

# 2016 Demographic Profile of Maine

MaineDOT has gathered a demographic profile of the State of Maine that includes identification of the locations of minority populations in the aggregate and develops demographic maps that overlay the percent minority and non-minority and non-native populations as identified by the U.S. Census or the most relevant American Community Survey Data. We have compiled that information by county below. MaineDOT's most recent data assessment was done in 2016. MaineDOT will update this information as it becomes available.

## Demographic Profile of Minorities, Non-American National Origin and Low-Income by County.

### 1. Minority

Based on the 2016 U.S. Census data, Maine has a small minority population that is geographically spread across the state with concentrations in urbanized areas. The summary table below shows white and non-white populations for each of the counties. Non-white populations include Black or African American, American Indian and Alaska Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, and Some Other Race. Maine as a whole has an estimated minority population of 3.3%. Approximately 67% of Maine's minority population lives in four counties:

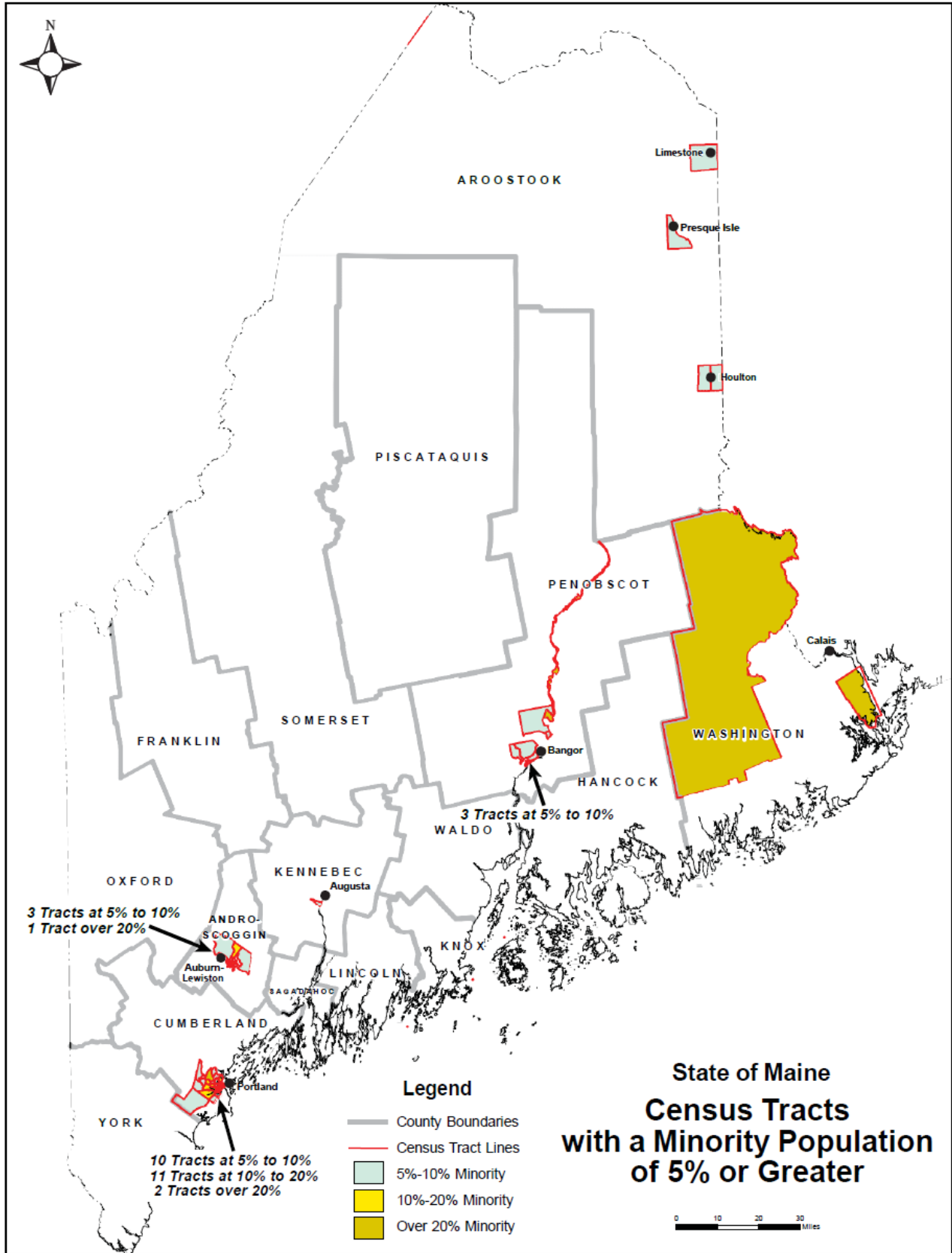
- Androscoggin County: 3,219 people, of whom approximately 88% live in Auburn and Lewiston
- Cumberland County: 15,782 people, of whom approximately 76% live in Portland, Westbrook, South Portland and Scarborough.
- Penobscot County: 5062, of whom approximately 62% live in Bangor, Brewer, Old Town, Orono, Veazie and Hampden.
- York County: 5,042 people, of whom approximately 35%, live in Biddeford, Saco and Old Orchard Beach.

