

# South Asian & Caribbean Communities Queens

## Primary Issues of Interest & Concern

### Preamble

The immigrant population of South Asian and Caribbean population in Queens constitute **over 20%** (Caribbean regions, India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka). Although they are from various countries, they share common issues of interest and concern as new immigrants in New York City.

### Primary Issues of Interest and Concern

- Equitable apportionment of NYC resources towards:
  - Senior services
  - Education –
    - Early childhood
    - Learning English
    - After school programs
    - Middle & high school history curriculum
    - Teachers from own background
    - GED programs
    - Financial literacy
  - Women, infants & youth
  - Small businesses
  - Obtaining US Citizenship
  - A community center
  - NYC (pension) investments in community projects
- ICE & Deportation
- Family Sponsorship delays
- Health & Wellness
  - Traditional fat & sugar content foods
  - Higher blood pressure averages
  - Cardiac problems
  - Diabetes
  - Early age medical problems
- Political empowerment
- Community education
  - Gender equality, gender issues, domestic abuse
  - Immigrant & legal rights & responsibilities
  - Civic engagement
  - Voter registration, voting and jury duty
  - Census 2020
  - Senior services
  - Nutrition & obesity prevention

### Town Hall Meetings

- Regular (quarterly) meetings in the community
  - Address current, critical issues of interest & concern

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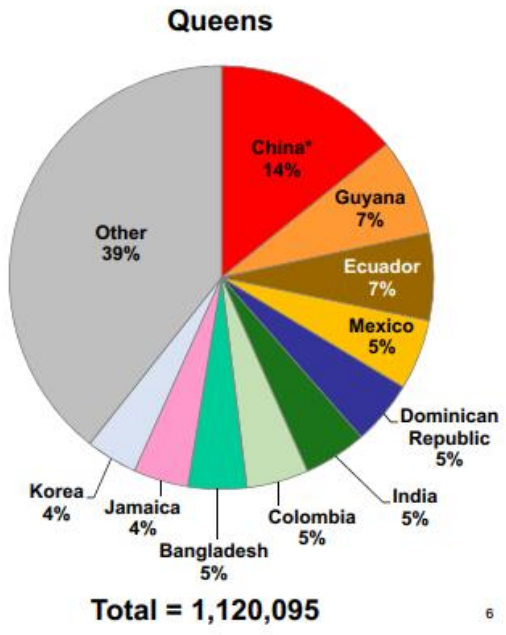
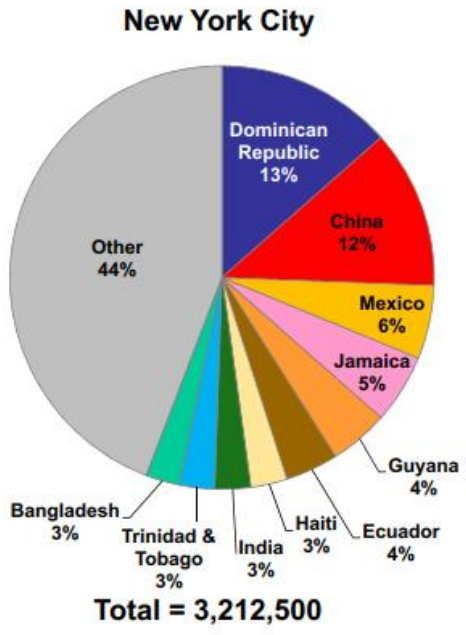
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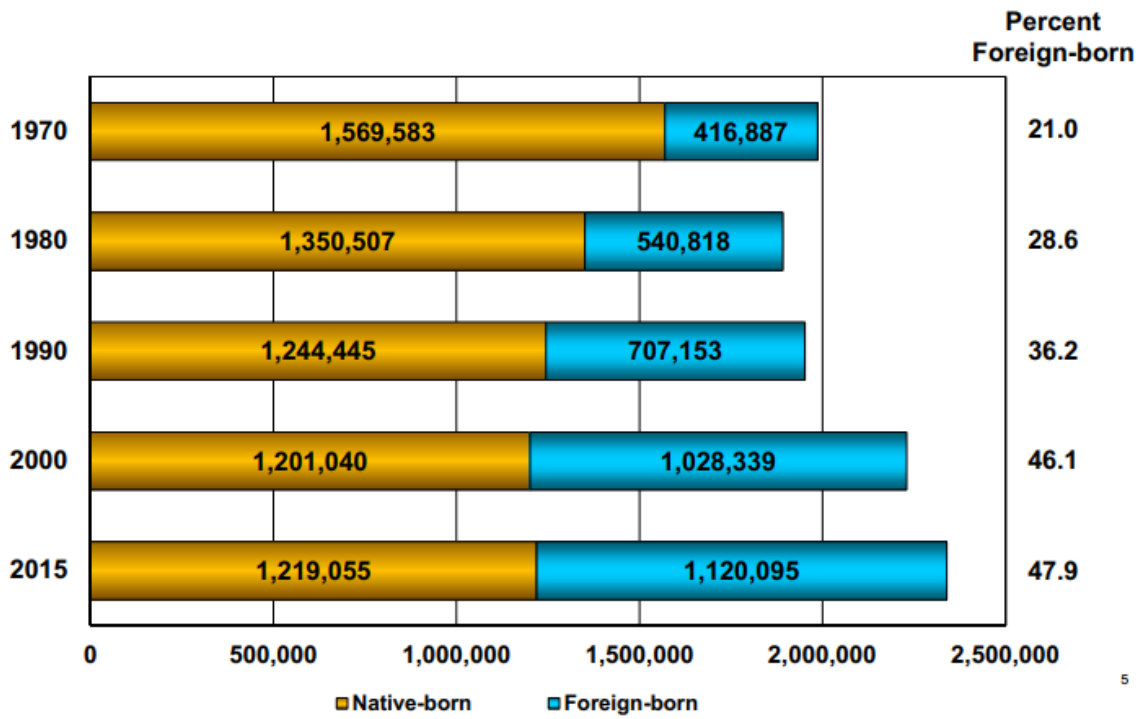
# Top Countries of Birth for the Foreign-born New York City and Queens, 2015



\* Includes the mainland, Hong Kong, and Taiwan

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 American Community Survey-Summary File  
Population Division-New York City Department of City Planning

# Total Population by Nativity Queens, 1970 to 2015



Sources: U.S. Census of Population, 1970 to 2000; 2015 American Community Survey  
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