

IMPACT OF IMMIGRATION ON STL REGION

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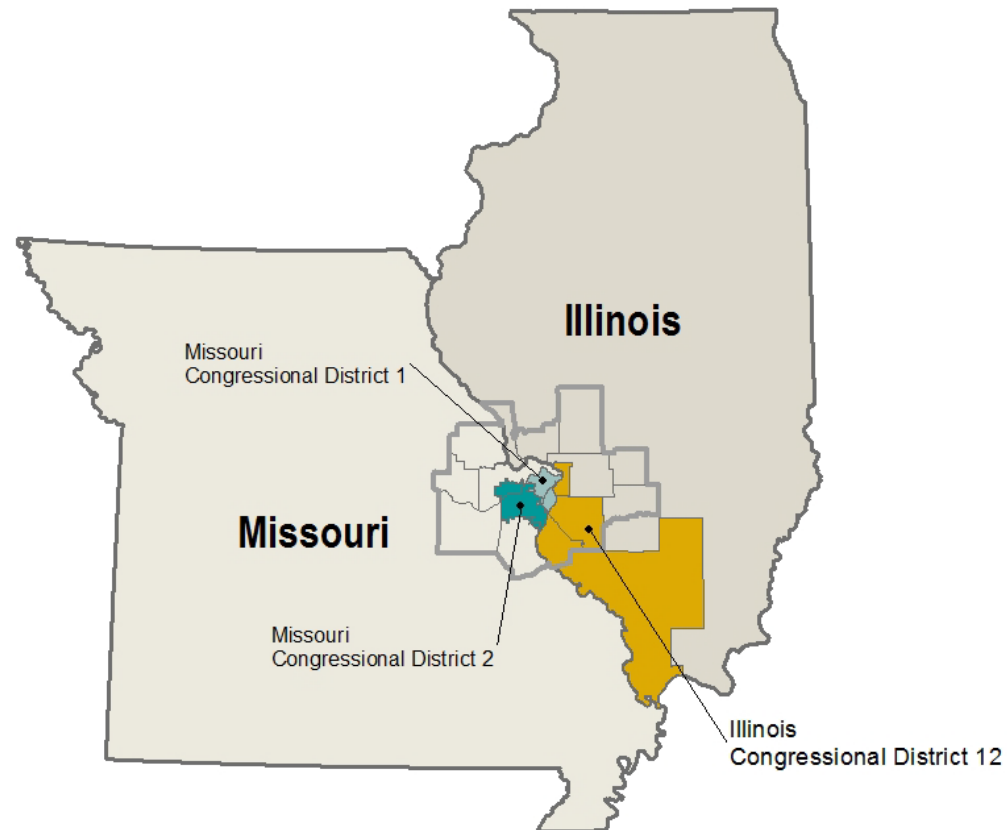
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St. Louis MSA



