

From Arrival to Belonging: Demographic Shifts Among African Immigrants

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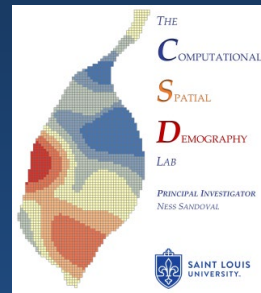
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Four Demographic Hurdles Shaping Population Growth

1. **Diverse Origins and Backgrounds**
2. **Growing Community in St. Louis**
3. **High Rates of Citizenship**
4. **Economic and Social Diversity**




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<https://welcomingamerica.org/news/nonprofit-empowers-black-immigrant-community-in-st-louis/>


"The fundamental principle of Demography is that demographic transitions are an inevitable aspect of change, persisting irrespective of whether individuals recognize, acknowledge, or accept the underlying demographic realities and trends."

THE DATA

- **IPUMS**
 - 2022 5 Year Sample
 - Micro Data
 - PUMA
 - MSA
 - County
- Small groups with large errors.
 - Challenge for the Saint Louis MSA



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GEOGRAPHY & GIS

LINKED CENSUS DATA: 1850-1950

SLAVE SAMPLES: 1850-1860

FULL COUNT DATA: 1790-1840

FEDERAL STATISTICAL RDC

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IPUMS BIBLIOGRAPHY

U.S. CENSUS DATA FOR SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND HEALTH RESEARCH

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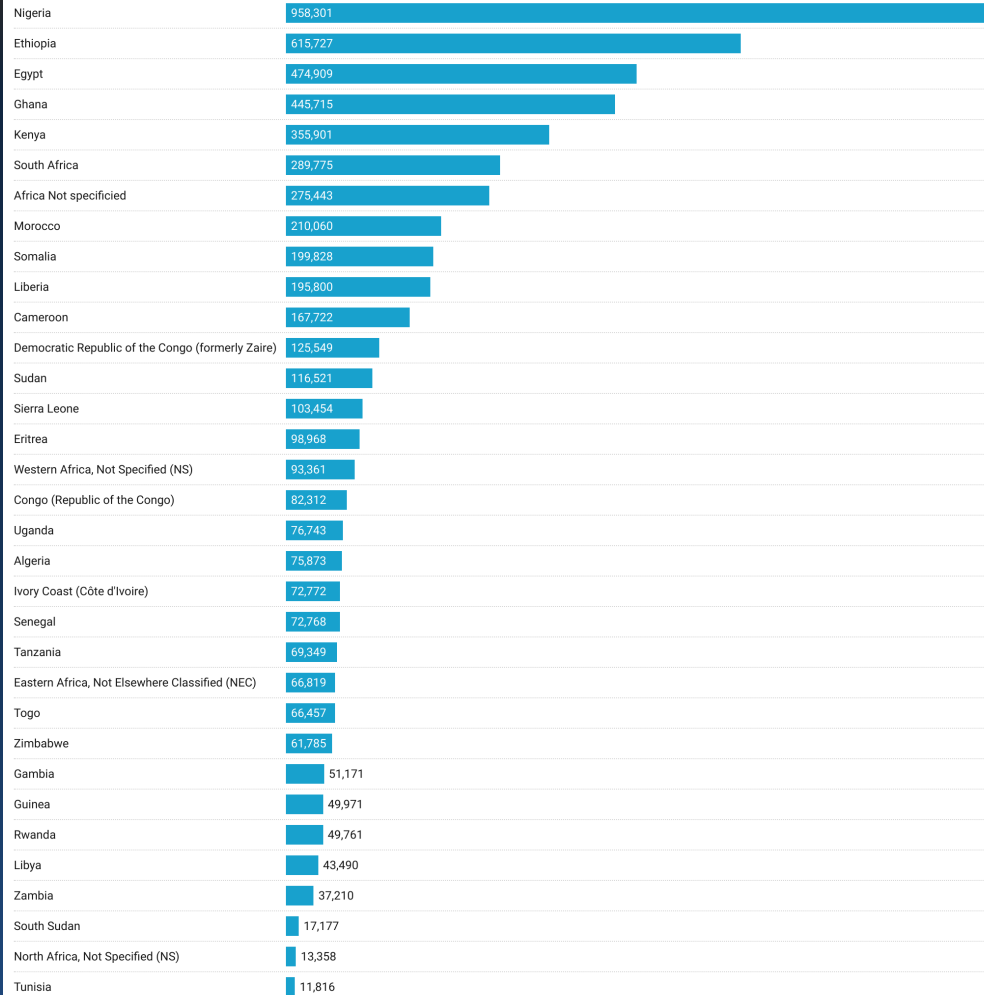
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COUNTRY OF BIRTH

The Largest African Group in the U.S. is from Nigeria

Origins of African Residents in the U.S. by Country



The Top 10 Countries Account for 71% of the African Residents in the U.S.

