# Demographic trends in Maine & Portland Metro

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#### MAINE: A DEMOGRAPHIC SNAPSHOT

- 2019 Population Estimate: 1,344,212
  - 42<sup>nd</sup> largest in US
- 2010 2019 Population Change: +1.2%
  - 40<sup>th</sup> in US (ahead of MI, NJ, PA, RI, NY, MS, CT, VT, IL, WV)
- 2018 Median age: 44.9 years
  - Oldest in US
- 94.3% White, Non-Hispanic
  - Highest percentage in US



#### PORTLAND METRO

- **2018** Population Estimate: 535,420
  - 48<sup>th</sup> out of 315 small metros
- 2010 2018 Population Change: +4.2%
- 2018 Median age: 43.9 years
- 92.3% White, Non-Hispanic

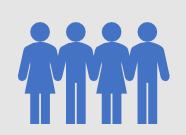


#### PORTLAND CITY

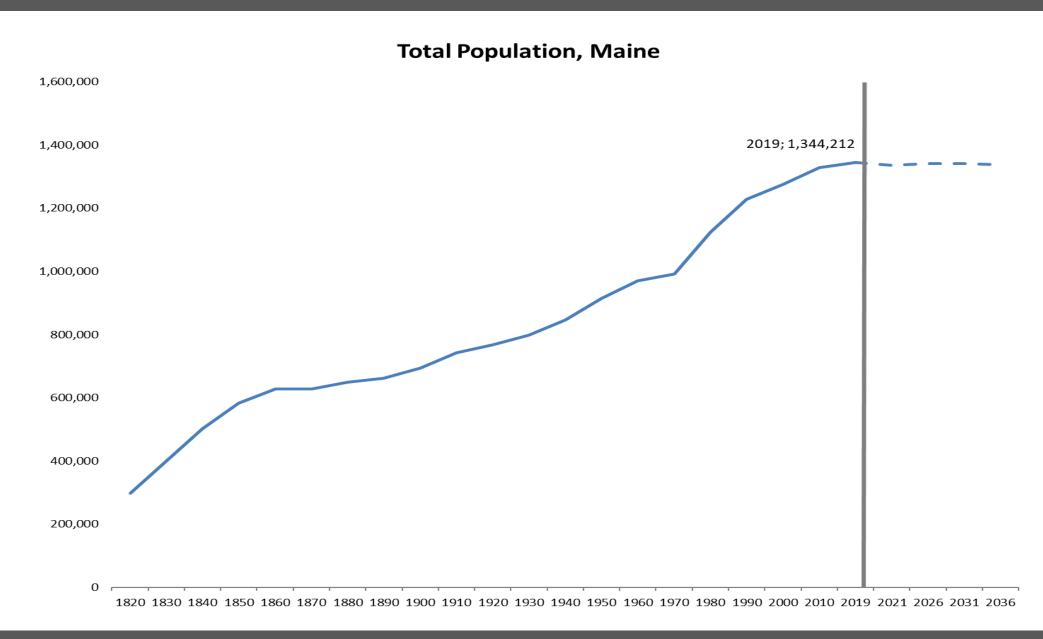
- 2018 Population Estimate: 66,417
  - Ist in Maine, leading Lewiston (35,944) and Bangor (31,997)
- 2010 2018 Population Change: +0.5%
  - 10<sup>th</sup> in Maine First is Westbrook at 8.4%
- 2018 Median age: 36.2 years
- 82.0% White, Non-Hispanic

