



New Americans Task Force Survey Data Report

2019 NATF Survey Development

- Goal of survey: collect input from immigrants and refugees in Lincoln about English access, health and wellness, social spaces and local infrastructure, civic engagement, employment, and housing
- Survey questions and content reviewed by:
 - NATF partner organizations, including cultural centers
 - LPS bilingual liaisons
 - Lincoln ethnic-based community organizations
- Survey translated into Karen, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Arabic

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The goal of this survey is to collect feedback from immigrants and refugees regarding their experiences navigating housing, health, education, civic engagement, economic development, and social spaces in Lincoln. The responses that we collect from this survey will provide your input on the following:

- Creating a strategic plan for Lincoln's refugee resettlement agencies regarding the resettlement of newly arrived refugees.
- Provide the City of Lincoln with greater information about your experiences and information about ways the Lincoln community can be more inclusive and provide better services for you.
- Provide NATF partner agencies like El Centro, the Asian Center, the Good Neighbor Center, the Center for People in Need, Lincoln Public Schools, Lutheran Family Services, Catholic Social Services, and much more with valuable information that can be used to provide information about how to improve services and opportunities for you in the future.

Participation Requirements:
Must be 18 years old or older
Must identify as an immigrant or refugee

Please don't take this survey more than one time.

* Required

1. What is your age? *
Mark only one oval.

Under 18 *Stop filling out this form.*

18-20

21-29

30-39

40-49

50-59

60 or older

2. Are you an immigrant or refugee? *
Mark only one oval.

Yes

No *Stop filling out this form.*

Demographic information

3. What is your country of origin?

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2019 NATF Survey Sample

- Qualifying requirements for survey participation:
 - 18+ years old
 - Self-identification as immigrant or refugee
- Sample size: 505 participants recruited on paper and virtually through:
 - NATF partner organizations
 - Faith-based communities
 - Retail stores
 - Online social media platforms
 - Friends
- All responses was translated [if applicable], sorted, and analyzed using data analysis software that allowed for comparisons pertaining to correlations between demographic and other information and certain survey responses.

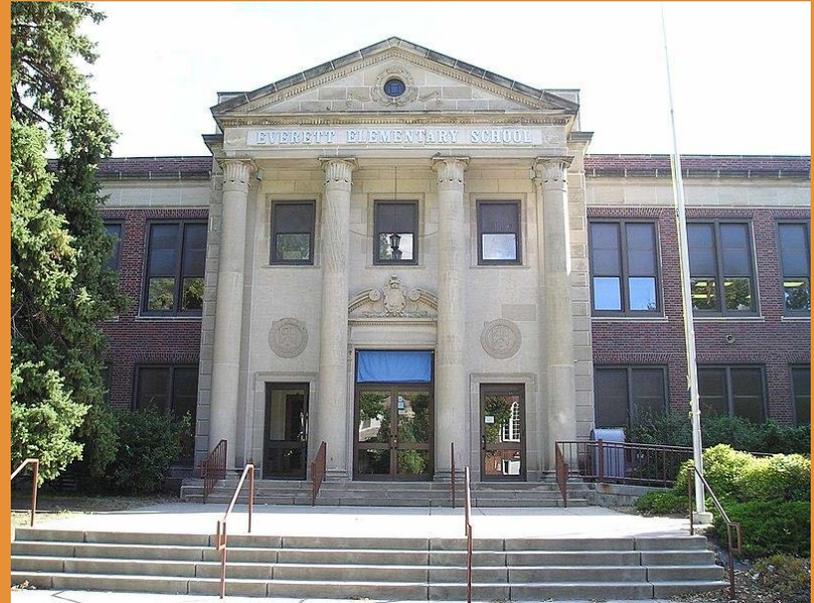


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Survey Results

Finding 1: Respondents trust and value Lincoln's public infrastructure

- 70% indicate a trust in Lincoln's schools
- 74% attend community events that celebrate their own culture
- 68% indicate a trust in police
- 50% utilize and feel welcome at city parks



Finding 2: English acquisition is important to immigrants and refugees and their long-term goals

- Nearly all respondents, 99.8%, agreed or strongly agreed that English is important to their everyday lives
- 99% of respondents indicated English is important to their long-term goals



Finding 3: A majority of respondents have educational and professional experience they are not currently utilizing

- 64% of respondents came to the U.S. with a high school degree or higher. Of those, 30% have post secondary education but are not employed in their field of training.
- Nearly 60% of respondents said they do not currently work in and want to return to their professional field of study/expertise.

Finding 4: Respondents experience barriers that prevent them from self sufficiency and economic mobility

- 52% of respondents indicated they cannot always pay their monthly expenses
- 20% of respondents indicated their housing is either unsafe or uncomfortable
- 30% of respondents stated they are unable to understand and communicate comfortably with their healthcare providers



Next Steps

- Lincoln/Lancaster County can take the lead by investing in models that address barriers presented in the NATF survey, ensuring:
 - Sustainable funding and institutionalized policies will endure across administrations. Implementation of long-term goals through the development of an integration plan can provide a road map.
 - Continued support of NATF's CareerLadder, which seeks to provide tools for skilled immigrant professionals to re-enter their former careers.
 - Investment in the social capital of immigrants through MyCity Academy, which will build upon New Americans' trust in local institutions to build a corps of ambassadors who can educate and connect advocates within their cultural communities.



Thank you!