Origins of African Residents in the U.S. by Country

Top 10 Countries by Percent

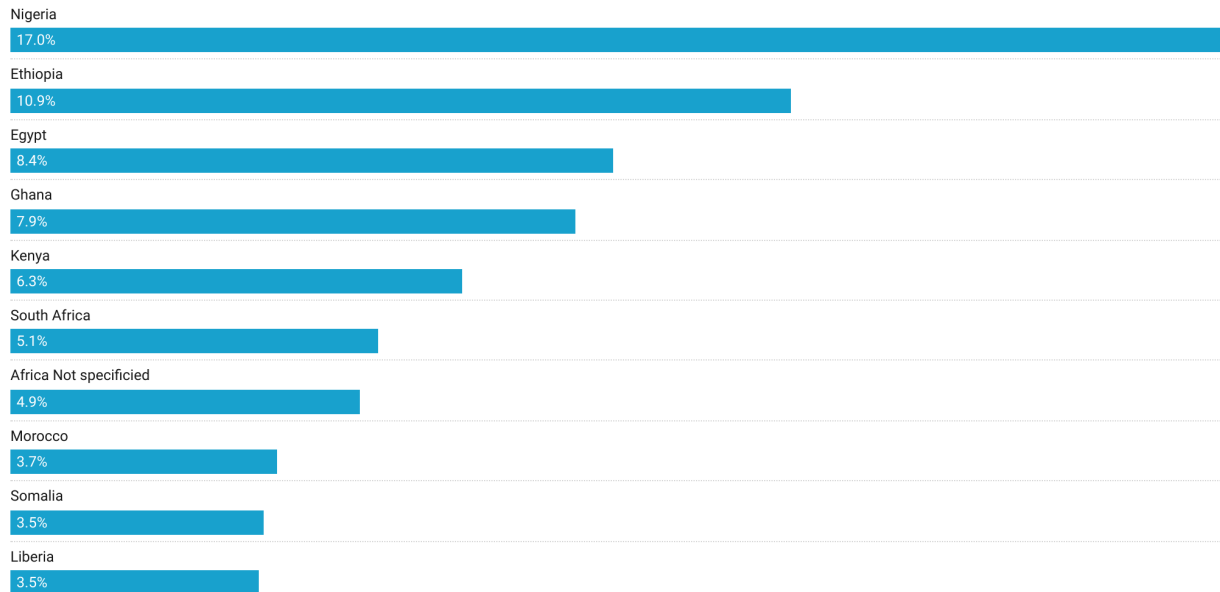
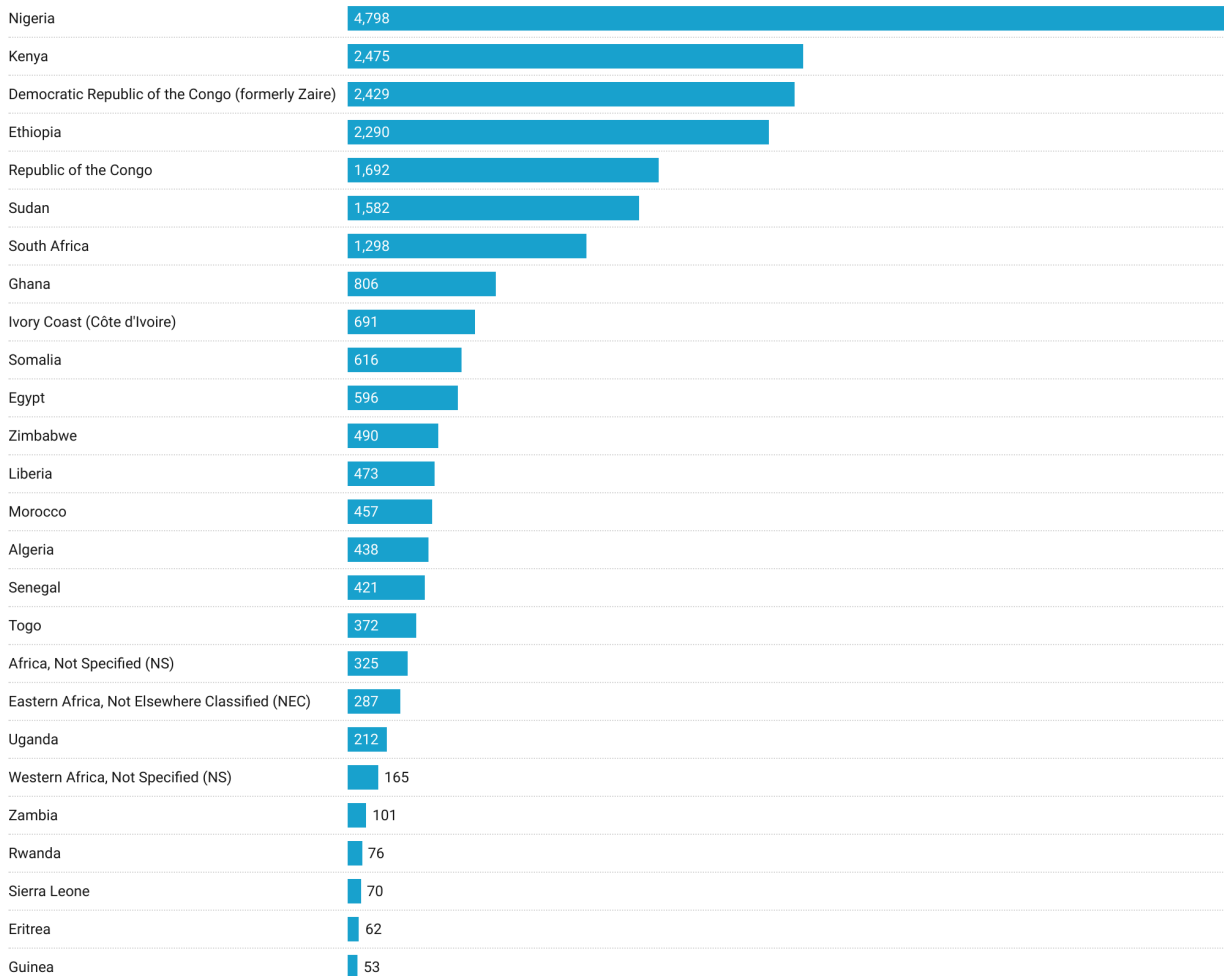


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The Largest African Group in the Saint Louis MSA is from Nigeria

Origins of African Residents in the Saint Louis MSA by Country



**The Top 10
Countries
Account for 80%
of the African
Residents in the
Saint Louis MSA**

Origins of African Residents in the Saint Louis MSA by Country

Top 10 Countries by Percent

Nigeria

20.6%

Kenya

10.6%

Democratic Republic of the Congo (formerly Zaire)

10.4%

Ethiopia

9.8%

Republic of the Congo

7.3%

Sudan

6.8%

South Africa

5.6%

Ghana

3.5%

Ivory Coast (Côte d'Ivoire)

3.0%

Somalia

2.6%

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SELF-IDENTIFICATION OF RACIAL IDENTITY

76% of the Africans
Self-Identify as Black
In the U.S.

Racial Self-Identification For Africans In the U.S.					
Country	Latino	White	Black	Asian	Other
Total	26,460	949,824	4,294,341	100,897	274,344
Nigeria	2,823	8,051	932,507	3,048	11,872
Ethiopia	97	4,986	599,625	1,398	9,621
Egypt	1,469	437,883	14,127	671	20,759
Ghana	838	4,906	430,126	2,078	7,767
Kenya	828	8,148	311,790	24,613	10,522
South Africa	2,458	109,073	48,104	15,270	114,870
Africa Not specificied	5,934	22,408	231,515	4,837	10,749
Morocco	4,015	179,285	4,920	269	21,571
Somalia	182	329	197,194	361	1,762
Liberia	106	2,386	187,608	1,173	4,527

86% of the Africans
Self-Identify as Black
In the U.S.

