

The contributions of foreign-born, non-citizen workers to the Washington region's workforce

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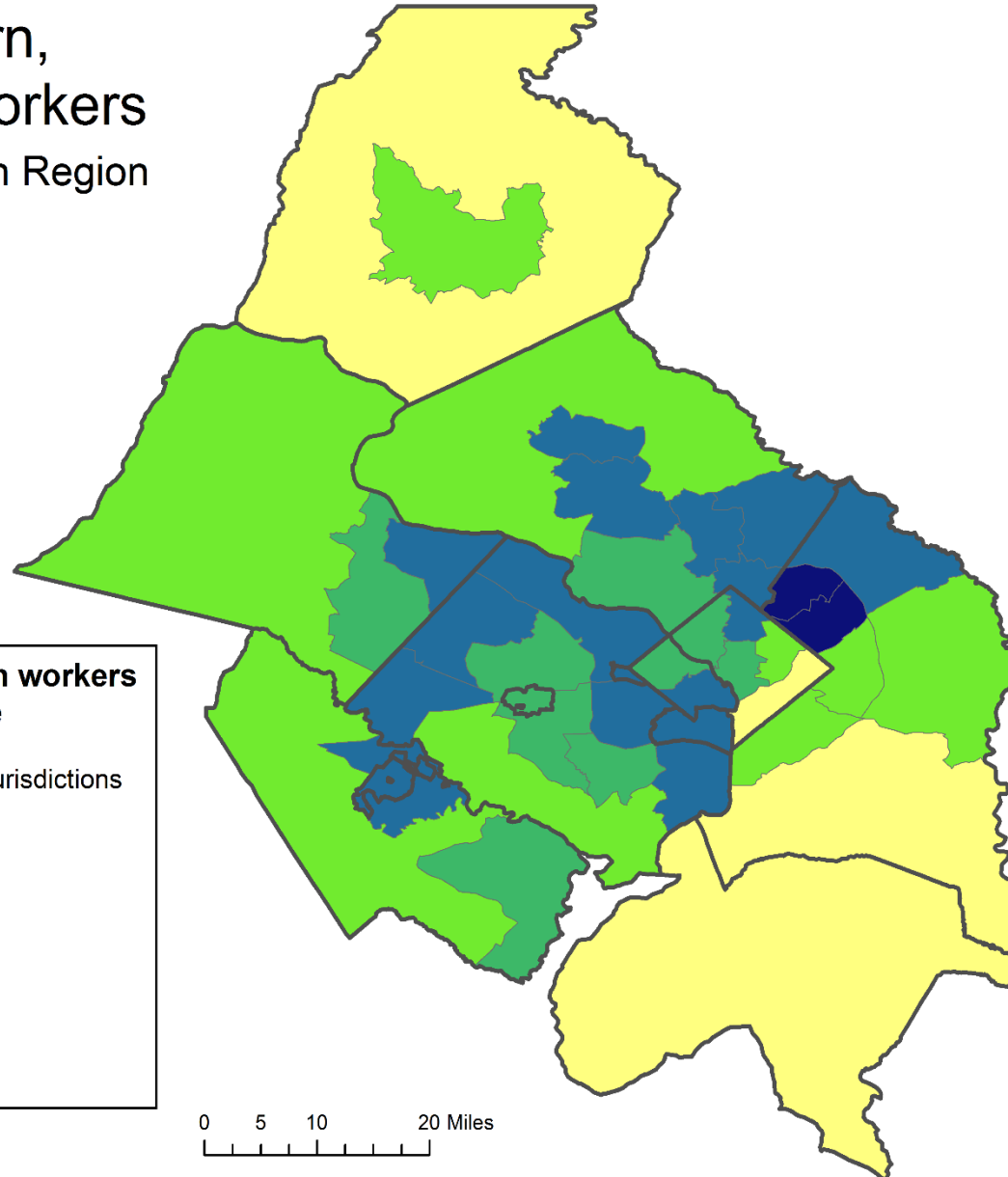