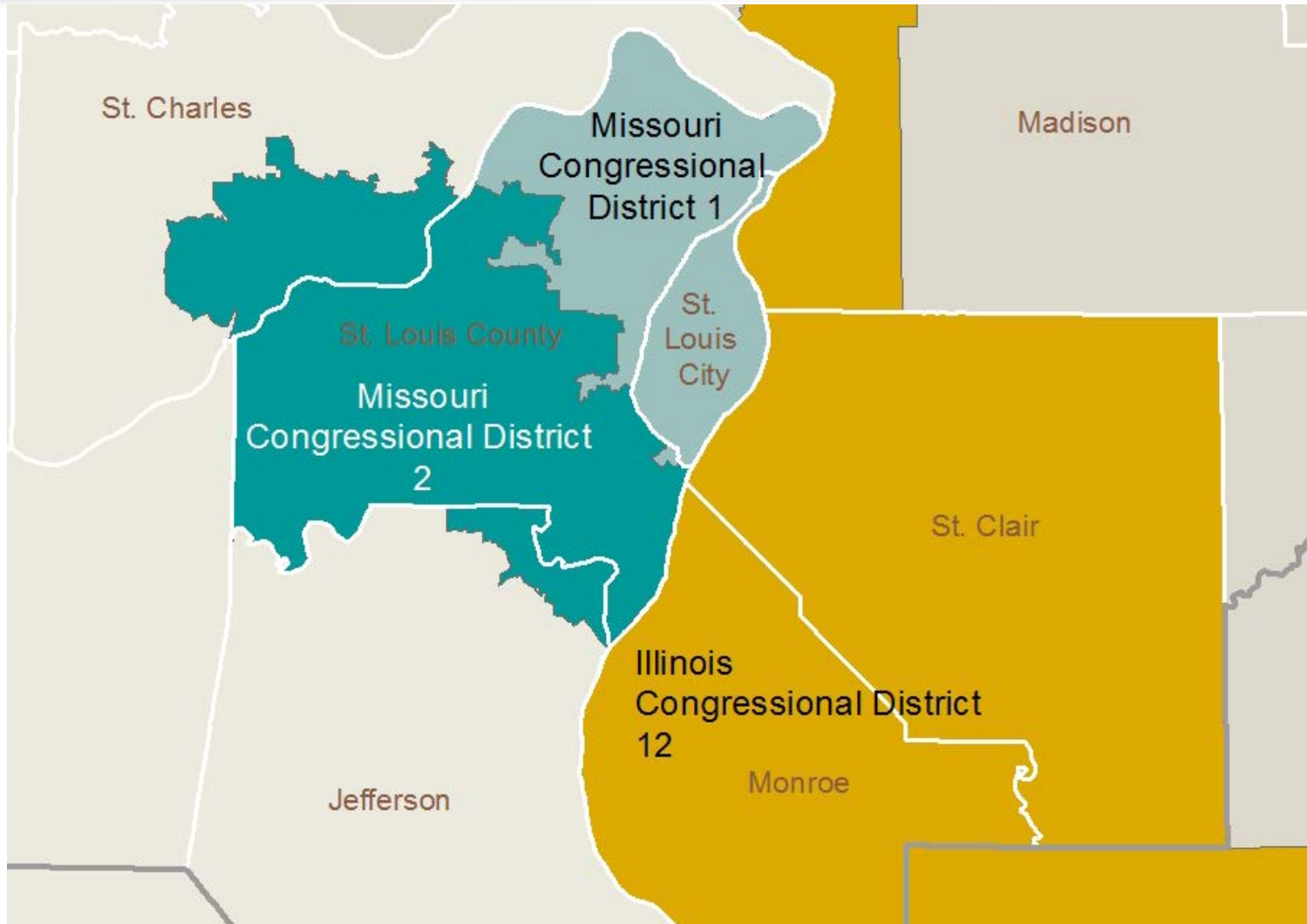
Congressional Districts



Congressional Districts Close-up



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Immigrants and the Economy - 2014