Racial Self-Identification for Africans in the Saint Louis MSA

Country	Latino	White	Black	Asian	Other
Total	224	2,119	20,118	409	405
Nigeria	224	33	4,541	0	0
Kenya	0	0	2,475	0	0
Democratic Republic of the Congo (formerly Zaire)	0	0	2,399	0	30
Ethiopia	0	203	2,087	0	0
Republic of the Congo	0	0	1,692	0	0
Sudan	0	0	1,582	0	0
South Africa	0	354	462	107	375
Ghana	0	0	806	0	0
Ivory Coast (Côte d'Ivoire)	0	0	691	0	0
Somalia	0	0	616	0	0

MARITAL STATUS

Ghanaian residents
have the highest
marriage rate.

Marital Status for Africans in the U.S.

Ranked by Married.

	Country	Married	Separated	Divorced	Widowed	Never Married
1	Ghana	65%	2%	11%	3%	19%
2	Democratic Republic of the Congo (formerly Zaire)	59%	1%	6%	4%	29%
3	Sudan	58%	1%	7%	2%	31%
4	Nigeria	54%	3%	8%	4%	31%
5	Ivory Coast (Côte d'Ivoire)	53%	4%	9%	5%	30%
6	Total	51%	3%	8%	3%	34%
7	Ethiopia	49%	4%	11%	3%	33%
8	Kenya	47%	2%	10%	3%	38%
9	Somalia	46%	4%	12%	3%	35%
10	Republic of the Congo	44%	3%	8%	3%	41%
11	South Africa	43%	3%	9%	2%	42%

South African residents
have the highest never
married rate.

Marital Status for Africans in the U.S.

Ranked by Never Married.

	Country	Married	Separated	Divorced	Widowed	▼ Never Married
1	South Africa	43%	3%	9%	2%	42%
2	Republic of the Congo	44%	3%	8%	3%	41%
3	Kenya	47%	2%	10%	3%	38%
4	Somalia	46%	4%	12%	3%	35%
5	<i>Total</i>	<i>51%</i>	<i>3%</i>	<i>8%</i>	<i>3%</i>	<i>34%</i>
6	Ethiopia	49%	4%	11%	3%	33%
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11	Ghana	65%	2%	11%	3%	19%

Residents from two countries have high rates of marital status.

Marital Status for Africans in the Saint Louis MSA

Ranked by Married.

	Country	Married	Separated	Divorced	Widowed	Never Married
1	Republic of the Congo	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
2	Somalia	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
3	Ethiopia	63%	0%	7%	0%	30%
4	South Africa	59%	0%	1%	0%	40%
5	Nigeria	58%	0%	5%	6%	31%
6	Total	50%	1%	10%	5%	34%
7	Democratic Republic of the Congo (formerly Zaire)	48%	4%	5%	1%	41%
8	Sudan	34%	0%	0%	0%	66%
9	Kenya	15%	0%	10%	12%	62%
10	Ghana	10%	0%	72%	0%	18%
11	Ivory Coast (Côte d'Ivoire)	0%	13%	48%	0%	38%

Residents from Sudan
have the highest rate of
never married.

Marital Status for Africans in the Saint Louis MSA

Ranked by Never Married.

	Country	Married	Separated	Divorced	Widowed	▼ Never Married
1	Sudan	34%	0%	0%	0%	66%
2	Kenya	15%	0%	10%	12%	62%
3	Democratic Republic of the Congo (formerly Zaire)	48%	4%	5%	1%	41%
4	South Africa	59%	0%	1%	0%	40%
5	Ivory Coast (Côte d'Ivoire)	0%	13%	48%	0%	38%
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8	Ethiopia	63%	0%	7%	0%	30%
9	Ghana	10%	0%	72%	0%	18%
10	Republic of the Congo	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
11	Somalia	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%

CITIZEN STATUS

Nigerians have the
highest rate of non-
citizens in the U.S.

Citizen Status for Africans in the U.S.

Ranked by Not a Citizen.

	Country	Born Abroad to American Parents	Naturalized Citizen	▼ Not a Citizen
1	Nigeria	7.0%	51.0%	42.0%
2	Africa, Not Specified (NS) / Not Elsewhere Classified (NEC)	10.4%	48.8%	40.8%
3	Kenya	8.5%	52.4%	39.1%
4	Total	7.6%	55.6%	36.8%
5	Ghana	6.0%	59.6%	34.4%
6	South Africa	9.3%	56.4%	34.3%
7	Liberia	5.5%	61.6%	33.0%
8	Ethiopia	7.7%	62.7%	29.6%
9	Egypt	8.2%	63.8%	28.0%
10	Morocco	12.7%	61.7%	25.6%
11	Somalia	4.6%	75.0%	20.3%

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**Somalis have the
highest rate of
residents with
naturalized citizens.**

Citizen Status for Africans in the U.S.

Ranked by Naturalized Citizen.

	Country	Born Abroad to American Parents	▼ Naturalized Citizen	Not a Citizen
1	Somalia	4.6%	75.0%	20.3%
2	Egypt	8.2%	63.8%	28.0%
3	Ethiopia	7.7%	62.7%	29.6%
4	Morocco	12.7%	61.7%	25.6%
5	Liberia	5.5%	61.6%	33.0%
6	Ghana	6.0%	59.6%	34.4%
7	South Africa	9.3%	56.4%	34.3%
8	Total	7.6%	55.6%	36.8%
9	Kenya	8.5%	52.4%	39.1%
10	Nigeria	7.0%	51.0%	42.0%
11	Africa, Not Specified (NS) / Not Elsewhere Classified (NEC)	10.4%	48.8%	40.8%

Residents from the
Republic of The Congo
have the highest rate of
naturalized citizenship.

Citizen Status for Africans in the Saint Louis MSA

Ranked by Naturalized Citizen.

