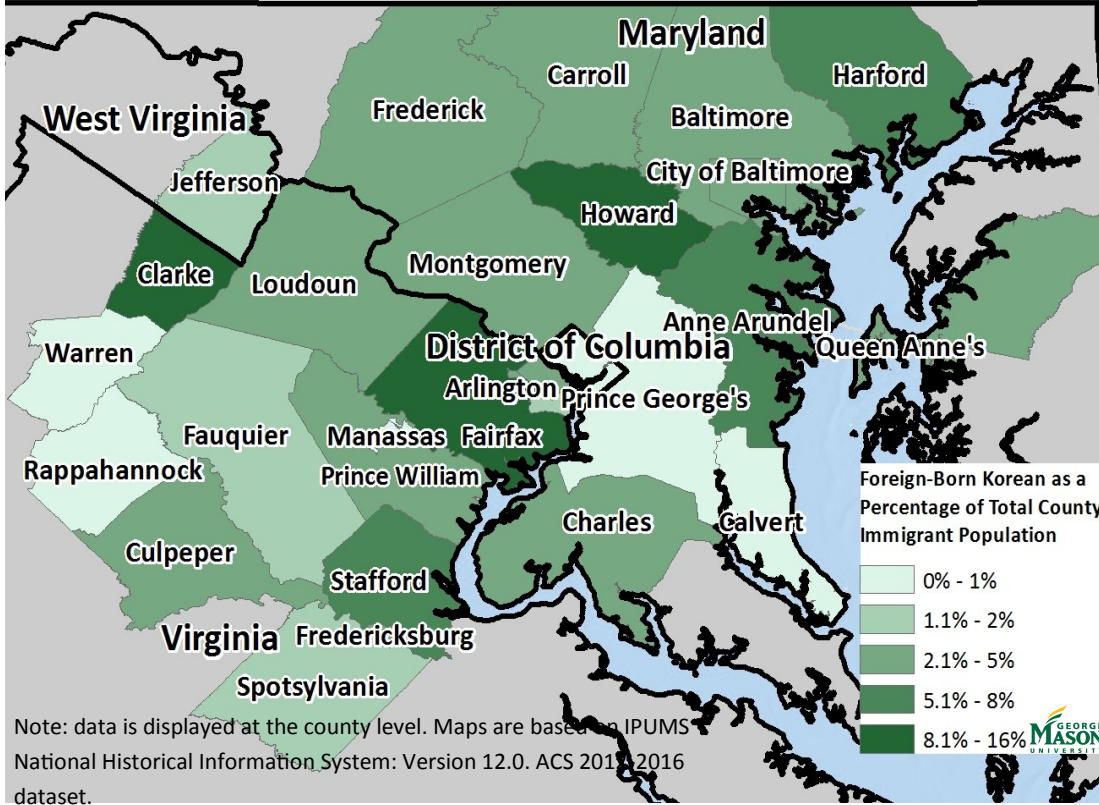


## Korean Immigrants Living in the DC and Baltimore Metropolitan Areas

Figure 1. Korean Immigrant Population in the DC and Baltimore Metro Areas



### NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- **79,443:** Approximate number of Korean immigrants\* living in the DC and Baltimore metro areas (**1%** of the area's population). Among them:
- **43%** Male and **57%** female
- **22 years:** Median years in the U.S.
- **47:** Median age
- **60%** Eligible to vote (naturalized U.S. citizens age 18+)