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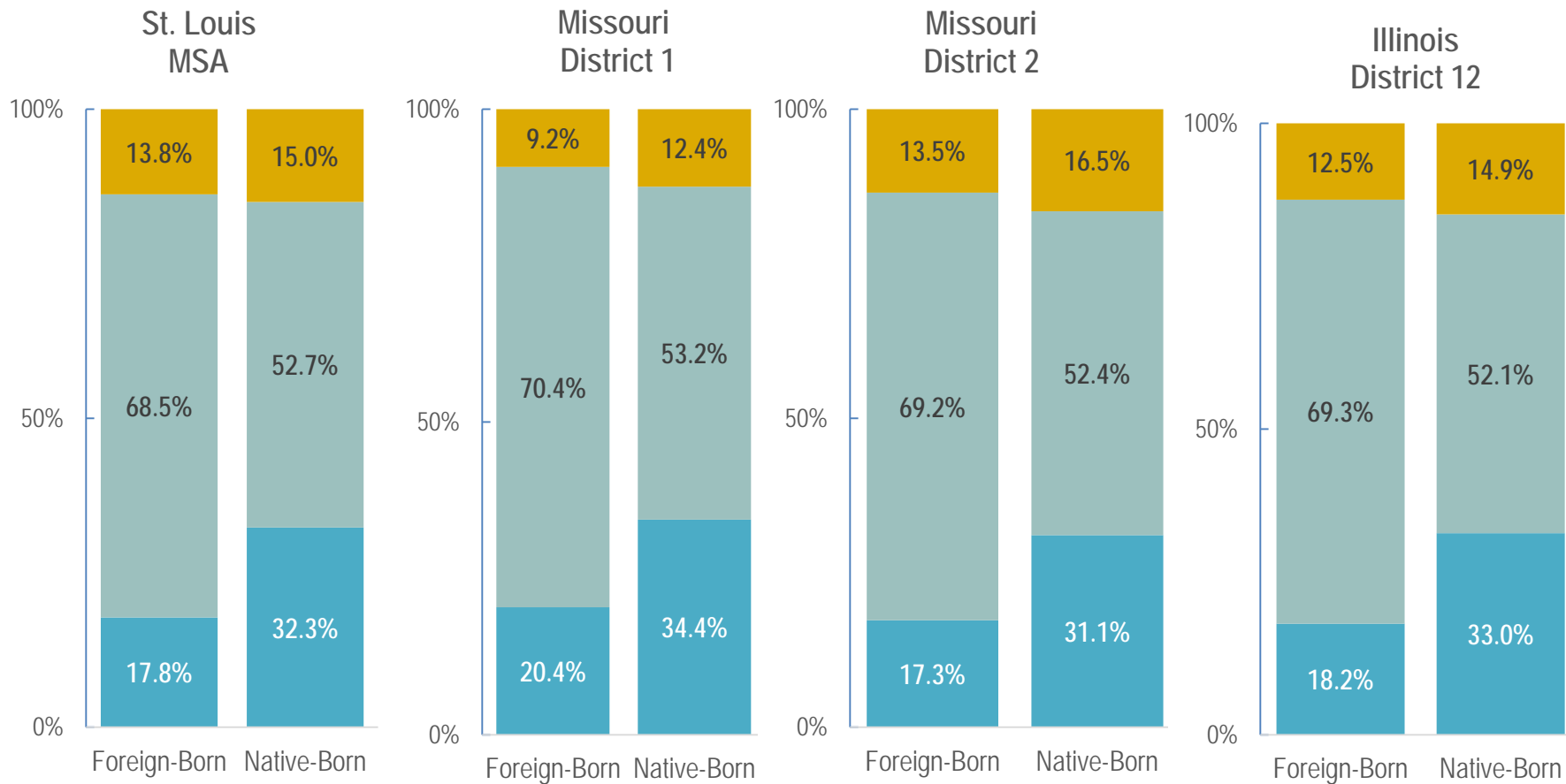
	St. Louis MSA	MO District 1	MO District 2	IL District 12
Immigrant Residents	122,430	42,295	55,234	17,004
Immigrant Share of Population	4.4%	5.7%	7.3%	2.4%
Household Income (in millions)	\$4,119.0	\$1,100.0	\$2,400.0	\$457.5
Immigrant Taxes Paid (in millions)	\$1,131.2	\$278.8	\$617.2	\$122.1
Immigrant Spending Power (in millions)	\$2,987.9	\$822.5	\$1,800.0	\$335.4

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Working Age Distribution



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■ 0-24 ■ 25-64 (Working Age) ■ 65+