Washington County has the greatest percentage of minority population with 6.1%. This population is comprised primarily of the Native American Passamaquoddy Tribe, and some Penobscot and Maliseet presence. Census tract data shows that there are also concentrations of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians in Aroostook County. The Penobscot Nation is located in Penobscot County. Outside of Washington County, the more heavily populated and urbanized Cumberland County is the only other county with a minority population greater than 5%.

<b>State of Maine</b>				
<b>Race Demographics by State/County</b>				
<b>County</b>	<b>Total Population</b>	<b>White #</b>	<b>Minority #</b>	<b>Minority %</b>
<b>Maine</b>	<b>1,329,923</b>	<b>1,286,400</b>	<b>43,523</b>	<b>3.3</b>
Androscoggin	107,376	104,157	3,219	3.0
Aroostook	69,405	67,173	2,242	3.2
Cumberland	288,204	272,422	15,782	5.5
Franklin	30,270	29,739	531	1.8
Hancock	54,483	53,258	1,225	2.2
Kennebec	120,953	117,374	3,579	3.0
Knox	39,717	38,945	772	1.9
Lincoln	34,165	33,418	747	2.2
Oxford	57,299	56,325	974	1.7
Penobscot	152,978	147,916	5,062	3.3
Piscataquis	17,044	16,695	349	2.0
Sagadahoc	35,134	34,446	668	1.9
Somerset	51,363	50,651	802	1.4
Waldo	39,071	38,391	680	1.7
Washington	31,925	29,986	1,939	6.1
York	200,536	195,494	5042	2.5

Source: American Community Survey 2012-2016, DP05

The map on the following page identifies minority populations by county.