Figure 2. Citizenship Status

Foreign-Born Individuals in the DC and Baltimore Metro Areas

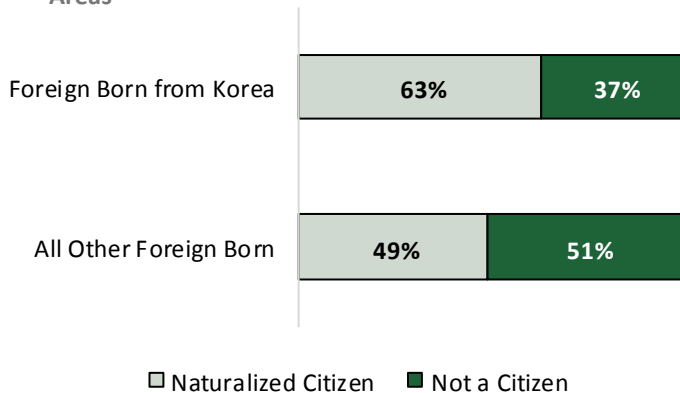
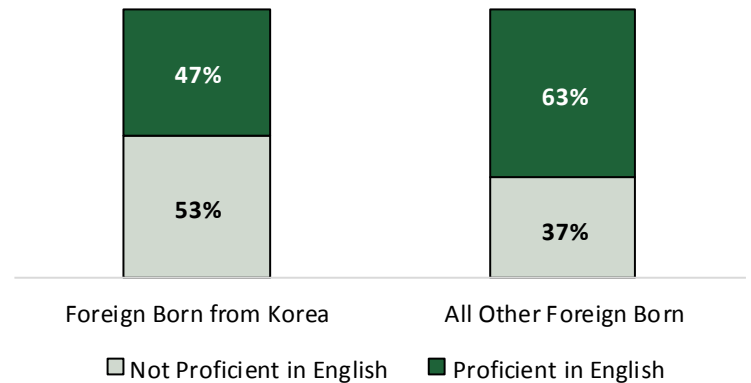


Figure 3. English Proficiency

Foreign-Born Individuals, Age 5+, in the DC and Baltimore



All analysis in this fact sheet is based on source data from the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2012-2016 distributed through IPUMS-USA, University of Minnesota, [www.ipums.org](http://www.ipums.org).

\*Please note that the terms "immigrant" and "foreign born" are used interchangeably throughout this fact sheet. Foreign born refers to individuals who are not a U.S. citizen at birth or who were born outside the U.S., Puerto Rico or other U.S. territories and whose parents are not U.S. citizens. The foreign born may include naturalized U.S. citizens, Legal Permanent Residents, temporary residents, refugees and asylees, and others. Additionally, native born includes those who are U.S. citizens at birth, those born in the United States, Puerto Rico, or other U.S. territories, and those born abroad to a parent who is a U.S. citizen.

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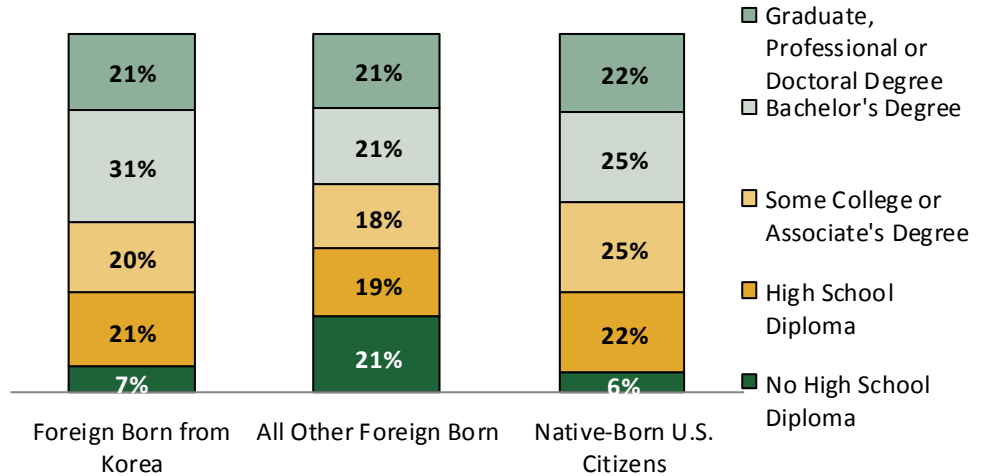
### Education, Income, Health Insurance, and Housing



**12%** of foreign-born Koreans living in the DC and Baltimore metro areas are below the poverty line compared to **10%** of all other foreign born and **9%** of native-born U.S. citizens.

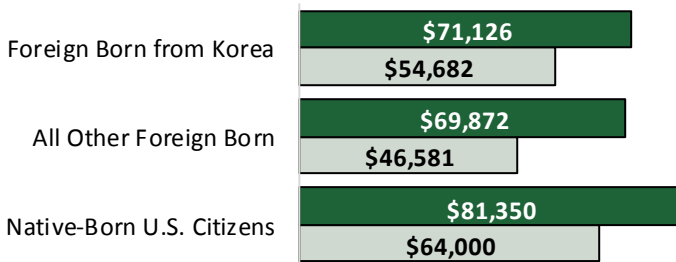
**Figure 4. Educational Attainment**

Individuals, Age 25+, in the DC and Baltimore Metro Areas



**Figure 5. Median Total Family Income and Personal Earned Income**

Individuals who are employed, age 16-65, in the DC and Baltimore Metro Areas



■ Median Total Family Income □ Median Personal Earned Income

**81%** of foreign-born Koreans living in the DC and Baltimore metro areas have health insurance coverage compared to **76%** of all other foreign born and **95%** of native-born U.S. citizens.

