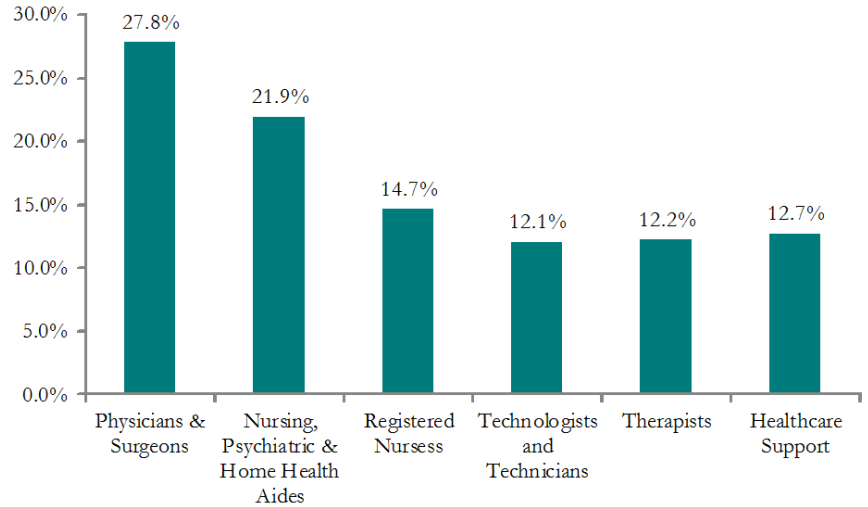


IMMIGRANTS IN HEALTH CARE: KEEPING AMERICANS HEALTHY THROUGH CARE AND INNOVATION

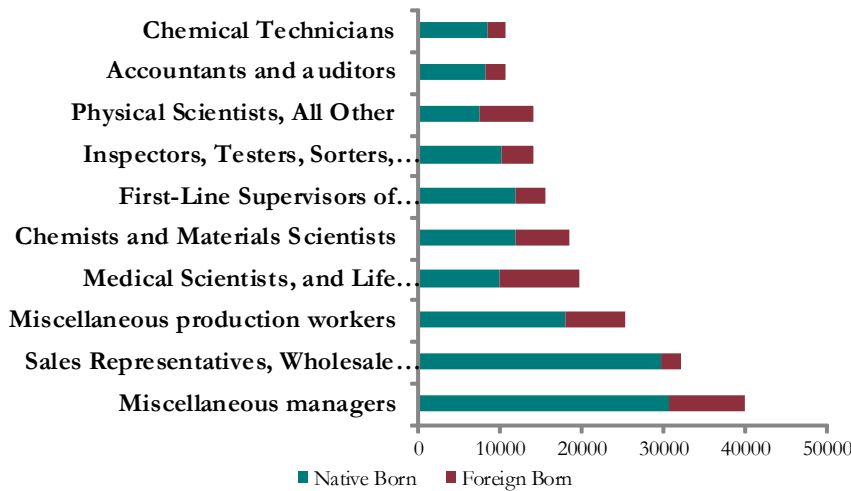
The Importance of Immigrants to

health care in the United States cannot be overstated. They have vital roles in medicine, medical science and long-term care, and a growing presence in nursing. Immigrants fill essential vacancies, bring education and skills, and help provide culturally competent care to an increasingly diverse population. They also play a vital role in innovations to improve the health of all Americans including key roles in medical science's development of life-saving drugs and treatment protocols.

Foreign-Born Share of Healthcare Workers by Occupation, 2010



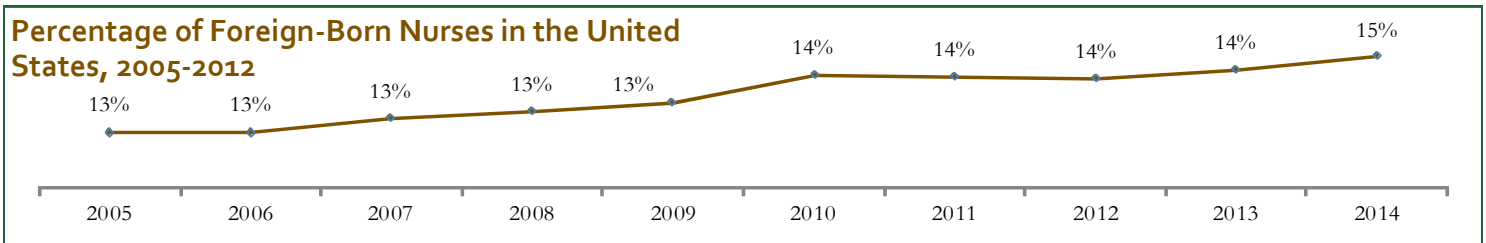
Top Occupations in Pharmaceutical Manufacturing R&D