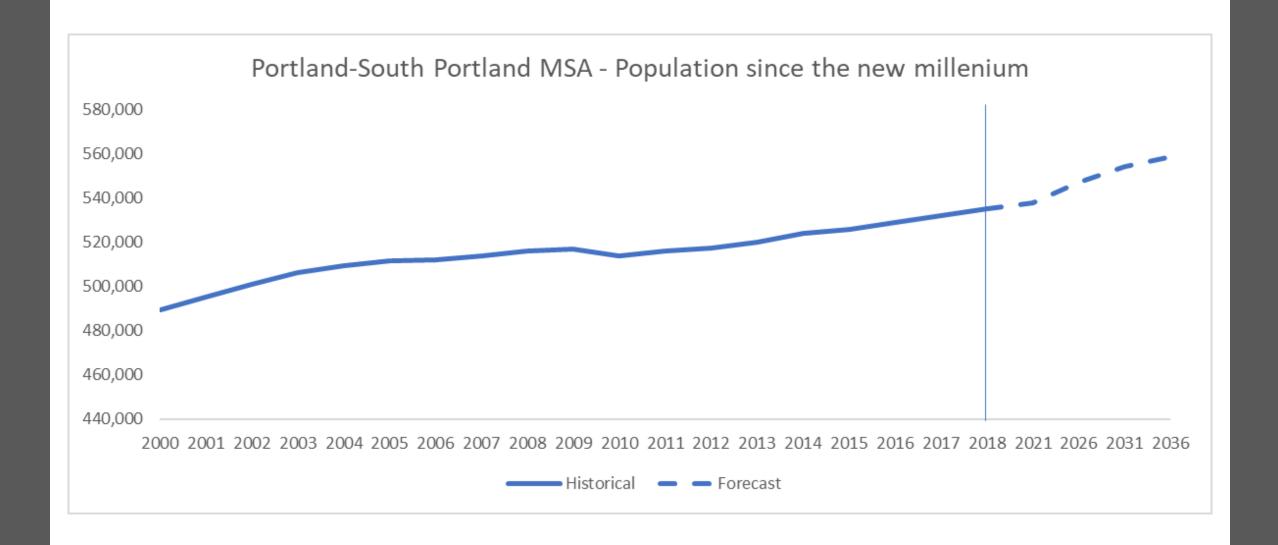


## I. Population Change

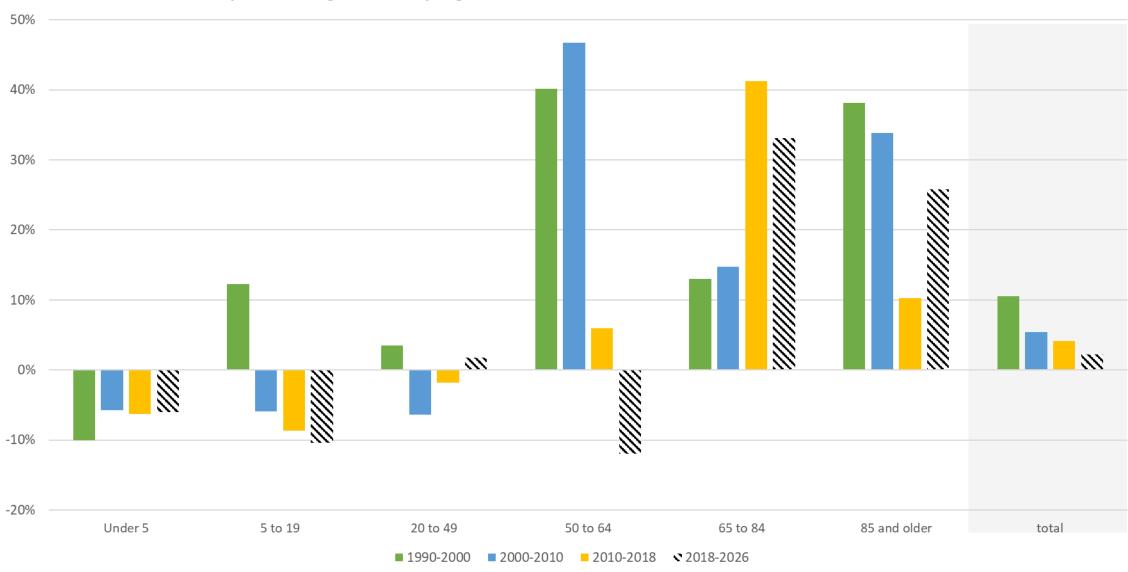


Past, Present and Future





#### Population growth by age cohort, Portland-South Portland, ME MSA

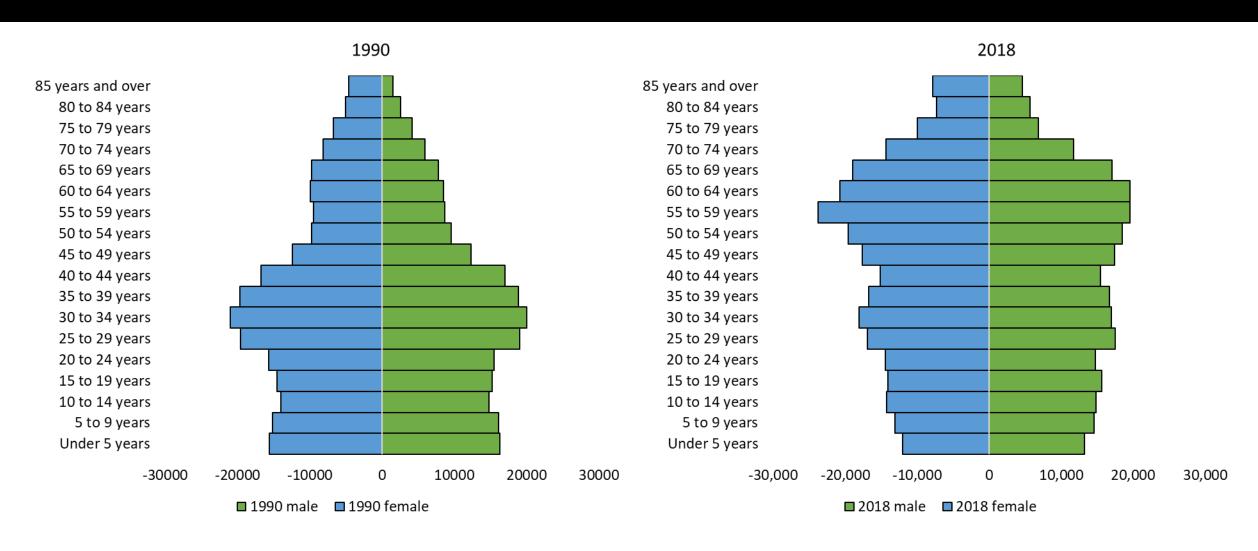


Source: US Census Bureau, Decennial Census and American Community Survey 1-year estimates; State Economist Population Projections

#### Population Change 2016-2026, Projected



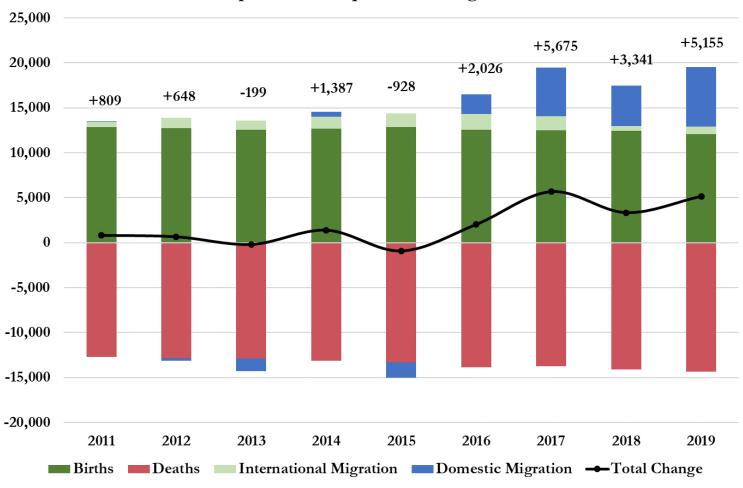
#### Change in population distribution by age and sex, Portland-South Portland, ME MSA



Source: Decennial Census, ACS 1-year estimates

### Migration is a bright spot for Maine's future

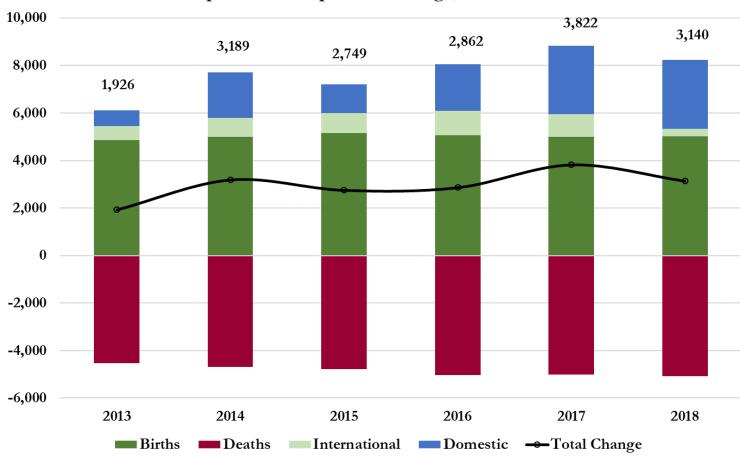
#### Components of Population Change, Maine



Source: Population Estimates Program

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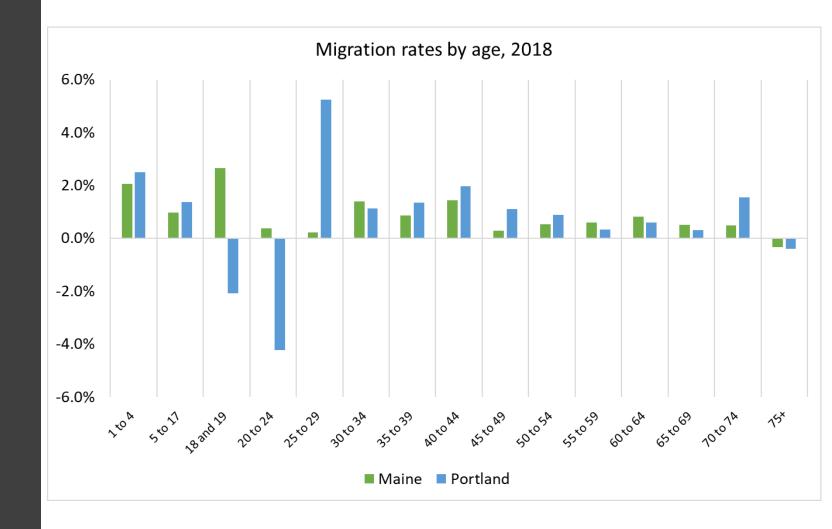
## Migration plays a key role in growth

#### Portland

- Largest gains
  - 25-29 (+5.2%)
  - 1-4 years (+2.5%)
- Largest losses
  - 20-24 (-4.2%)
  - 18-19 (-2.1%)

