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### Overview of the Immigration Process



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### Why Did Your Family Immigrate?















# Why Families Come to the U.S.: Then & Now

- Economic reasons
- Educational opportunities
- Religious freedom
- Family reunification
- Escape unsafe homeland seek asylum
- Forced migration



### **Terms**

### **International**

 Person who comes to a country to study or work and then return or go to another country.



### **Immigrant**

Person who comes to a country to take up permanent residence

### Refugee/Asylee (Type of Immigration Status)

- Person outside of his/her country of nationality
- Has well-founded fear of persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group Unable or unwilling to return home (UNHCR)

### Out-of-Status (Undocumented)

Person in the country that has remained beyond the allocated time indicated on their travel documentation or someone without travel documentation.

# **Benefits of Immigration**



### **Immigrant-Founded Companies**







































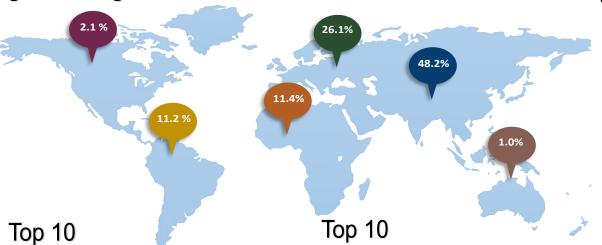
Compiled by Richard Herman, www.ImmigrantInc.com

#### **Immigrants & Internationals in Allegheny County**

Data Source: American Community Survey 1-year and 3-year data 2007-2015







# Countries of Origin

Total Foreign-born Population: 73 265

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India	9,472	
China	8,227	
Italy	3,462	
Korea	2,288	
Germany	2,262	
United Kingdom	2,154	
Canada	1,891	
Russia	1,843	
Mexico	1,473	
Philippines	1,268	

#### **Language Groups**

**Total Foreign Language Speakers: 85,005** 

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Spanish	13,575
Chinese	11,123
Italian	6,460
French	6,194
Indic Languages	5,252
Asian Languages	4,199
Hindi	3,760
German	3,640
Arabic	3,519
Russian	3,434

#### 73,265 2015 71,541 2013 58,336 2011 55,229 2009 54,613

#### Top 10 (Limited English Proficiency)

#### **LEP Language Groups**

**Total LEP Population: 29,111** 

Chinese	6,903
Spanish	3,414
Indic Languages	3,085
Italian	1,815
French	1,735
African Languages	1,681
Arabic	1,485
Russian	1,450
Asian Languages	928
Korean	771

#### Country Specific Refugees Resettled Since 2001

Bhutan 2,045

Burma 699 (Myanmar)

Congo 229

Iraq 508

Russia 234

Somalia 357

Sudan 133

Syria 166

Total refugees resettled in the Past 10 years 4, 092

Data Compiled by the DHS Immigrants & Internationals Initiative. For further information, visit www.alleghenycounty.us/dhs/immigrantresources.

# Positive Immigrant Impact in Pittsburgh

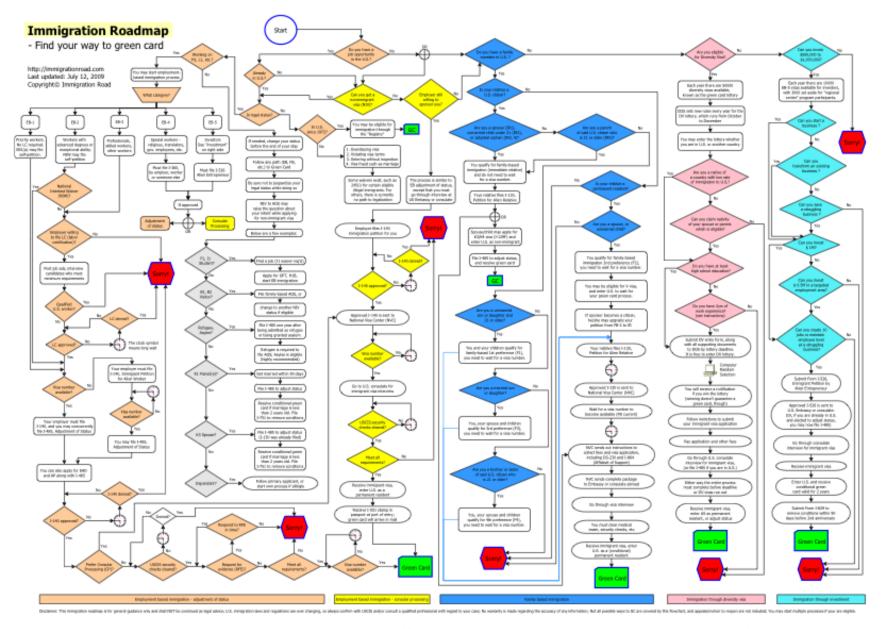
- •From 2009 -2014 the Pittsburgh population decreased by .06% But the immigrant population grew 13.85% during the same timeframe
- •81,000 or 3.4% of the population are immigrants with 23.4% being from China or India
- •Higher Education saw \$367 Million in revenue through foreign or international students
- •400 foreign companies represented by 37 countries employee over 50,000 people locally
- •Pittsburgh's exports grew by 45% from 6.9 to 10 billion from 2005 to 2014. (Asia, Africa, NAFTA, EU)