	Country	Born Abroad to American Parents	▼ Naturalized Citizen	Not a Citizen
1	Republic of the Congo	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
2	Ghana	0.0%	81.9%	18.1%
3	Democratic Republic of the Congo (formerly Zaire)	0.0%	64.1%	35.9%
4	Nigeria	0.7%	63.8%	35.5%
5	Ivory Coast (Côte d'Ivoire)	30.1%	56.7%	13.2%
6	Ethiopia	23.2%	56.1%	20.7%
7	Total	12.9%	55.9%	31.2%
8	Somalia	0.0%	49.5%	50.5%
9	South Africa	0.0%	40.1%	59.9%
10	Sudan	59.8%	33.6%	6.6%
11	Kenya	8.2%	30.7%	61.2%

**Kenyans have the
highest rate of
residents that are not a
citizens.**

Citizen Status for Africans in the Saint Louis MSA

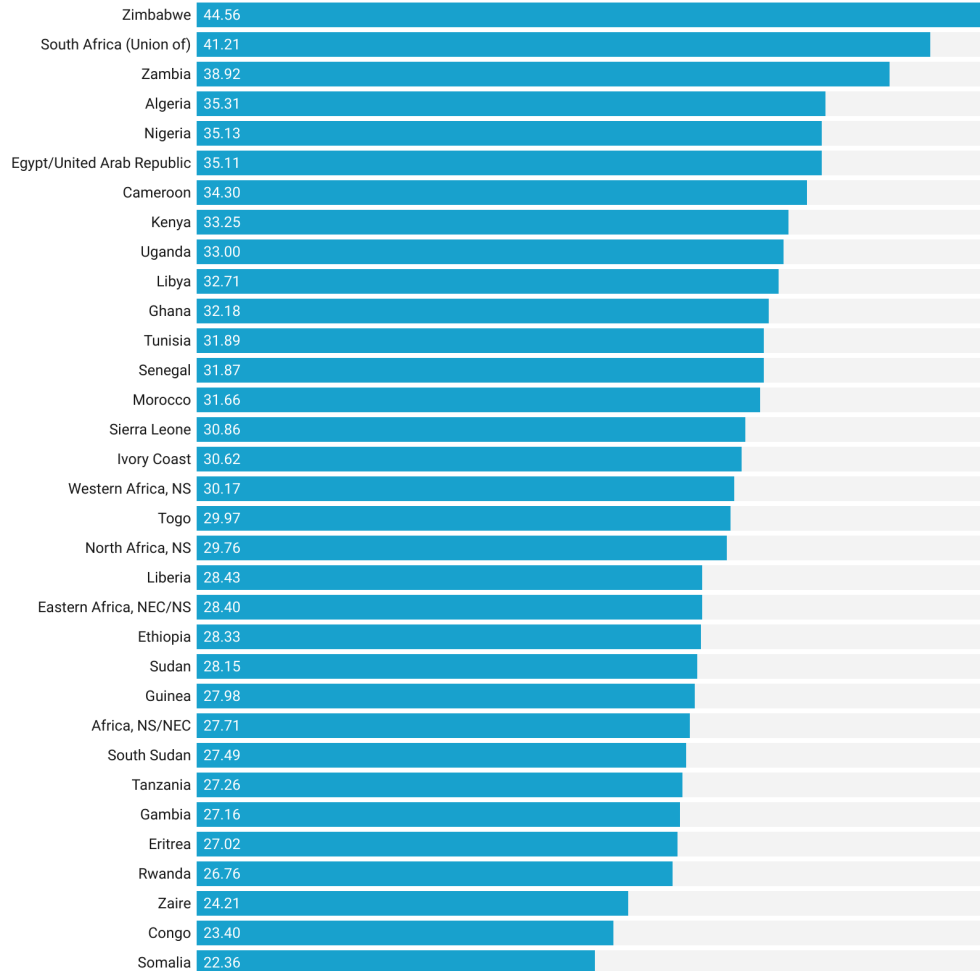
Ranked by Not A Citizen.

	Country	Born Abroad to American Parents	Naturalized Citizen	▼ Not a Citizen
1	Kenya	8.2%	30.7%	61.2%
2	South Africa	0.0%	40.1%	59.9%
3	Somalia	0.0%	49.5%	50.5%
4	Democratic Republic of the Congo (formerly Zaire)	0.0%	64.1%	35.9%
5	Nigeria	0.7%	63.8%	35.5%
6	Total	12.9%	55.9%	31.2%
7	Ethiopia	23.2%	56.1%	20.7%
8	Ghana	0.0%	81.9%	18.1%
9	Ivory Coast (Côte d'Ivoire)	30.1%	56.7%	13.2%
10	Sudan	59.8%	33.6%	6.6%
11	Republic of the Congo	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%

SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS

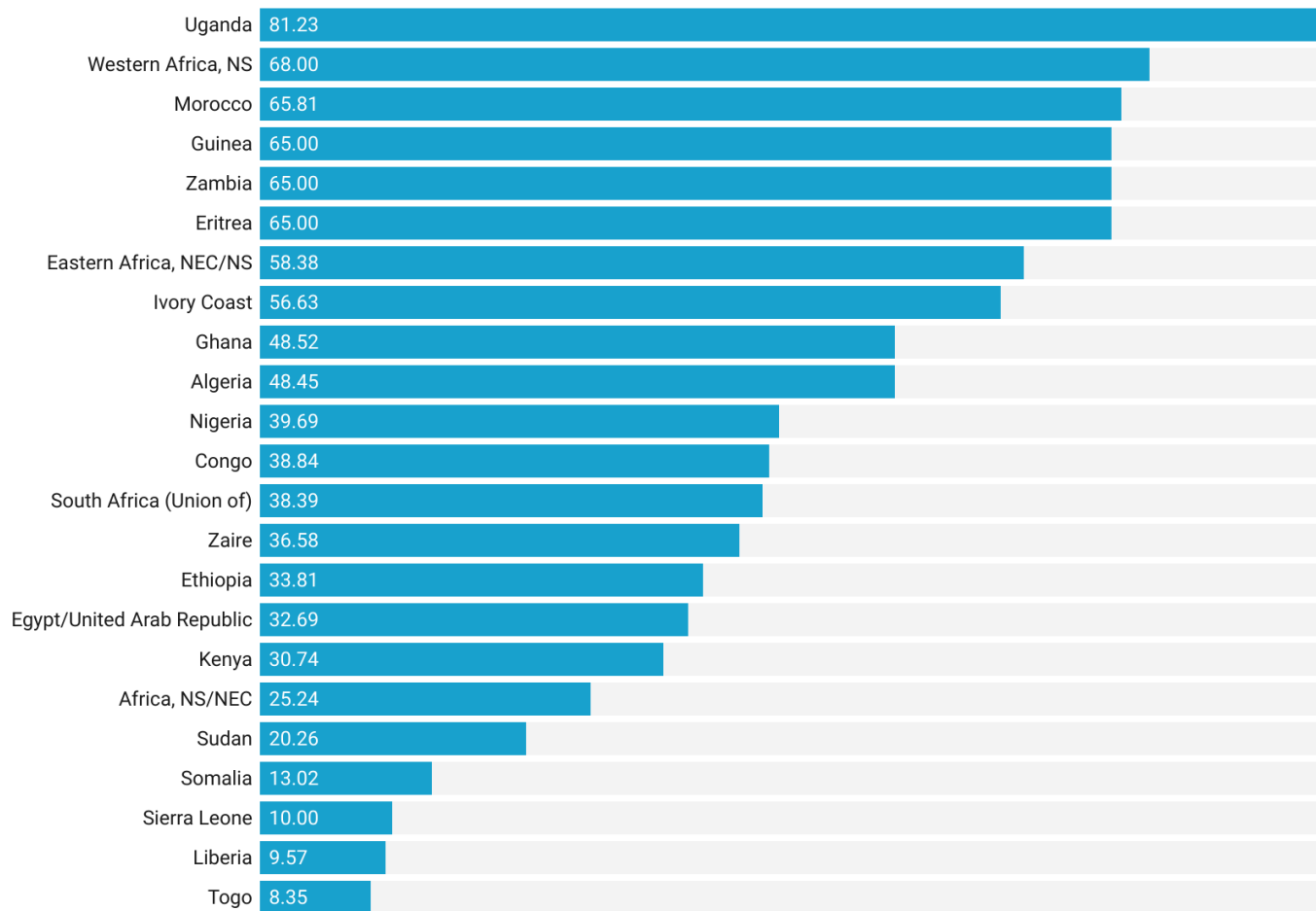
**Residents from
Zimbabwe have the
highest SEI Score in
the U.S.**

Duncan Socioeconomic Index for African by Country in the U.S.



**Residents from
Uganda have the
highest SEI Score
in the Saint Louis
MSA.**

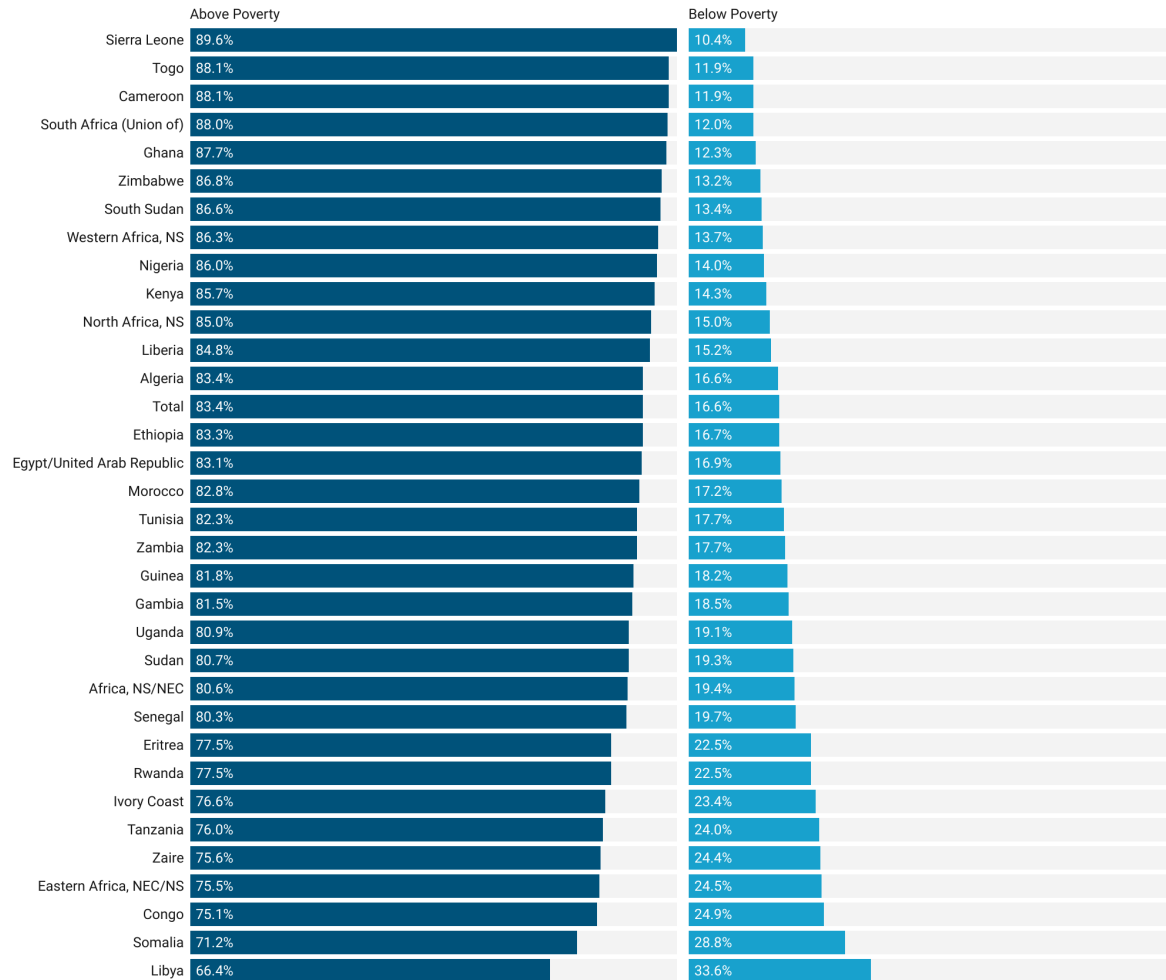
Duncan Socioeconomic Index for African by Count for the Saint Louis MSA



POVERTY

Residents from Sierra Leone has the lowest poverty rate

Poverty Status for African Residents by Count for the U.S.



YEAR OF ENTRY

Year of Entry for African Residents by Country for the U.S.