**Figure 6. Home Ownership**

Household Heads in the DC and Baltimore Metro Areas

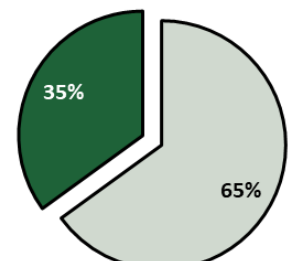
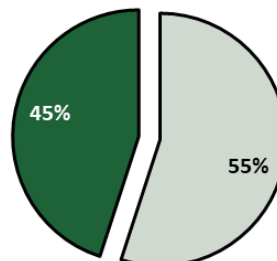
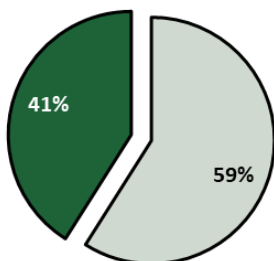
Foreign Born from Korea

All Other Foreign Born

Native-Born U.S. Citizens

□ Own a Home or Buying a Home

■ Rent, Do not Own Home



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### Employment and Occupation



**Figure 7. Top Five Occupational Groups**

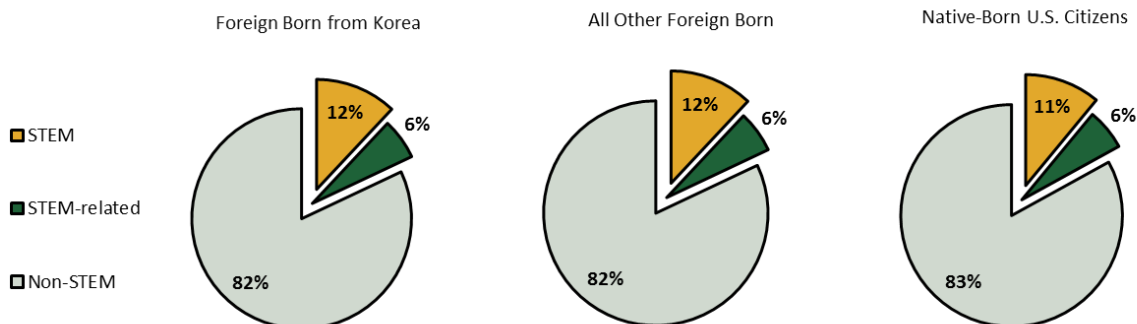
Individuals who are employed, Age 16-65, in the DC and Baltimore Metro Areas

Occupational Group	Foreign Born from Korea	Occupational Group	All Other Foreign Born	Occupational Group	Native-Born U.S. Citizens
Sales and Related Occupations	15%	Management, Business, Science, and Arts Occupations	10%	Management, Business, Science, and Arts Occupations	14%
Management, Business, Science, and Arts Occupations	13%	Construction Occupations	9%	Office and Administrative Support Occupations	13%
Office and Administrative Support Occupations	9%	Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations	8%	Sales and Related Occupations	9%
Food Preparation and Serving Occupations	6%	Office and Administrative Support Occupations	8%	Education, Training, and Library Occupations	7%
Computer and Mathematical Occupations	6%	Sales and Related Occupations	8%	Computer and Mathematical Occupations	7%
19 Other Occupational Groups	51%	20 Other Occupational Groups	57%	20 Other Occupational Groups	50%
<b>Estimated Immigrant Population (Ages 16+)</b>	<b>45,255</b>	<b>Estimated Immigrant Population (Ages 16+)</b>	<b>1,033,074</b>	<b>Estimated Immigrant Population (Ages 16+)</b>	<b>3,482,415</b>

**5%** of foreign-born Koreans in the labor force living in the DC and Baltimore metro areas are unemployed compared to **5%** of all other foreign born and **6%** of native-born U.S. citizens.