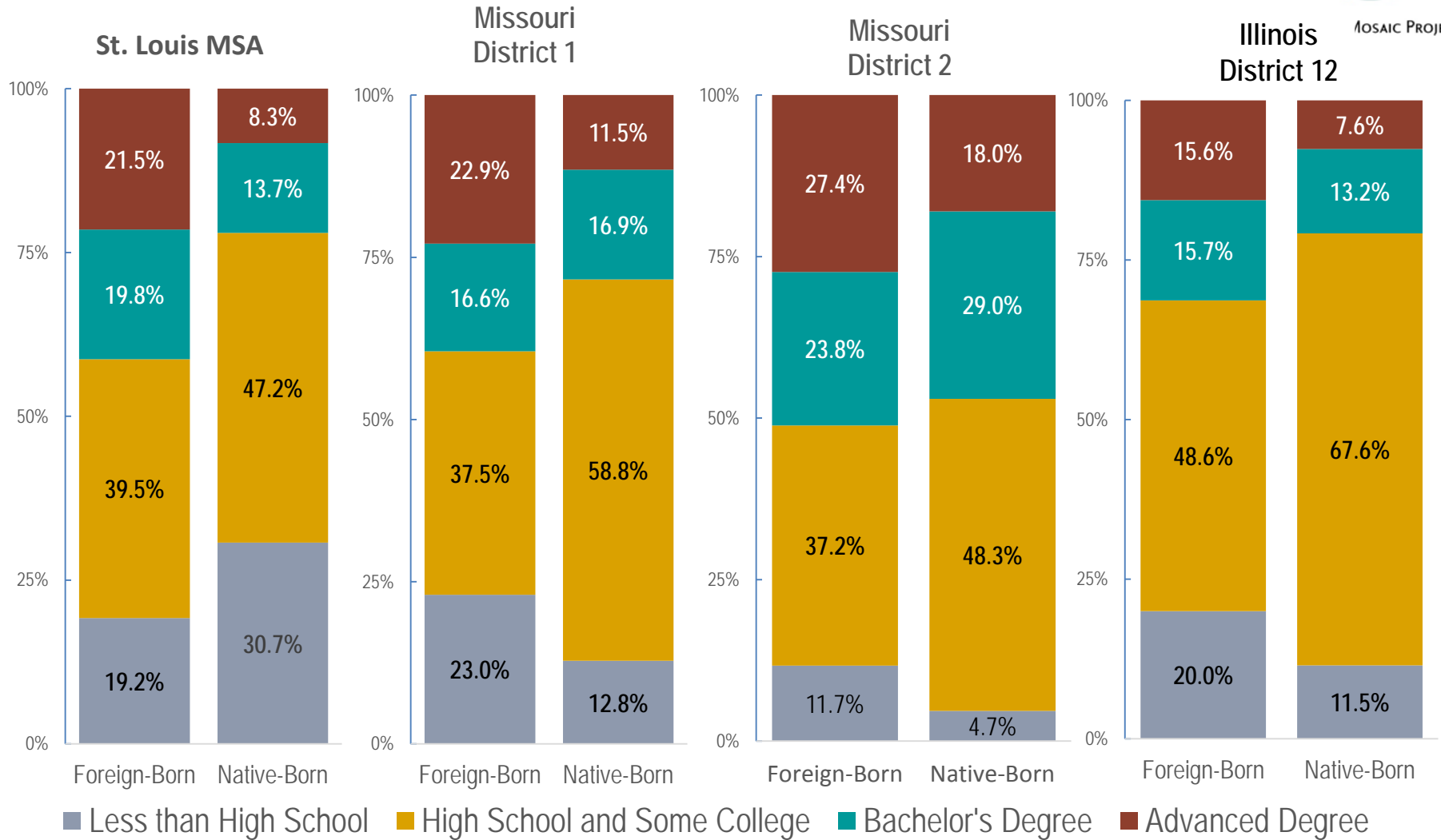
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Educational Attainment of Workforce