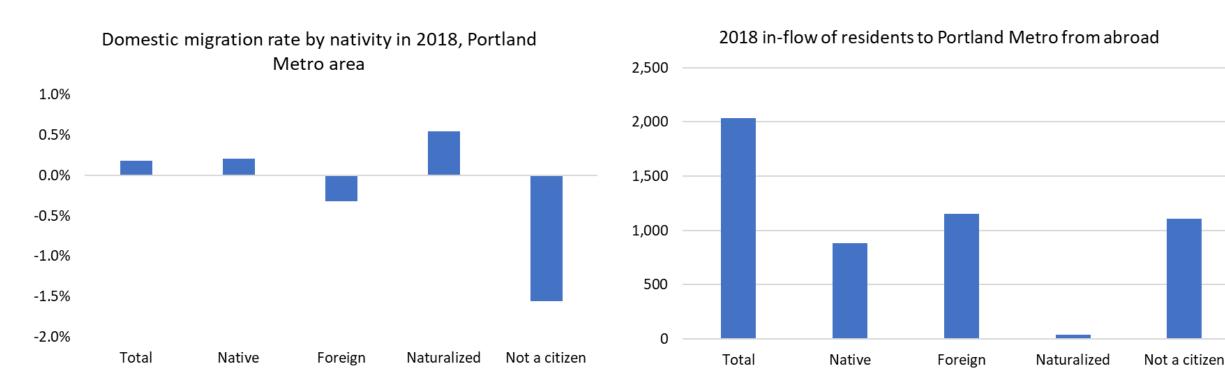
#### Maine

- Largest gains
  - 1-4 (+2.0%)
  - 18-19 (+2.7%)
  - 30-34, 40-44 (+1.4%)



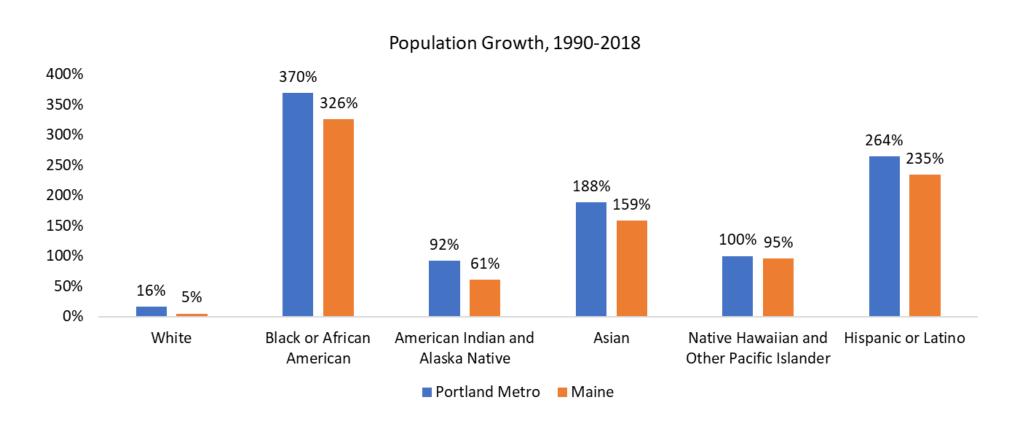
Source: American Community Survey 1-year estimates

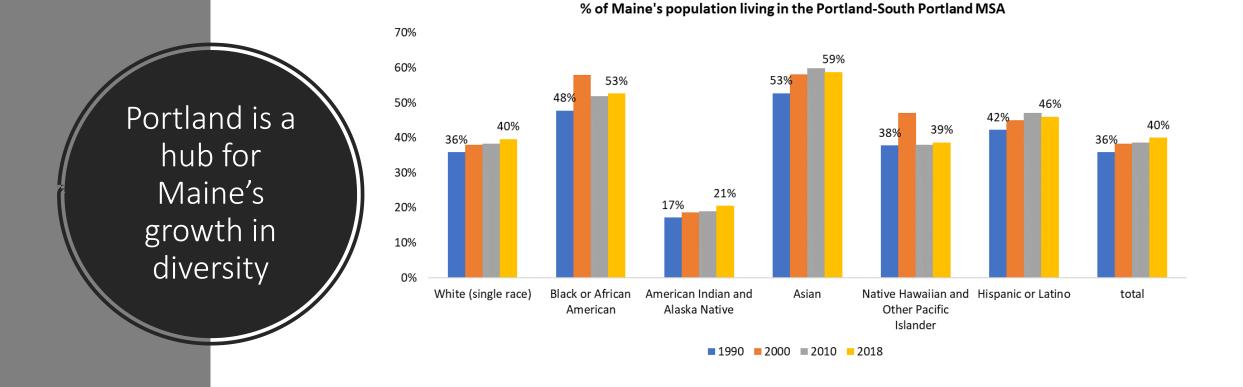
## While domestic migration rates are low, in-flow from abroad is strong



Source: ACS 5-year estimates

## The last 3 decades have seen growth in diversity



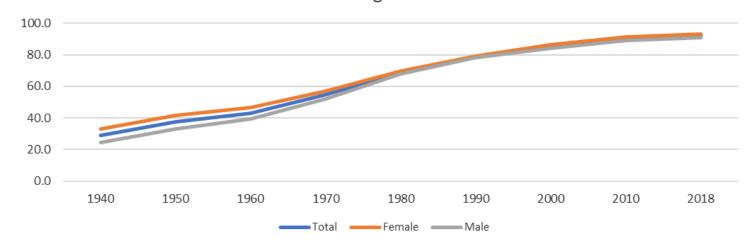


Sources: Decennial Census, Population Estimates Program

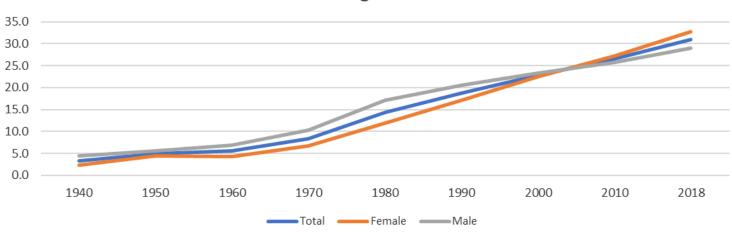
# II. Socioeconomic Indicators

#### Educational Attainment in Maine

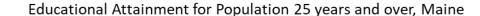
### % of Total Population 25 years or older with a High School Diploma or Higher



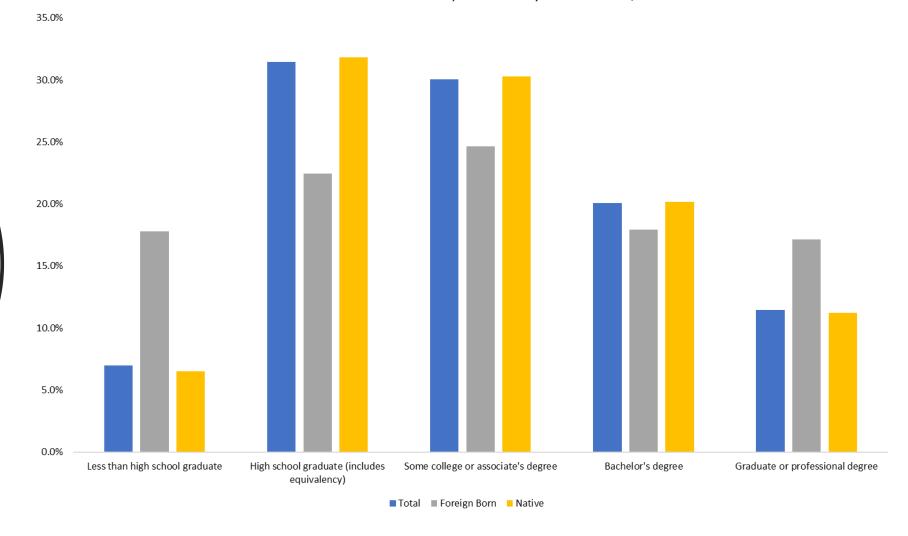
% of Total Population 25 years or older with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher