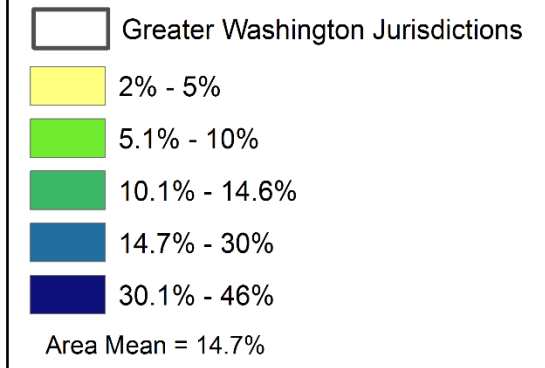
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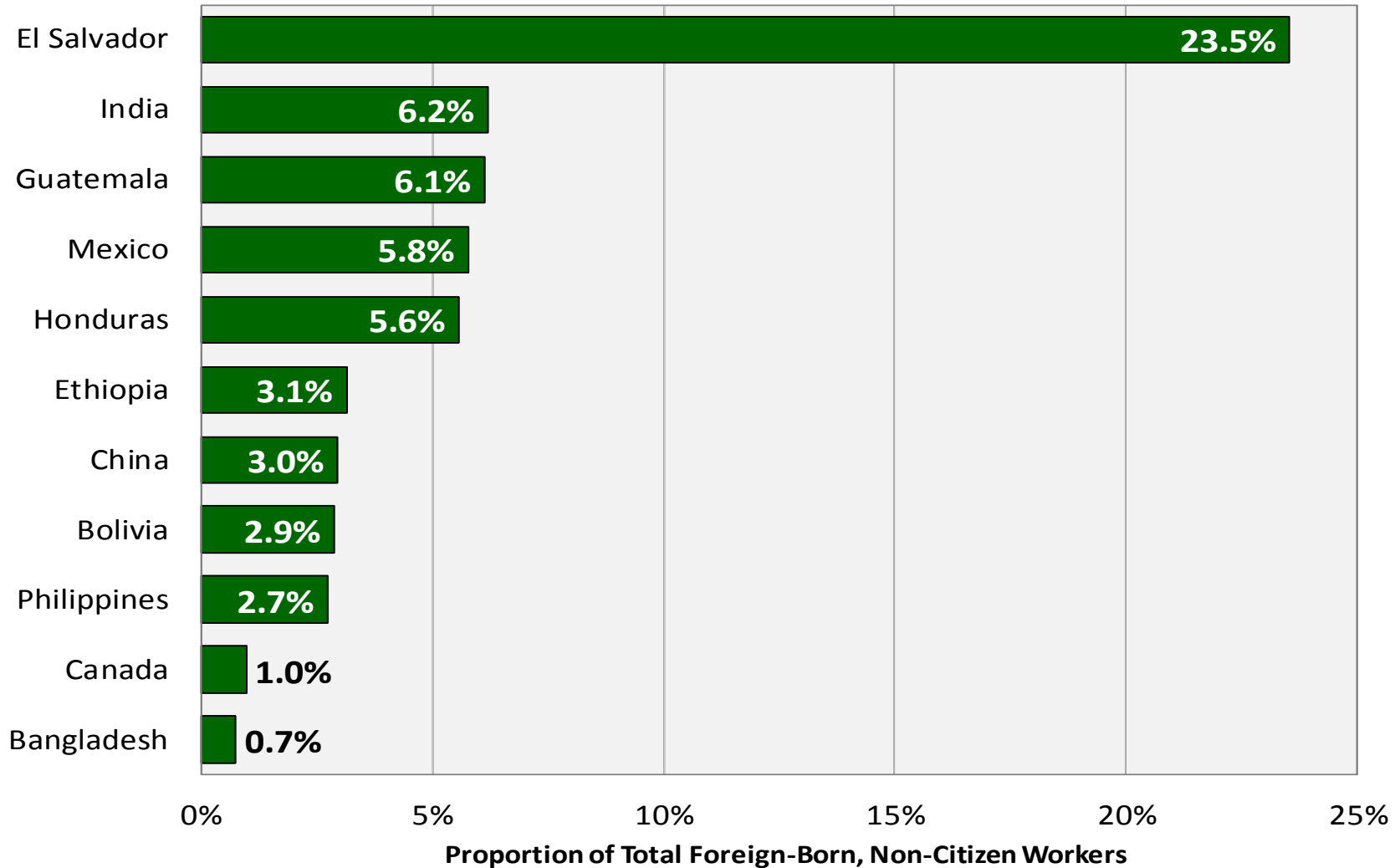
Foreign Born, Non-Citizen Workers Greater Washington Region