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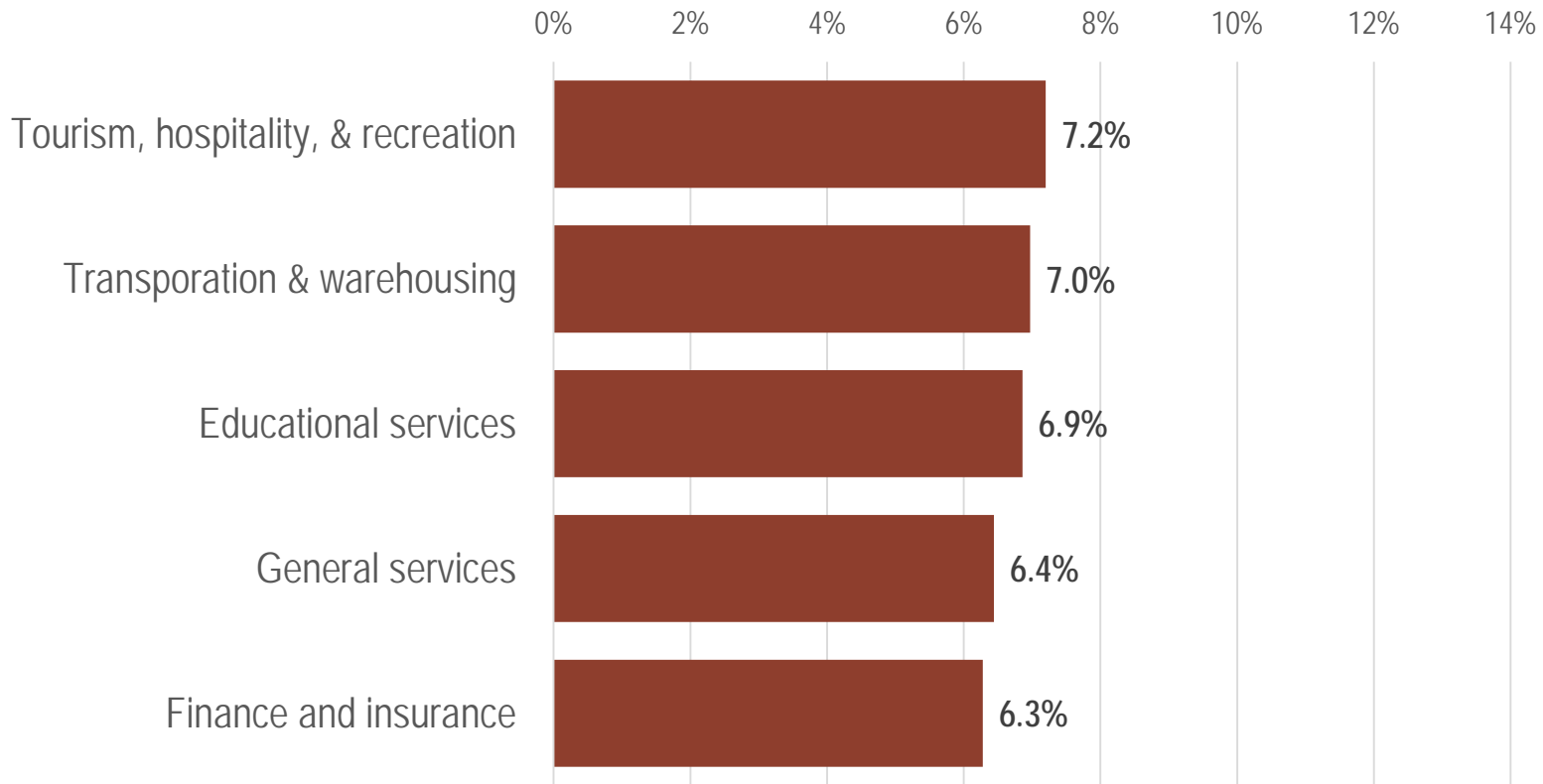
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Share of Foreign-Born in Top Industries