Sources: Decennial Census, American Community Survey 1-year estimates



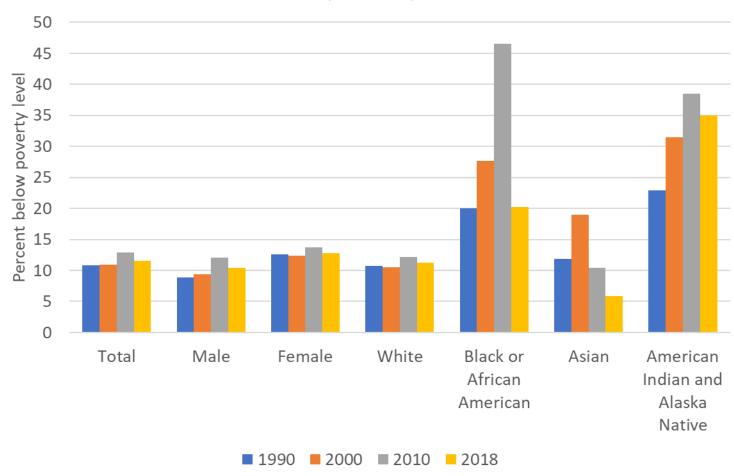
In 2018, Maine's foreign-born population makes 4.0% of those age 25+ but 5.9% of graduate degree-holders in Maine



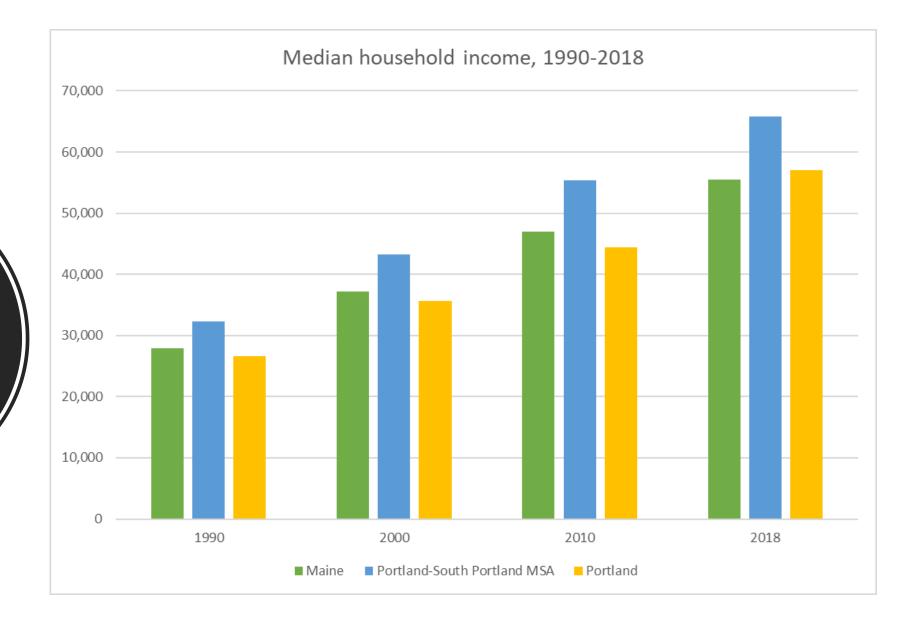
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Poverty rates are have significant racial disparities Maine

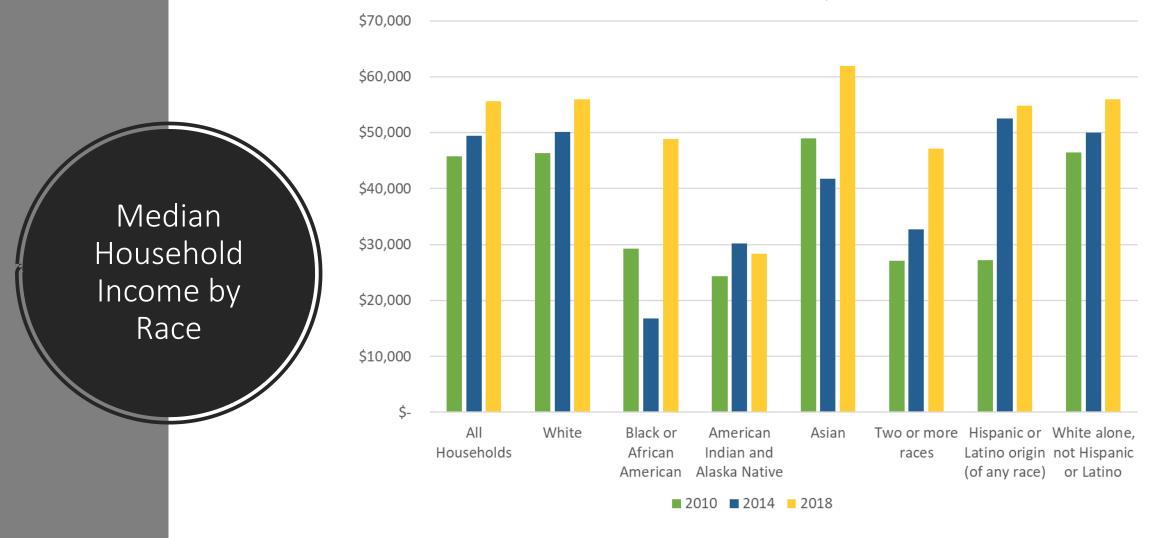
#### Poverty Rates by Race



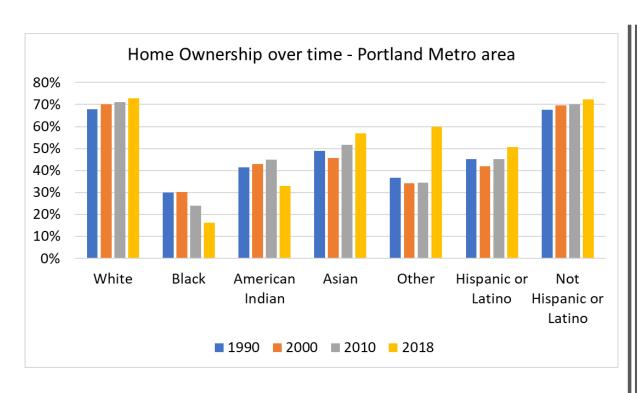
Portland Metro leads Maine in household income

