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Comparative analysis of Eastern African immigrants in the US

(Abstract)

This paper uses recently released data from the 2000 U.S. Census to create and compare the demographic, socioeconomic and housing characteristics of Kenyan, Tanzanian, Ugandan, Somali, Sudanese, Ethiopian, Eritrean, and Rwandese immigrants in the United States. Specifically, the paper looks at the age, sex, race, marital, family, household, educational, language, citizenship, laborforce, employment, occupation, income and poverty (individual, family, household), and housing characteristics of these immigrants. It finds that these immigrants have many diverse characteristics that influence their individual/group success, settlement patterns, and level of integration into American society. Besides challenging broad generalizations on African immigrants in the United States, the study's findings contribute to our understanding of these immigrants' success and incorporation into US society as well as their role in East Africa's development.