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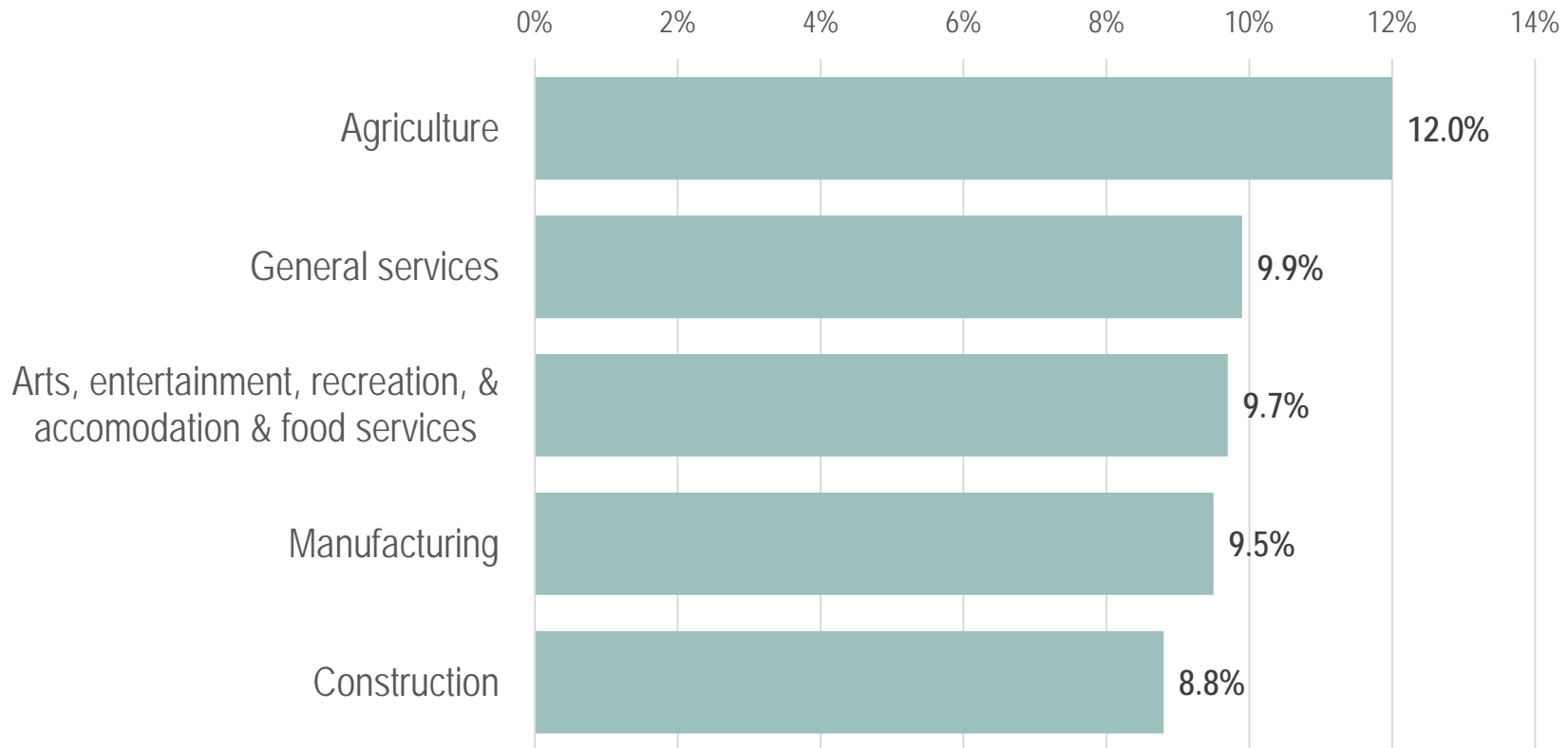