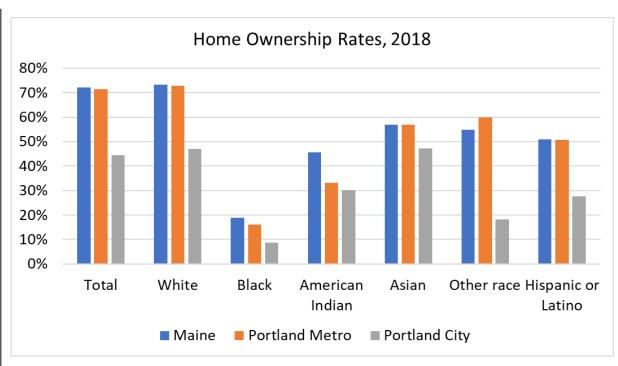






## Home Ownership



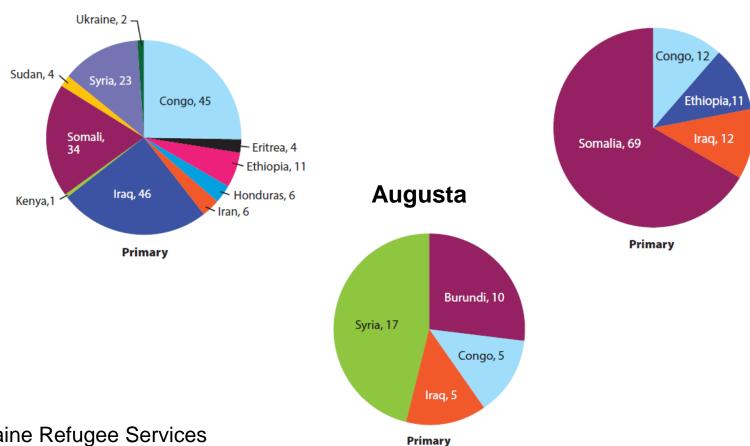


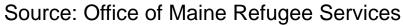
## Refugees: A vital piece of Maine's future

Data courtesy of Tarlan Ahmadov of the Maine Office of Refugee Services

### Refugee Resettled in Maine FY17

Portland Lewiston

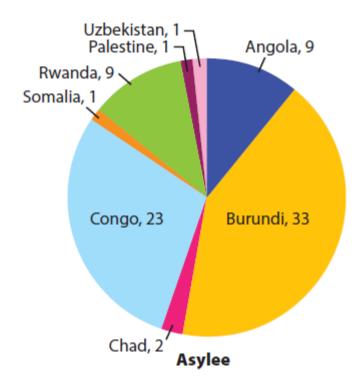




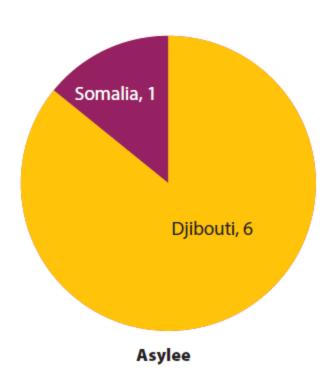


### Asylee granted served in FY16





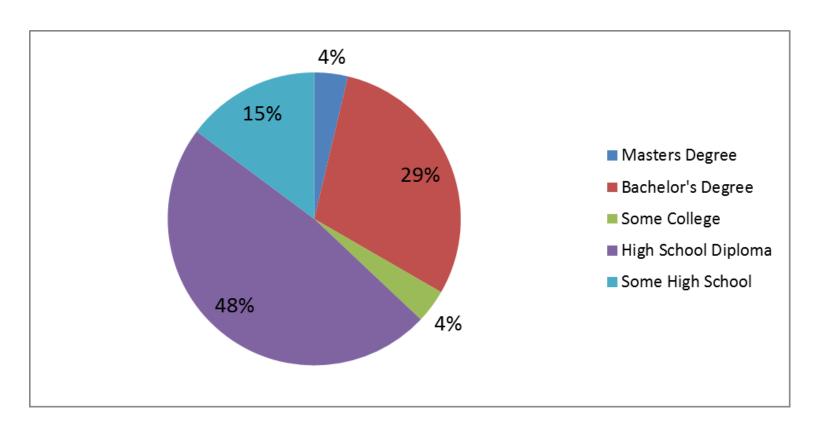
#### Lewiston



Source: Office of Maine Refugee Services



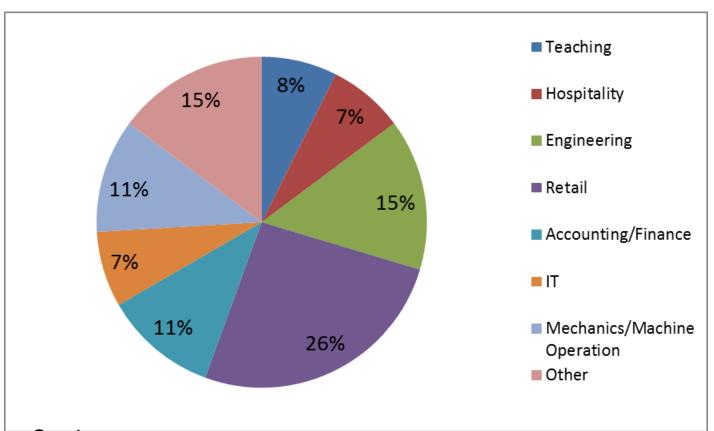
## **Educational Background of Resettled Refugees**