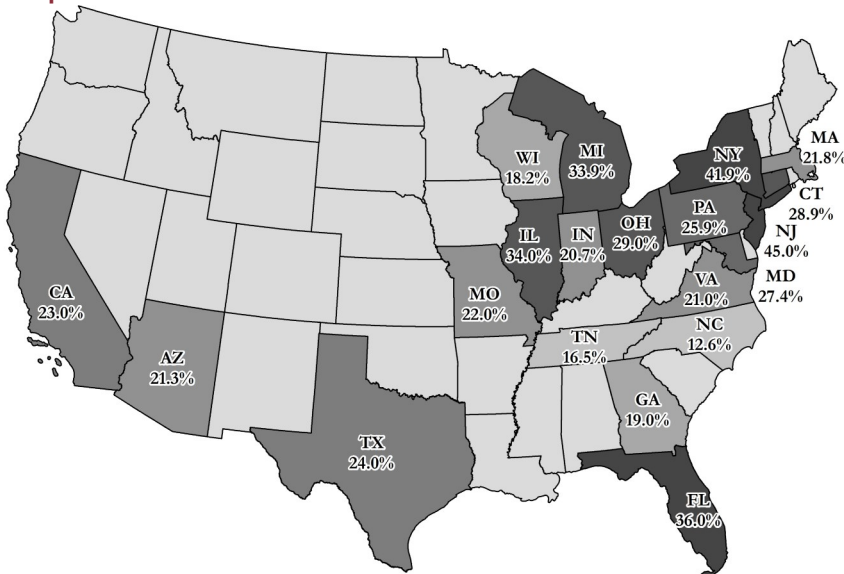
Foreign-born doctors and nurses face substantial barriers to licensure. The U.S. is losing the talent and skills of these professionals even while demand grows for more practitioners. Immigrants embody many values that mainstream Americans hold dear, including ambition, hard work, perseverance, and the courage to take risks. They also show gratitude to the U.S. for the opportunities afforded to them. Many

want to “give back” to the country that made it possible for them to succeed. It is clear that the immigrant health workforce is worthy of investment to keep Americans healthy. **For key recommendations and the full research report please go to <http://iir.gmu.edu/research/special-research-projects/healthcare>.**

Percentage of Foreign-Born Nurses in the United States, 2005-2012



**Percentage of All Physicians Who Are IMGs
Top 20 States in 2012**



Source: Association of American Medical Colleges: State Physician Workforce Data Book, 2015

**Specialties Pursued by J-1 Physicians
and USMGs, 2010-2011 Academic Year**

	J-1 Visa Physicians	US Medical Graduates
Internal medicine	45.80%	15.00%
Pediatrics	11.00%	7.40%
Family medicine	7.90%	5.80%
General surgery	7.20%	8.40%
Psychiatry	5.20%	3.80%
Neurology	4.10%	1.50%
Obstetrics and gynecology	1.90%	5.00%
Orthopedic surgery	1.40%	4.50%
Diagnostic radiology	1.40%	5.50%
Anesthesiology	1.30%	5.90%
Other specialties/	12.90%	37.20%
Total	100%	100%

Source: Z.S. Khan, *Immigrants and the Medical Profession: Good for Our Health* (Fairfax, VA: Institute for Immigration Research, George Mason University, May, 2015)

Immigrants are 13% of the U.S. population, and:

- 28%** of physicians and surgeons
- 40%** of medical scientists in manufacturing research and development
- 50%+** of medical scientists in biotechnology in states with a strong biotechnology sector
- 22%** of nursing, psychiatric and home health aides
- 15%** of registered nurses

Immigrants fill critical vacancies and bring cultural and linguistic skills to an increasingly diverse population.

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