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Missouri District 1



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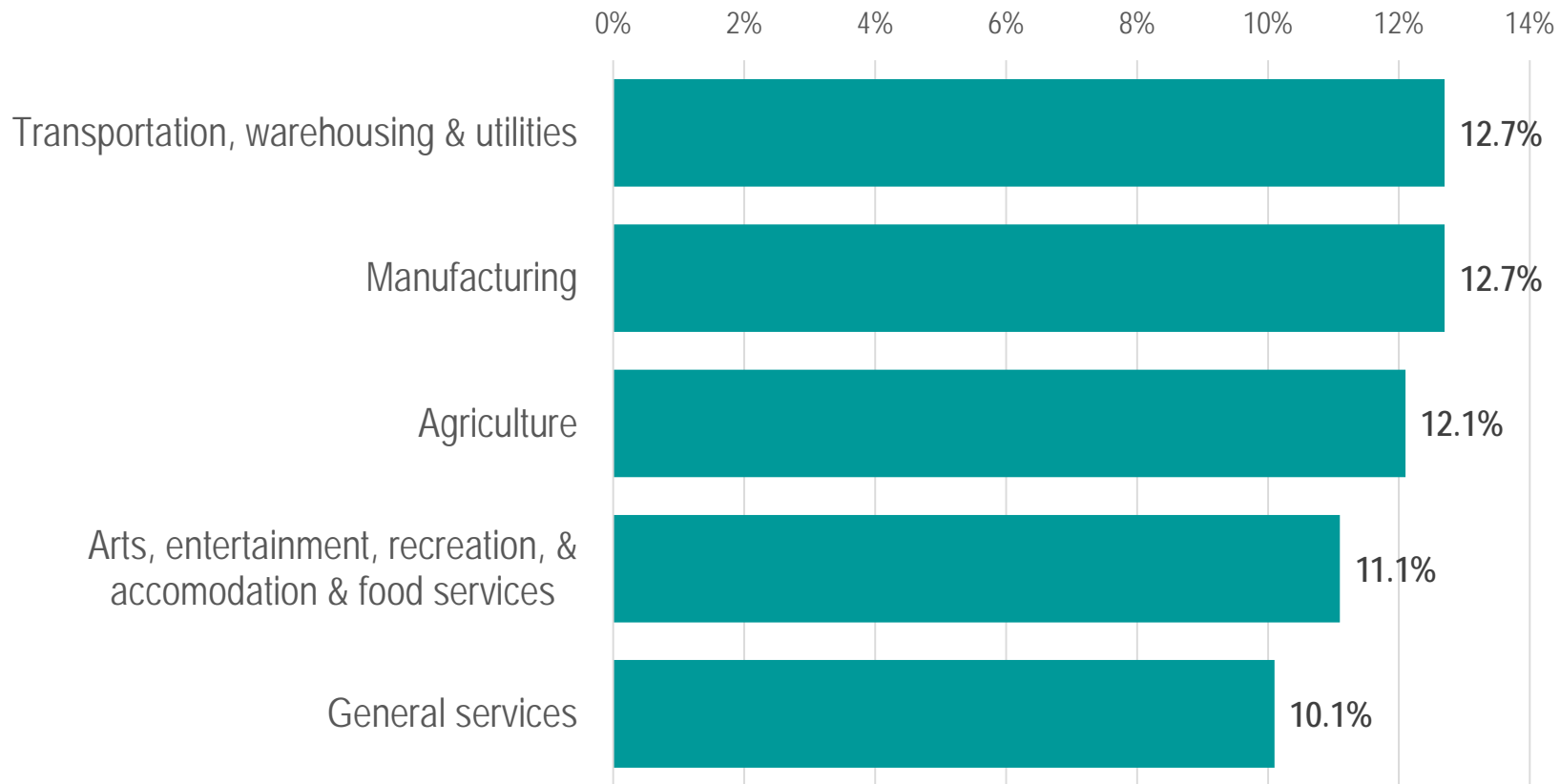