Source: Office of Maine Refugee Services



## **Work Experience**

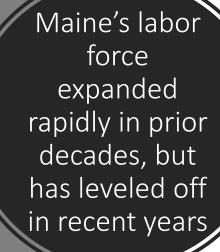


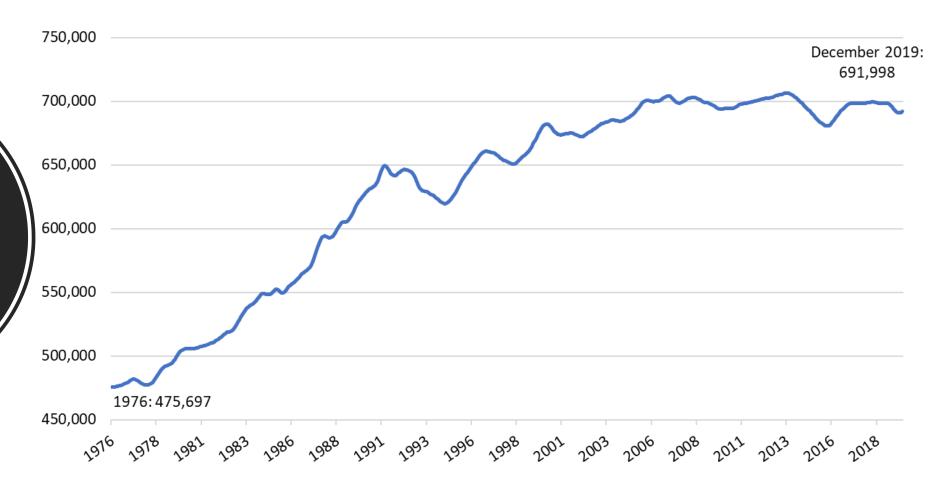
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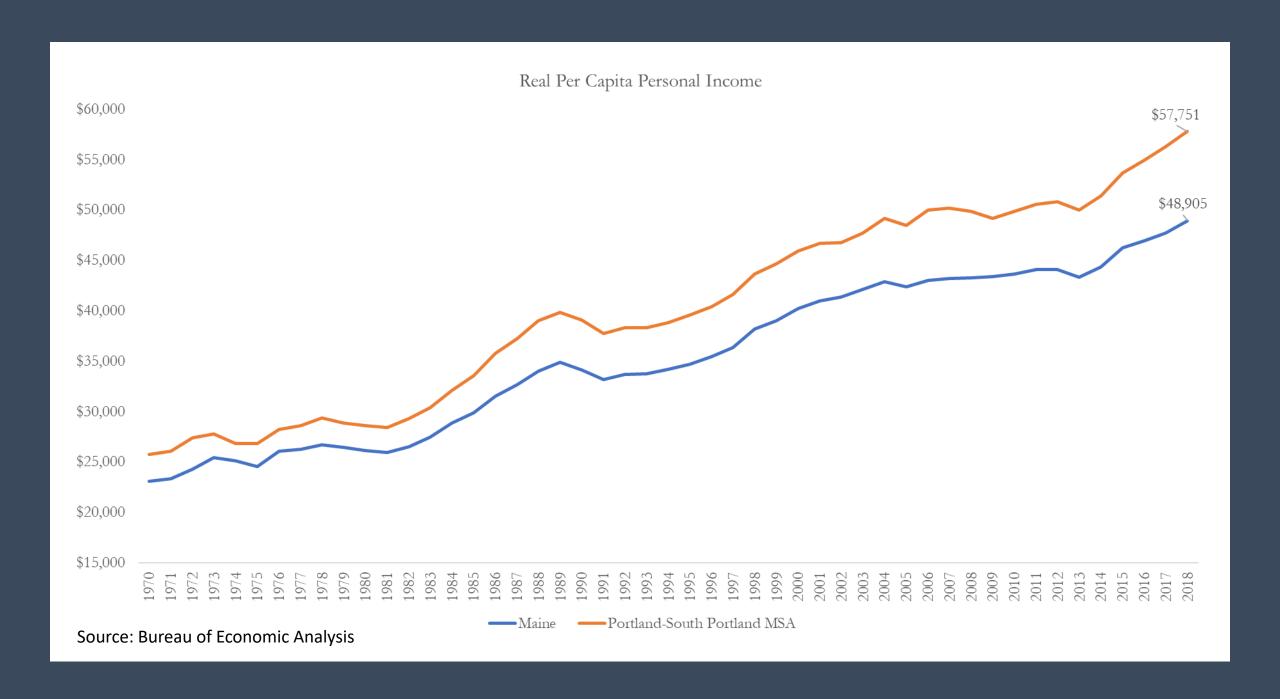
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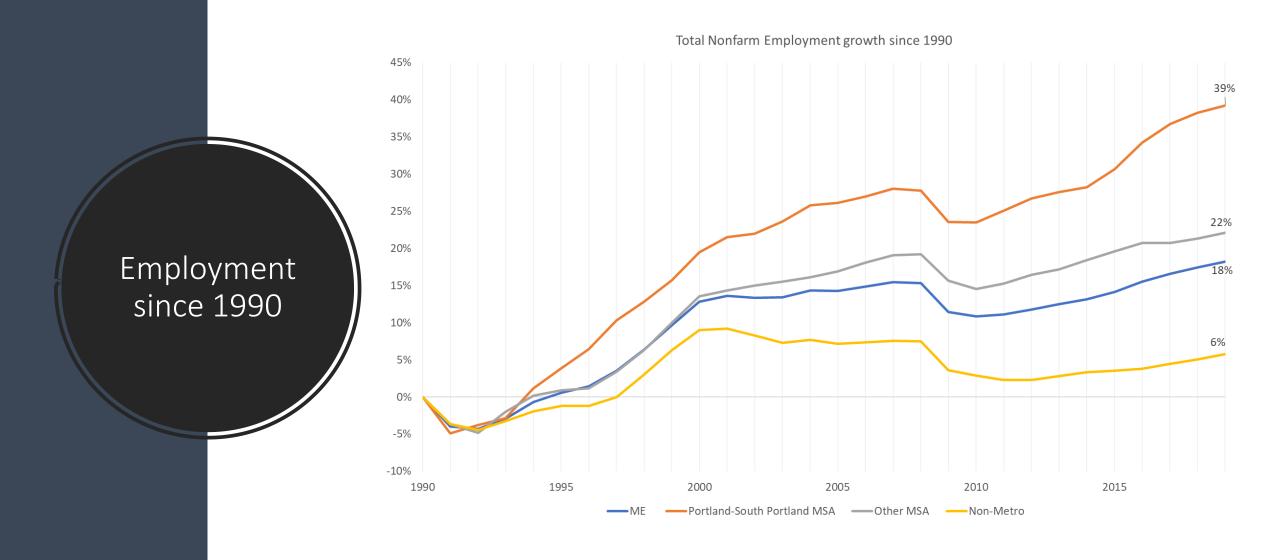






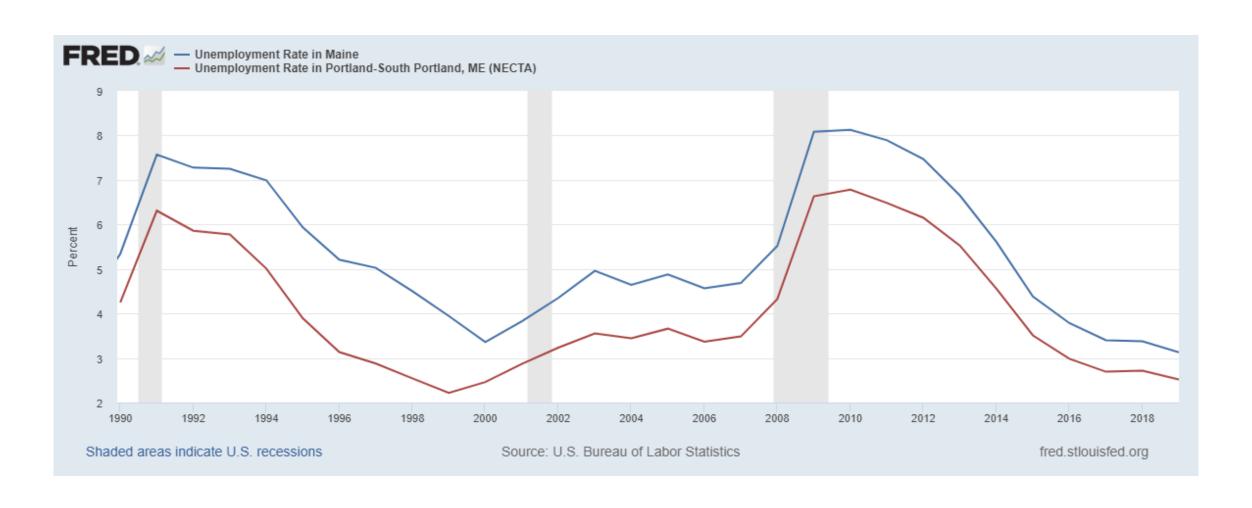
Source: Maine Center for Workforce Research and Information