Foreign born, non-citizen workers as a % of total workforce







Source: 2016 American Community Survey, Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) files

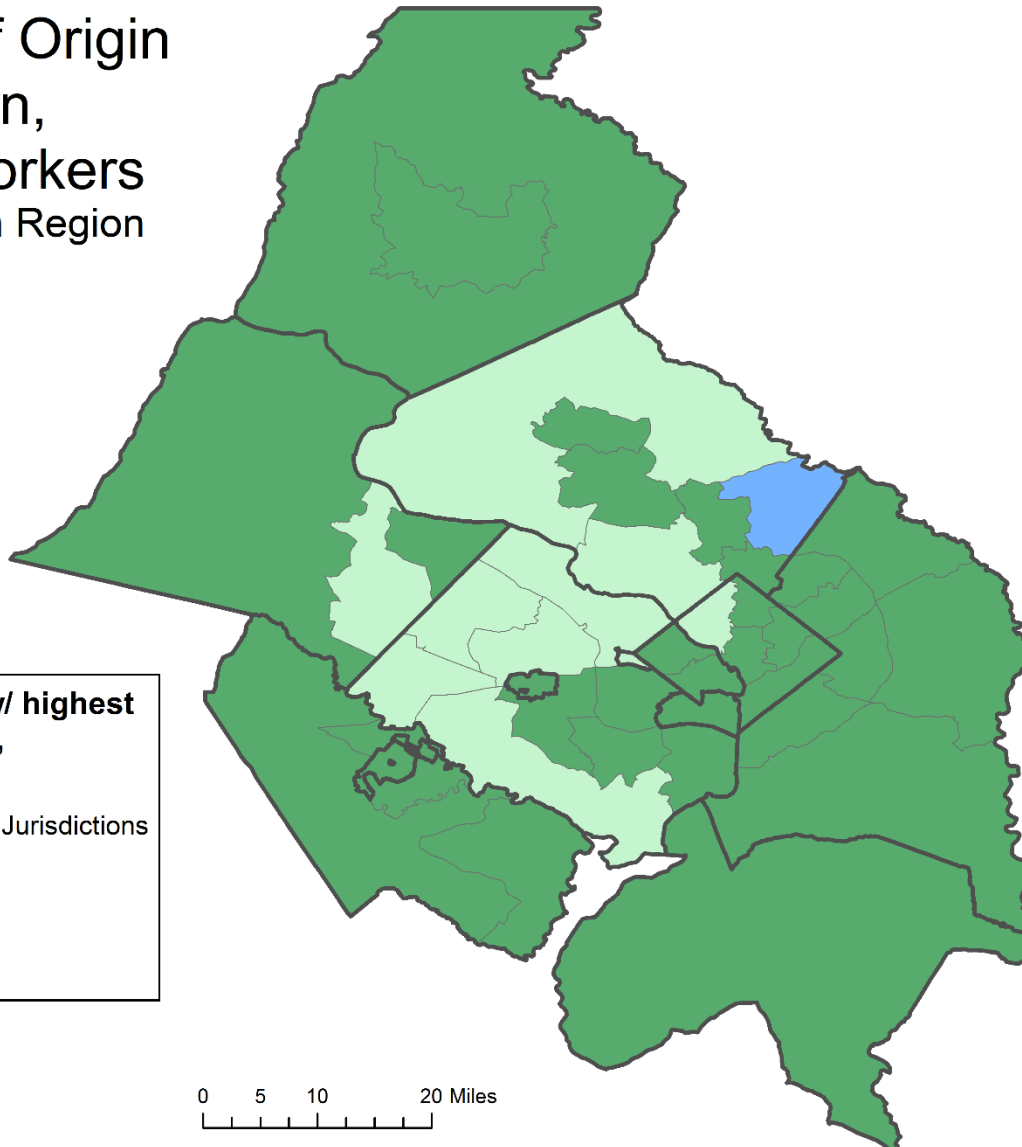
Most Foreign Born, Non-Citizens originate from Latin America



World Region of Origin Foreign Born, Non-Citizen Workers Greater Washington Region