Ranked by Before 1980

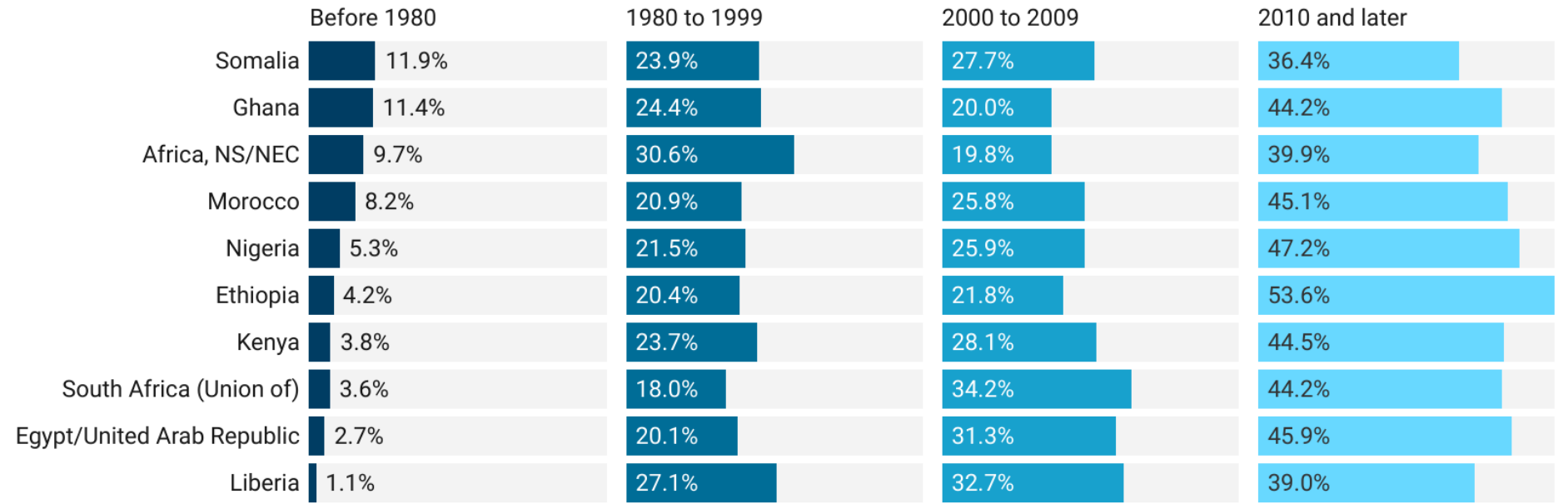


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Year of Entry for African Residents by Country for the U.S.