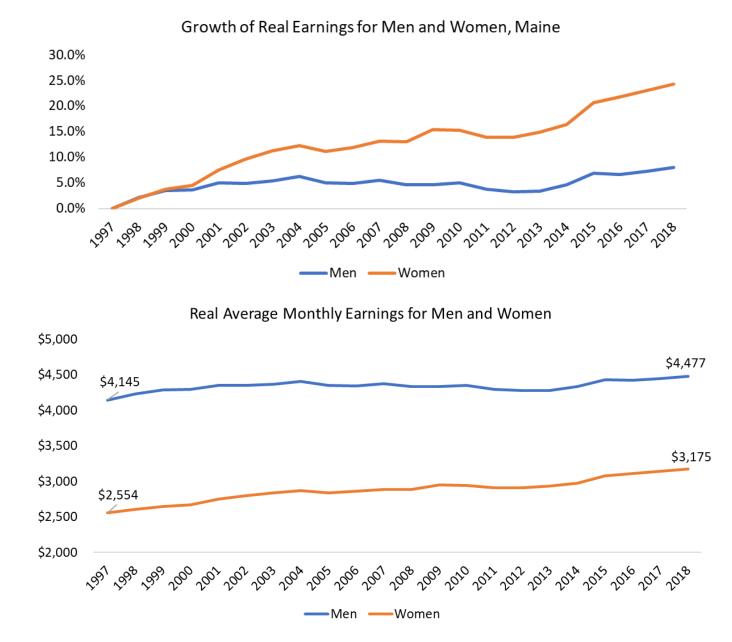


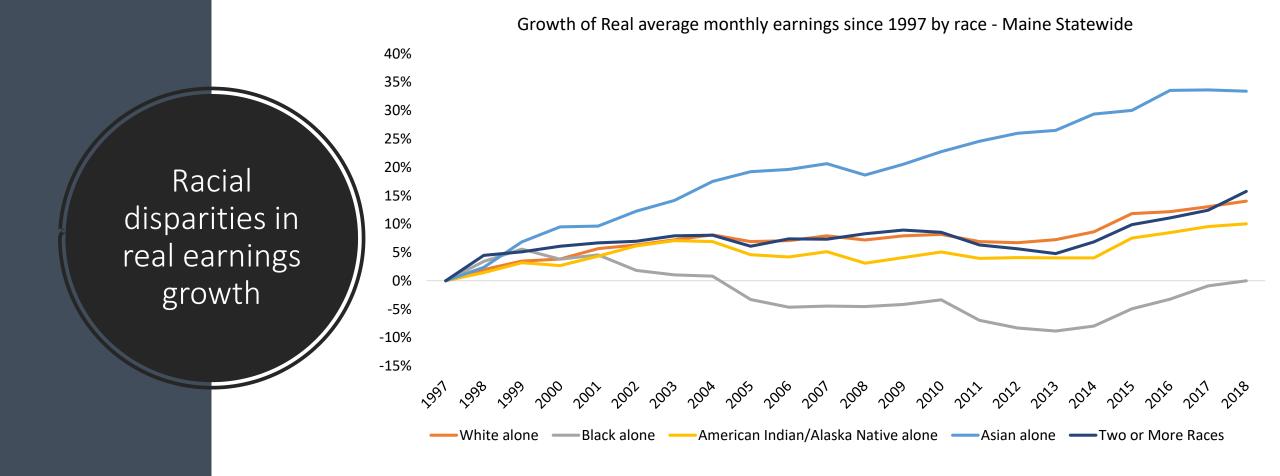
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### Portland's unemployment rate historically lower than Maine

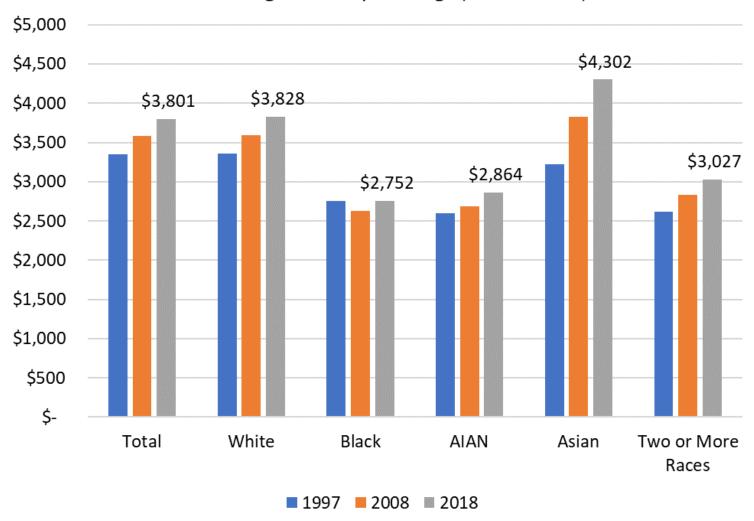






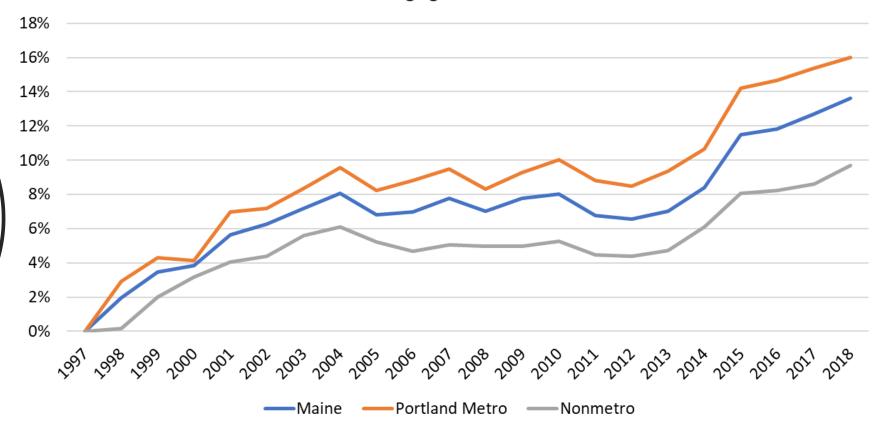


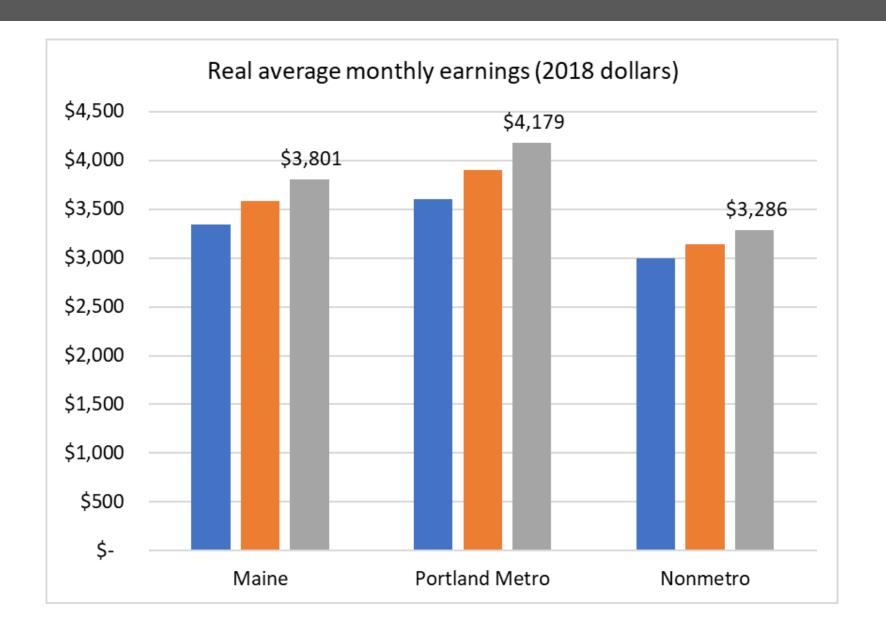
#### Real average monthly earnings (2018 Dollars)