**World region of origin w/ highest
% of total foreign born,
non-citizen workers**

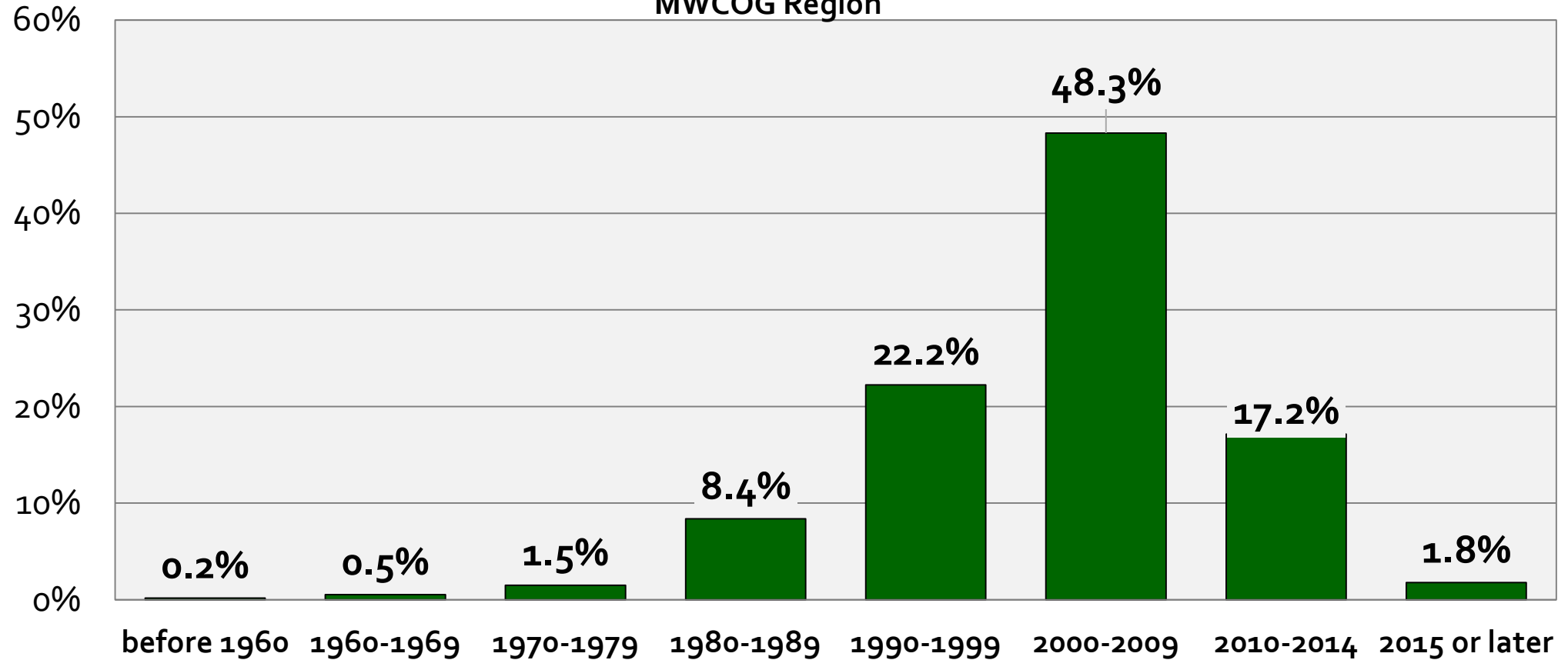
-  Greater Washington Jurisdictions
-  Africa
-  Asia
-  Latin America