Ranked by 2010 and later

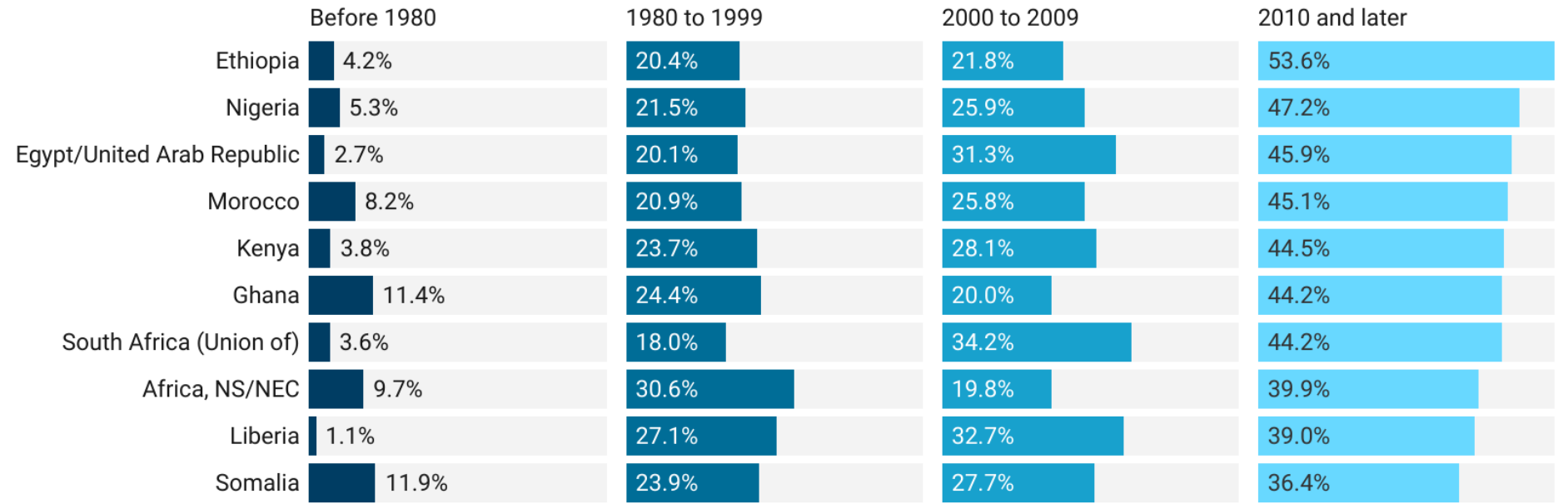


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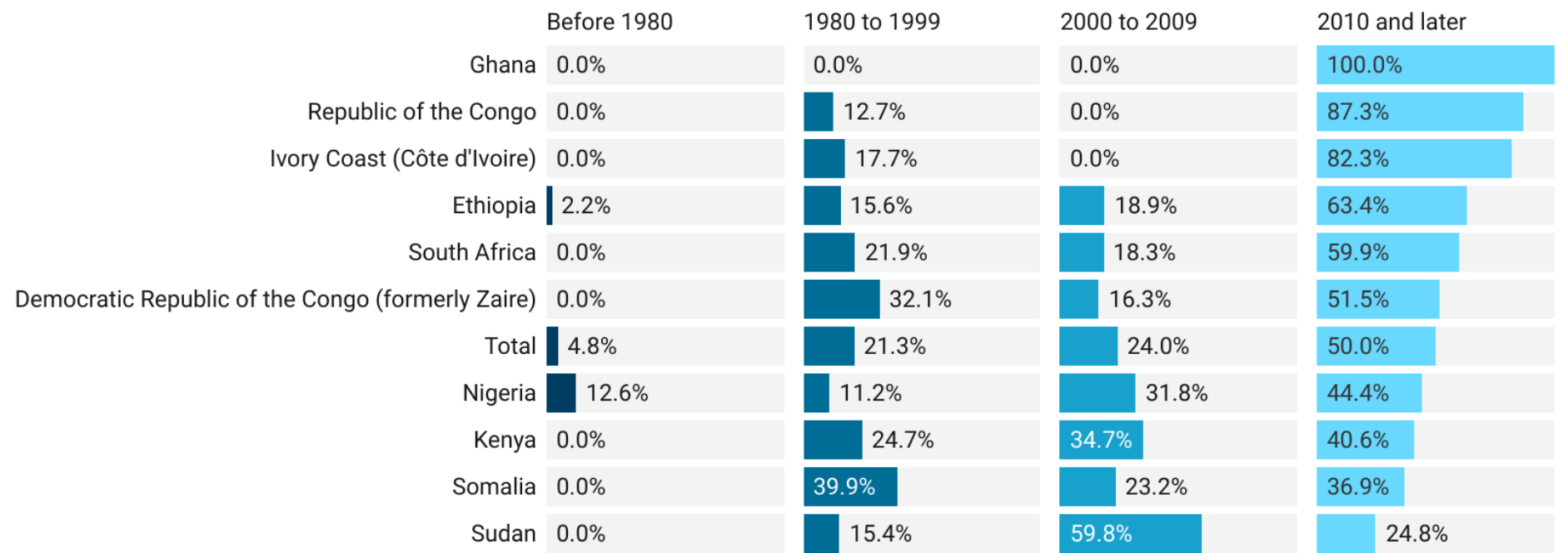
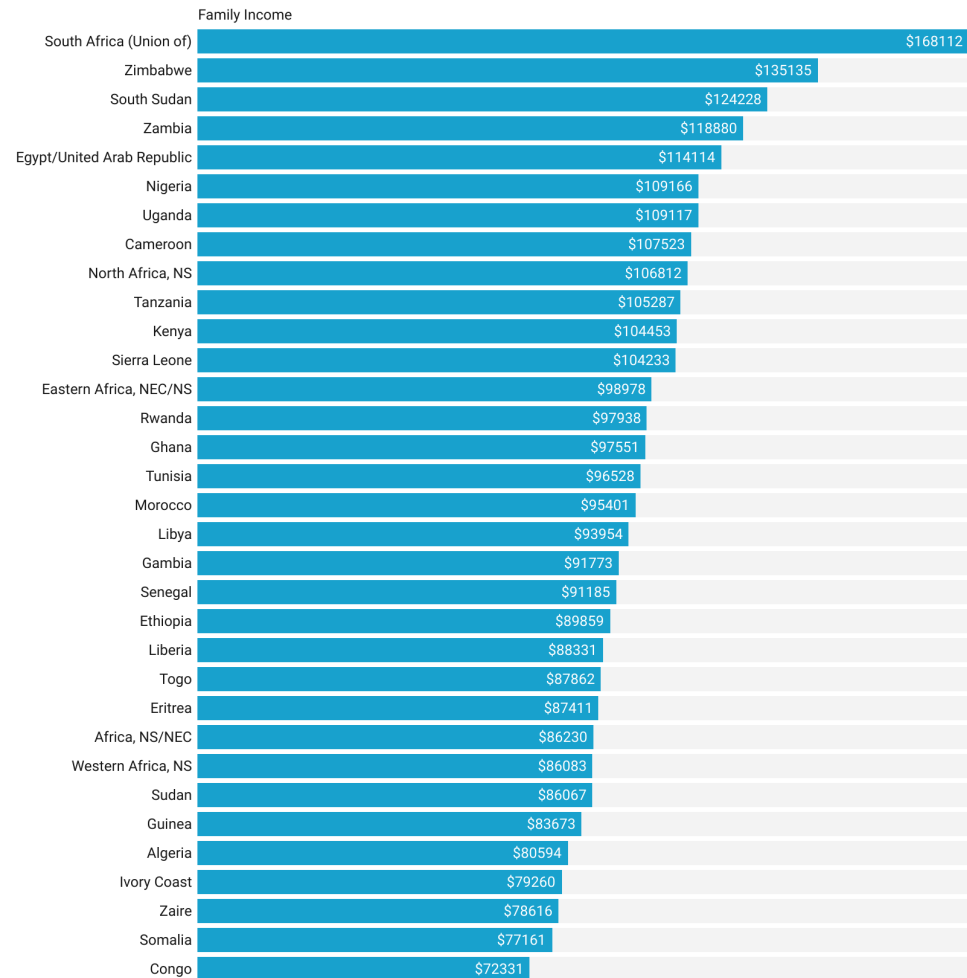