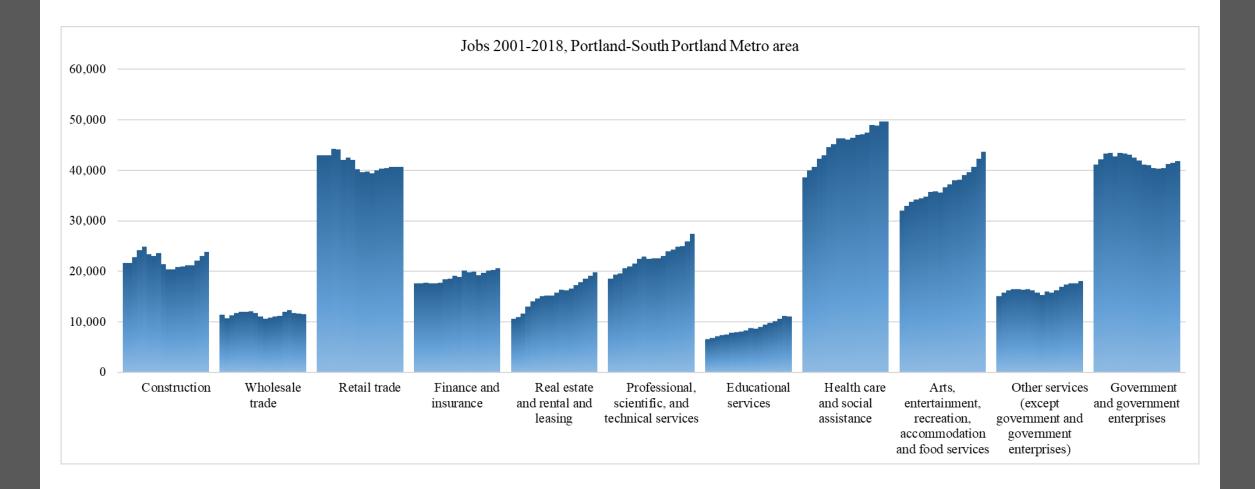




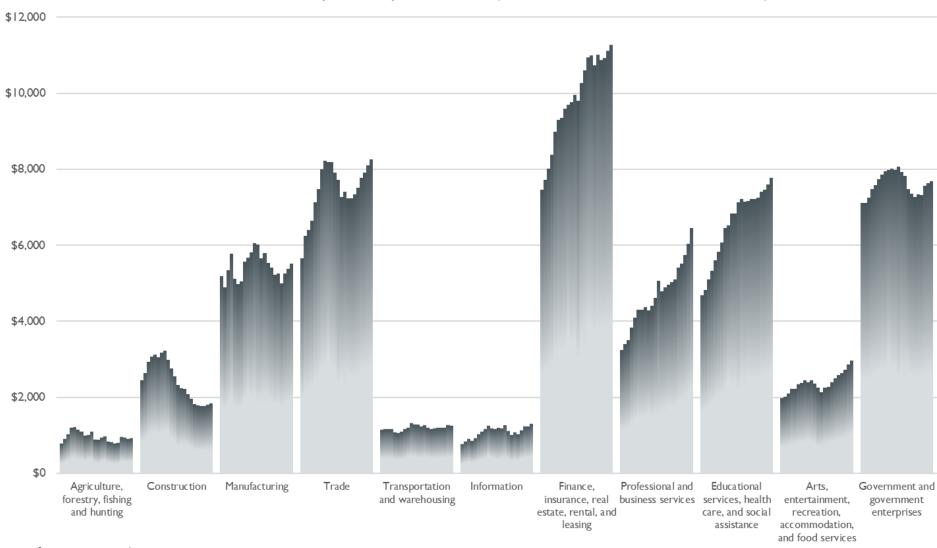








#### Maine Real GDP by Industry, 1997-2018 (in millions of chained 2012 dollars)



## Questions?

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Census 2020

Don't forget to fill out your census form!

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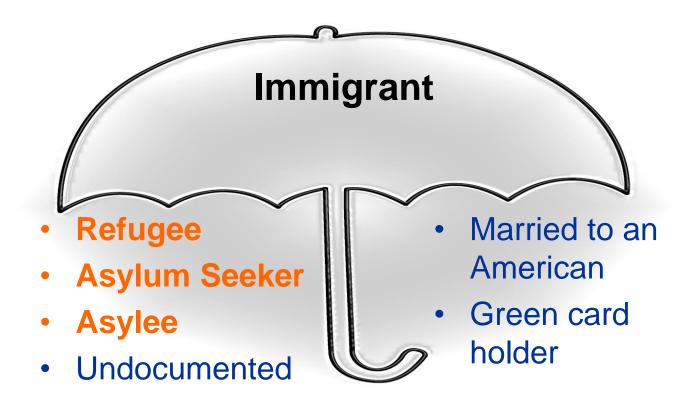
Online, phone, and mail



## Appendix

Immigration legal definitions

## Who is an immigrant?





## Who is a refugee?

A person who is unable to return to his or her country of origin because of a well-founded fear of persecution based on race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group.



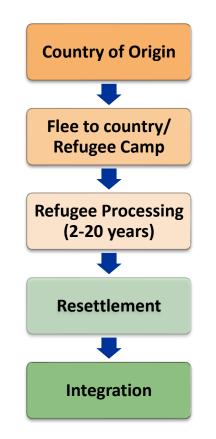
The 1951 <u>United Nations Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees</u> (Article 1.A.2)



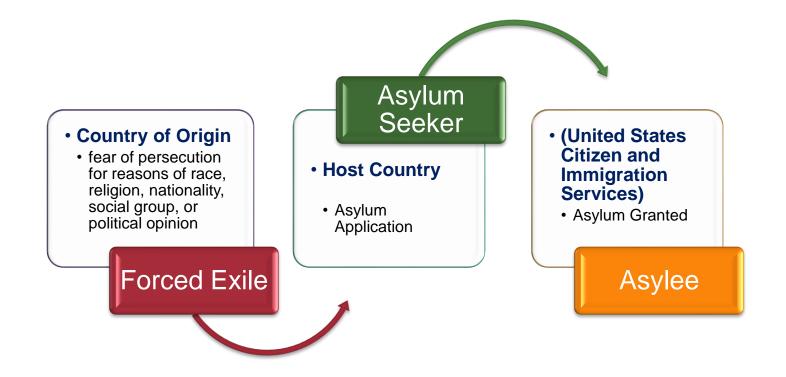
## **The Refugee Process**







## Asylum Seeker vs. Asylee





## **Asylum Process in the U.S.**





**Country of Origin** Arrives to U.S. **Asylum Application Waiting Period** (6 mths - Many Years) Interview W/ USCIS **Granted or Denied** 

**Asylum** 