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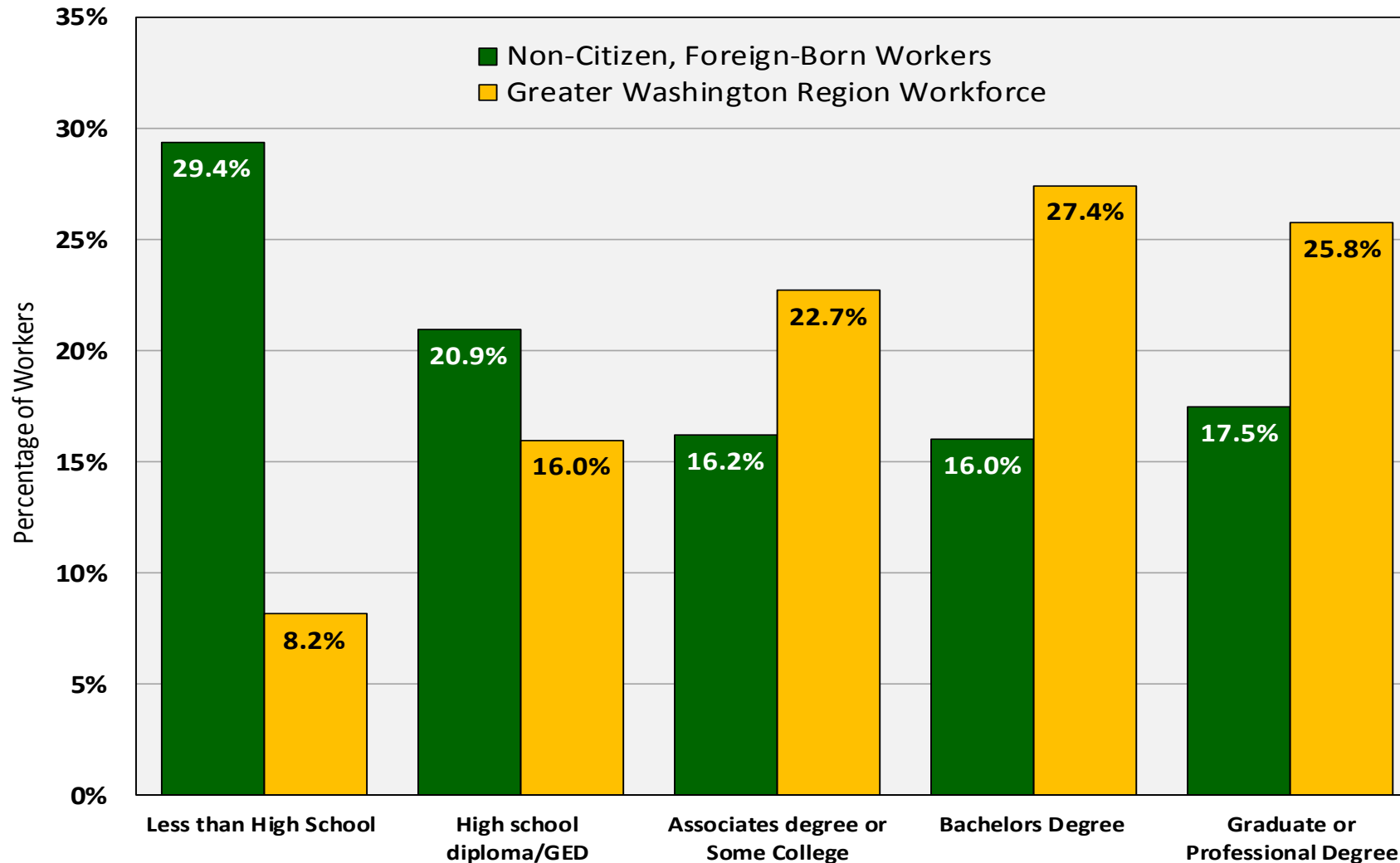
Majority of foreign-born, non-citizen workers have been here 10 years or more

Year of Entry, Non Citizen Foreign Born Workers
MWCOG Region



Source: US Census Bureau ACS 2016, GMU Center for Regional Analysis

Foreign-born, non-citizen workers are about as likely to have a post-secondary degree as all workers nationwide



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Several occupational groups rely heavily on foreign-born, non-citizen workers

Occupation Group	Foreign-Born, Non-Citizen Workers	% of Total Occupation Workforce
Construction & extraction	65,940	52.4%
Cleaning & maintenance	52,750	48.6%
Farming, fishing, & forestry	1,150	38.0%
Food preparation & serving	43,770	32.6%
Production	14,220	28.0%
Healthcare support	10,300	21.6%
Personal care & service	21,160	21.3%
Transportation & material moving	22,870	20.7%
Life, physical, & social science	10,890	18.1%
Installation, maintenance, & repair	9,190	16.6%
Sales	33,990	14.1%
Computer & mathematical	21,520	10.1%

Key takeaways

- Account for almost **15 percent** of workers in the Greater Washington region.
- Less than **20 percent** arrived since 2010.
- Almost **1 in 4** come from El Salvador
- Employers in the construction and hospitality industries rely heavily on foreign-born, non-citizen workers.
 - **Half** of the workers in construction, and cleaning and maintenance occupations
 - **One third** of the region's food service workers

Thank You Questions

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