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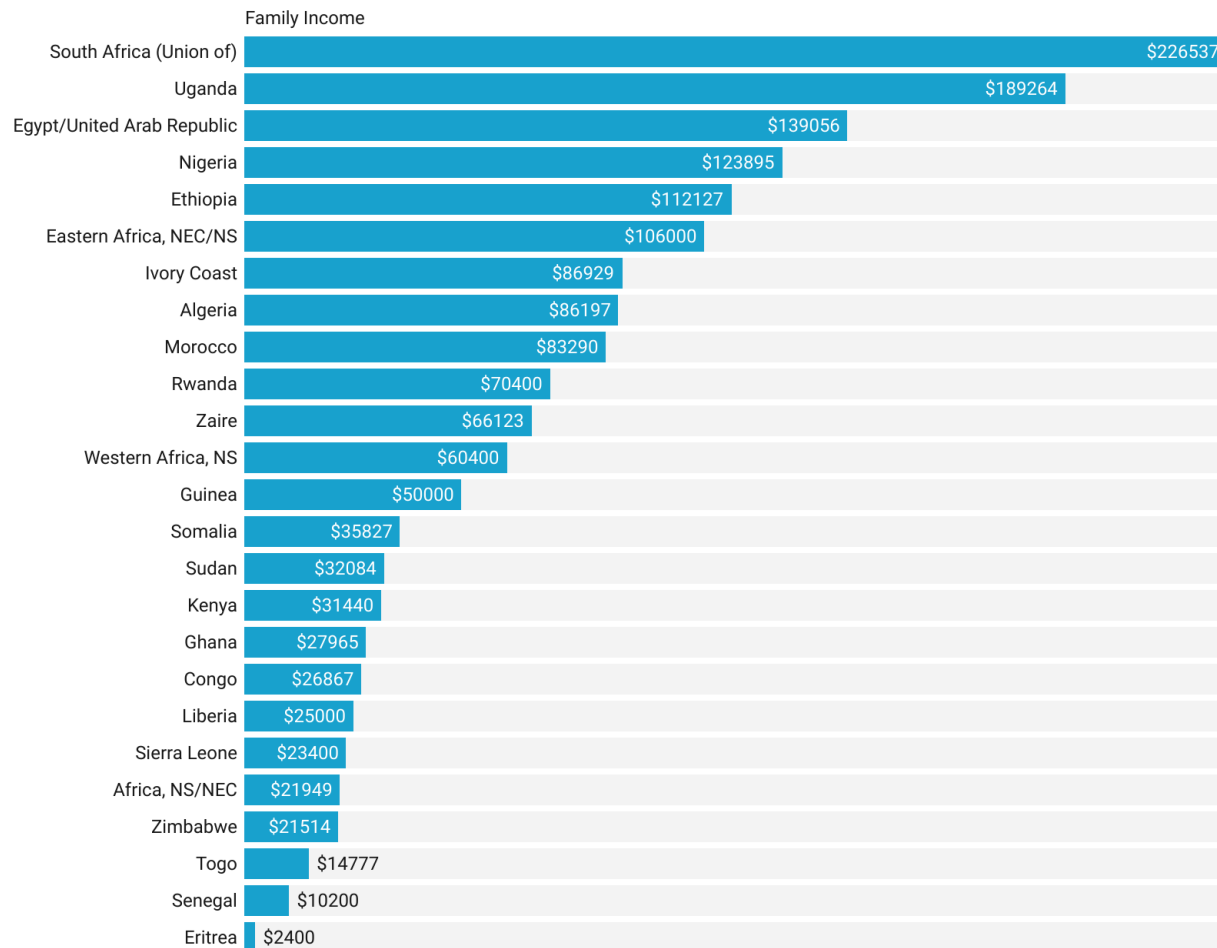
**Residents from South
Africa have the highest
family income in the
U.S.**

Total Family Income for Africans by Country in the U.S.



**Residents from
South Africa have
the highest family
income in the
Saint Louis MSA**

Total Family Income for Africans by Country in the Saint Louis MSA



EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

**Residents from
Gambia have the
highest educational
attainment for the
U.S.**

Educational attainment for African Residents by Country for the U.S.

Ranked by College Degree or More

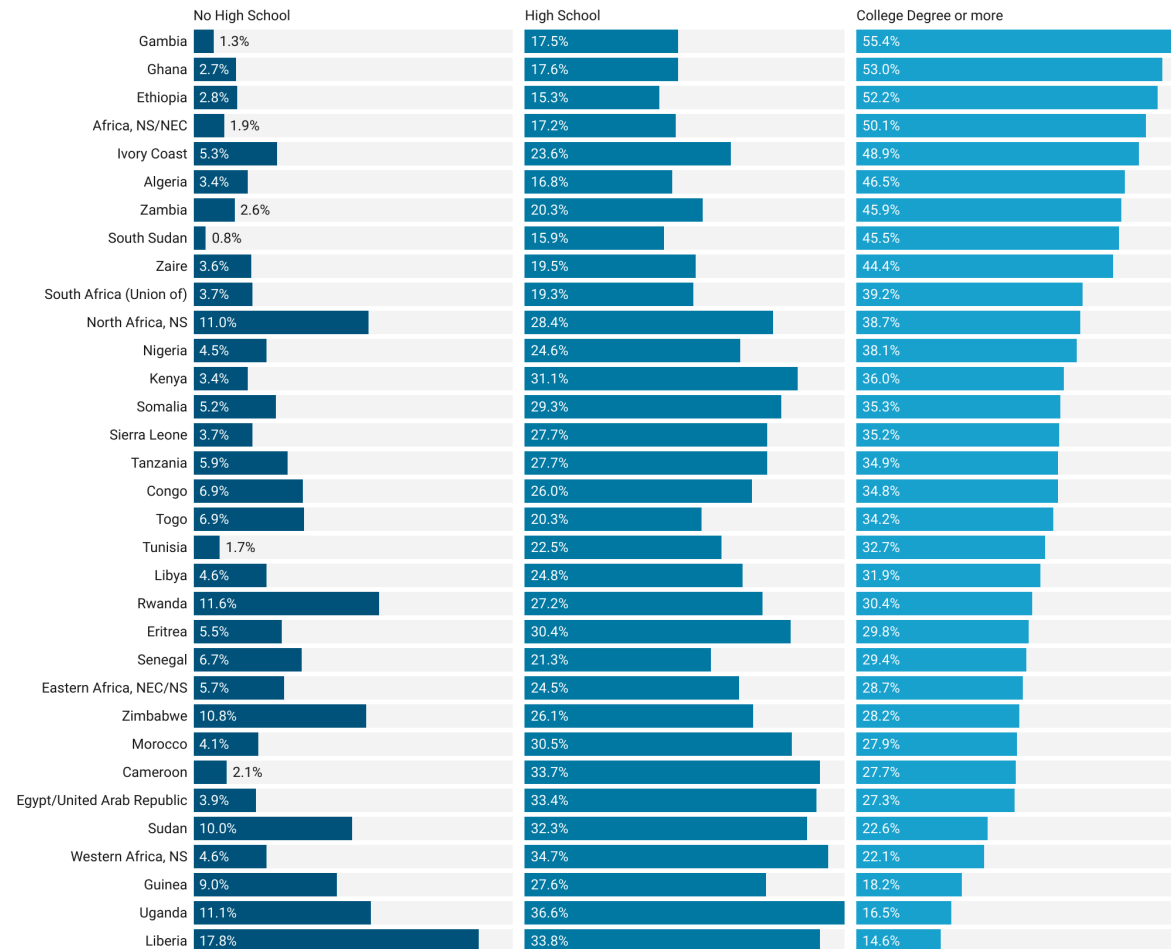


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SUMMARY

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3. **High Rates of Citizenship**
4. **Economic and Social Diversity**



FROM MIGRATION TO INTEGRATION: DEMOGRAPHIC TRANSITIONS OF AFRICAN IMMIGRANTS

Thank You!

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