**Figure 8. Employment in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Occupations**

Individuals who are employed, Age 16-65, in the DC and Baltimore Metro Areas

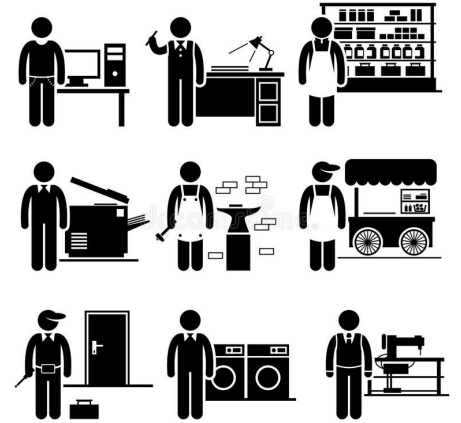
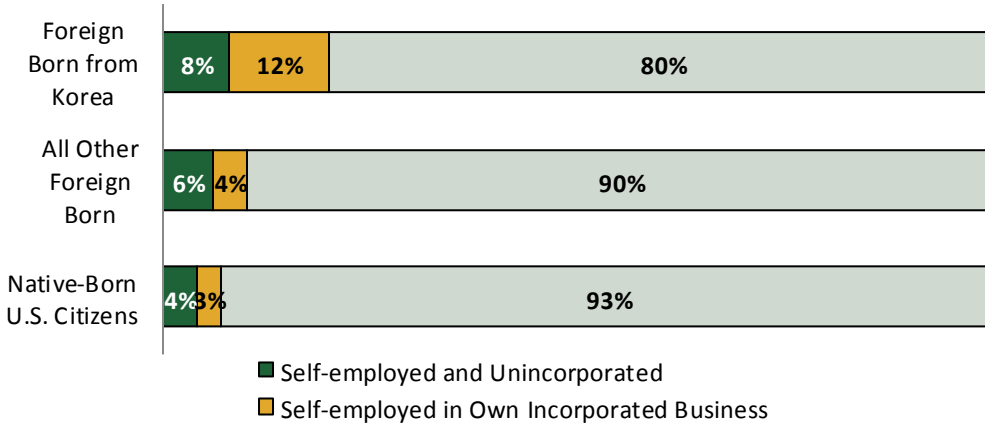


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### Self-Employment

**Figure 9. Self-Employment**

Individuals who are employed, Age 16-65, in the DC and Baltimore Metro Areas



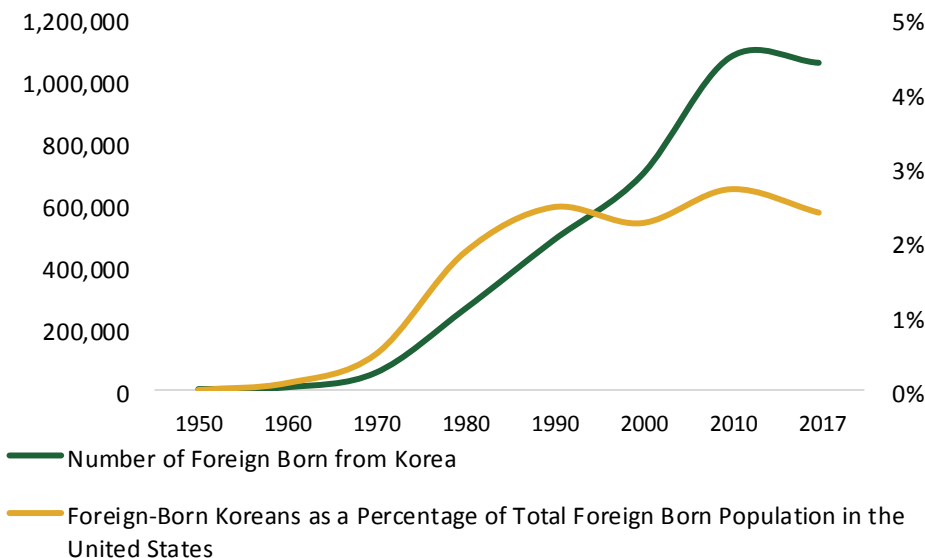
- **\$40,506\***: Median personal income of Korean immigrants who are self-employed and living in the DC and Baltimore metro areas

- **\$40,505\***: Median personal income of all other foreign born who are self-employed and living in the DC and Baltimore metro areas

- **\$61,000\***: Median personal income of native-born U.S. citizens who are self-employed and living in the DC and Baltimore metro areas

\*Please note that these numbers are generated based on individuals who are employed full time.

**Figure 10. Korean Immigrant Population in the United States, 1950-2017**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau. United States, 1850-2017. ipums.org extracts (the nativity variable was used for 1950, 1960, 1970 and the citizen variable was used for 1980, 1990, 2000, 2017)

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