## 2. Non-American National Origin

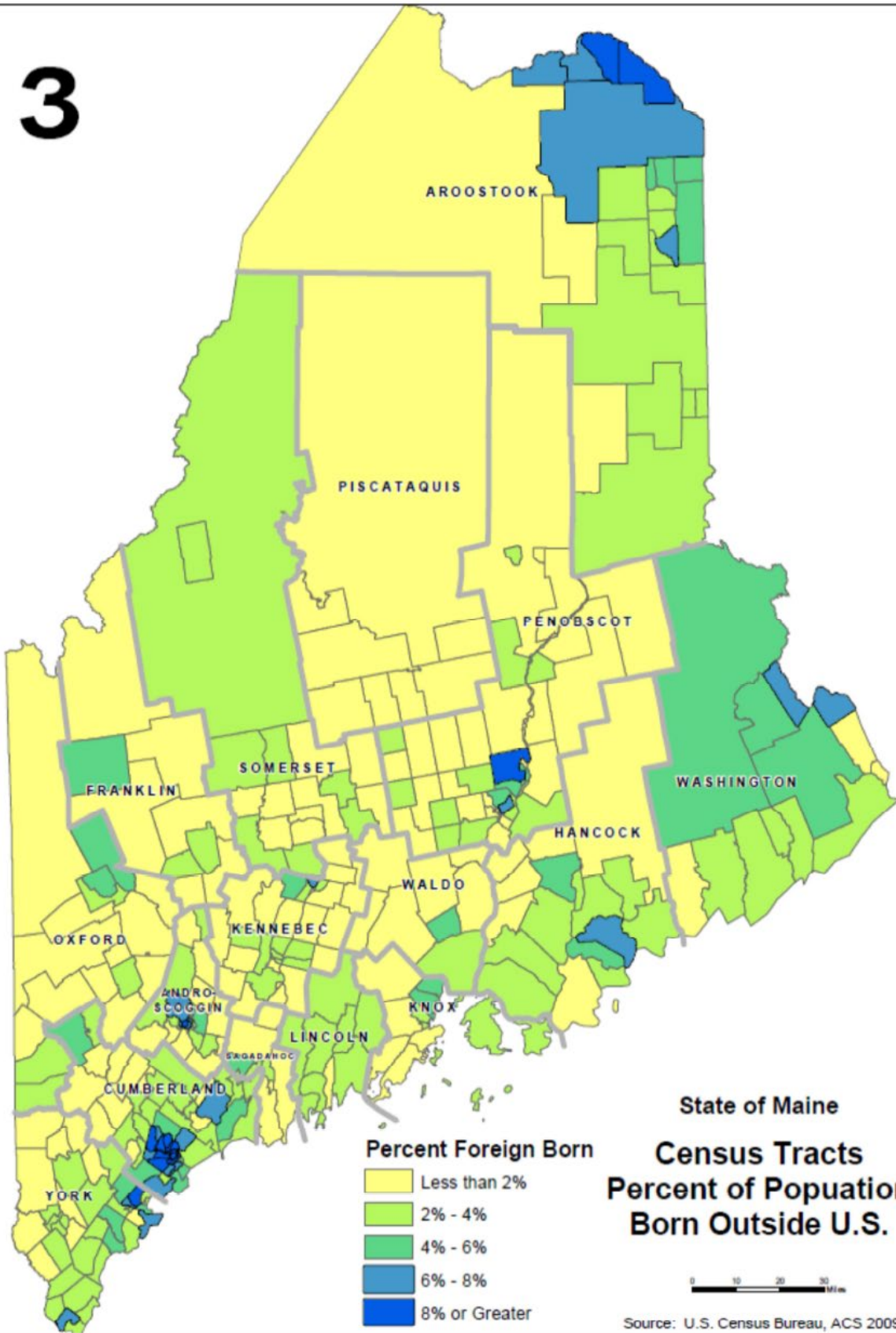
The map representing data on the national origin of Maine residents is similar in many ways to the maps of minorities. The core of Cumberland County again has the highest totals and the whole southern area has higher numbers than the rest of the state. The Saint John River Valley also has several towns in the upper categories. Towns along the Canadian border show up more prominently in this map than the minorities map, reflecting a higher representation of French Canadians. The map of concentrations of non-American born residents shows many of these Canadian border towns with percentages higher than the state average, though most of these towns are sparsely populated. Cumberland and Androscoggin Counties have concentrations of non-natives, due to the Maine Refugee Resettlement Program centered in Portland (Cumberland County) and Lewiston (Androscoggin County). There are relatively few towns in the western and eastern areas of the state with concentrations of non-natives, other than clusters around Augusta and Bangor.

County	Total Population	Native Born #	Native Born %	Foreign Born %
<b>Maine</b>	<b>1,329,100</b>	<b>1,282,272</b>	<b>96.4%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>
Androscoggin	107,376	104,169	97.0%	3.0%
Aroostook	69,405	66,382	95.6%	4.4%
Cumberland	288,204	270,054	93.7%	6.3%
Franklin	30,270	29,586	97.7%	2.3%
Hancock	54,483	52,725	96.8%	3.2%
Kennebec	120,953	118,037	97.6%	2.4%
Knox	39,717	38,612	97.2%	2.8%
Lincoln	34,165	33,075	96.8%	3.2%
Oxford	57,299	56,230	98.1%	1.9%
Penobscot	152,978	148,832	97.3%	2.7%
Piscataquis	17,044	16,752	98.3%	1.7%
Sagadahoc	35,134	34,243	97.5%	2.5%
Somerset	51,363	50,474	98.3%	1.7%
Waldo	39,071	38,062	97.5%	2.6%
Washington	31,925	30,656	96.0%	4.0%
York	200,536	194,383	96.	3.1%

Source: 2012-2016 American Community Survey, File DP02

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### **3. Low Income**

As a rural state without a large base of high-paying jobs—outside of Cumberland and Androscoggin Counties—poverty is more widespread in Maine than any of the other factors considered in the Title VI program. In the 2012-2016 American Community Survey some 174,405 people are estimated to be in households that have incomes below the federal poverty threshold. (In dollar terms, that threshold varies by household size). This number represents about 13.5% of the population for whom it is possible to determine poverty status. In comparison, 3.3% of residents are minorities, and 3.6 % of residents were not born in the United States. The highest concentration of low income people reside in Cumberland County with 31,192 people. The cost of living and more urban settings reflect higher service needs in these areas.

In spite of the high number of low-income people in Cumberland County the percentages of people in poverty in this community is below the state average. The highest percentages of low income per county are the rural counties of Washington, Piscataquis, Aroostook and Somerset.

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