Share of Foreign-Born in Top Industries



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Missouri District 2



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Illinois District 12

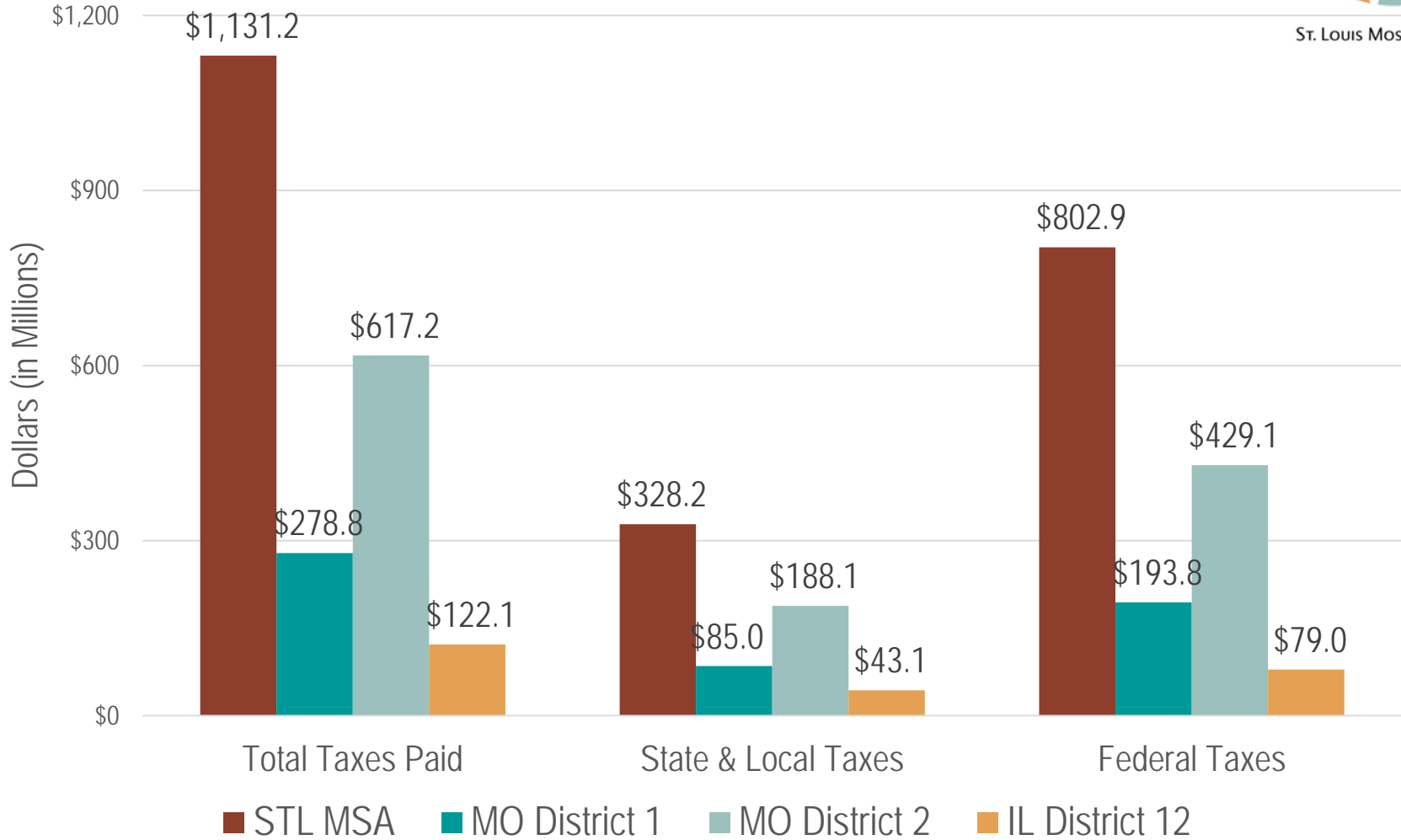


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Foreign-Born Taxes



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Foreign-Born Voting Power & Homeownership - 2014



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	St. Louis MSA	MO District 1	MO District 2	IL District 12
Eligible Immigrant Voters	58,372	15,210	27,776	7,022
Registered Immigrant Voters	--	9,348	17,070	3,778
Number of Homes Owned by Immigrants	27,608	7,512	15,624	3,547

Source: New American Economy

Entrepreneurship



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	St. Louis MSA	MO District 1	MO District 2	IL District 12
Number of immigrant entrepreneurs	7,073	1,313	2,032	563
How much more likely are immigrants to be entrepreneurs	29.2%	43.2%	19.6%	41.3%

Source: New American Economy



Low and high-wage workers gain when U.S. cities become more diverse. When a city experiences a diversity boost, the average person living in the metropolitan area sees their wages rise by about 6 percent.

- Workers in the top 25 percent of all earners see wage increases of 6.6 percent
- Workers in the bottom 25 percent of all earners experience a 7.1 percent wage boost on average.



Increases in diversity among the highest earners in a city result in dramatic wage gains for all income groups.

- A diversity boost among the top 25 percent of earners results in an 18 percent wage jump for other high-wage earners or an average increase in wages of \$13,000 per year.
- Local workers in the bottom 25 percent of earners, rise by 16.2 percent on average, or about \$4,100.



Low-wage workers benefit from rising diversity in the bottom half of the labor market.

- A diversity boost among the bottom 50 percent of wage earners raises the average local wages of workers in the city overall by 1.6 percent - driven by dynamics at the lower end of the labor market.
- While other workers see no significant effect, the lowest 25 percent of earners see their wages rise by 2.1 percent on average.



Increasing diversity among the lowest earners has either a positive or neutral effect on others.

- When the lowest 25 percent of earners in a given workplace experiences a diversity boost, the wages of other workers at that company - across all income tiers - rise.
- At the metro level, such a diversity boost appears to have no significant effect - either positive or negative - on the income of other local workers.

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