World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh (2017). Global Snapshot

### **Allegheny County's Immigrant Community**

Bhutanese Bosnian or Yugoslavian Burmese Chinese Congolese Colombian Honduran Indian Iragi Italian Korean Mexican Russian South Sudanese Somali Bantu Syrian Ukrainian **Uzbek** 





Kliff, S. (2013, January 29). The insanely confusing path to legal immigration, in one chart. The Washington Post. Retrieved from https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2013/01/29/the-path-to-legal-immigration-in-one-insanely-confusing-chart/?utmterm=.a5e0408ba63f

#### **CORE -- Resettlement Process**

Department of Homeland Security: U.S. Citizen & Immigration Services

#### State Department: Bureau for Population, Refugees & Migration

Department of Health & Human Services: Office of Refugee Resettlement

#### SECURITY



- Pre-screening by Resettlement Support Center (RSC) staff
- On-site interview by CIS Refugee Corps (Circuit Rides)
- Security clearance & fingerprinting

#### **PLACEMENT**

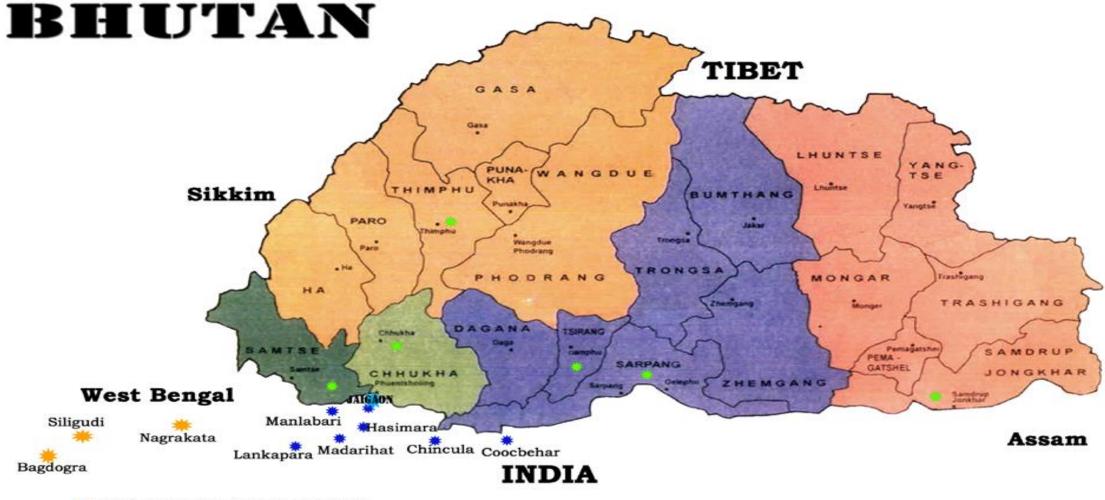


- Placement allocations through 9 national Voluntary Agencies
- Cultural orientation & departure processing
- Initial Reception & Placement: 30-90 days in U.S.

#### **TRANSITION**



- Interim cash & medical assistance
- Employment services, ESL, medical screening, recertification
- Specialized programs: Micro-Enterprise Development, IDA, Survivors of Torture...



- Participants came from following area of Bhutan.
- Participants came from following area of Doars, North Bengal, India.
- 🌟 Bible Classes held at Jaigaon, Indo-Bhutan Border.

Places name on Indian side are not on scale.

# **Bhutanese People**

- 20 years in refugee camps
- Speak Nepali
- Hindu, Buddhist, Christian
- Strong Bhutanese Community (BCAP)
- Seniors and those with disabilities are cared for by family at home
- Gender roles and generational roles should be considered
- Multigenerational and extended family households
- Warm and welcoming to outsiders







# Congolese People

- Congolese, Possible Tribal Identification (hidden)
- Speak Kiswahili & Kinyarwanda
- Christian
- Multigenerational homes
- Many single mother families
- Families are eager to seek out possible resources
- Higher rates of trauma exposure





# Syrian Refugees

- Civil war has devastated infrastructure
- Multigenerational homes stay together
- Gender and generational roles are culturally established
- Mainly Sunni Muslim, Kurdish
- Trust takes time to build
- Seniors are greatly respected
- Those with disabilities are cared for by family







# Refugees from Iraq

- Extreme War
- Sunni, Shia & Kurd
- Speak Arabic and Kurdish
- Muslim
- Multigenerational homes stay together
- Gender and generational roles are strong
- Trust takes time to build due to geopolitical situation
- Seniors are greatly respected
- Those with disabilities are cared for when possible







# **Latino Community**

Deto, R. (2017, April 05). Pittsburgh's City Paper. Bienvenidos a Pittsburgh: The growth of the city's Latino community is contributing to the revitalization of the South Hills.

- •A diverse group of different origins and cultures
  - Largest places of origin: Mexico, Puerto Rico (U.S. Territory)
  - Other origins include El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, and Cuba
- •Share in common a Latin American heritage
- •The majority speak Spanish, but other languages are common
- •A vibrant group that cannot be easily defined within a social category

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