Cape Verdeans in New Bedford

Mayor Martin J. Walsh

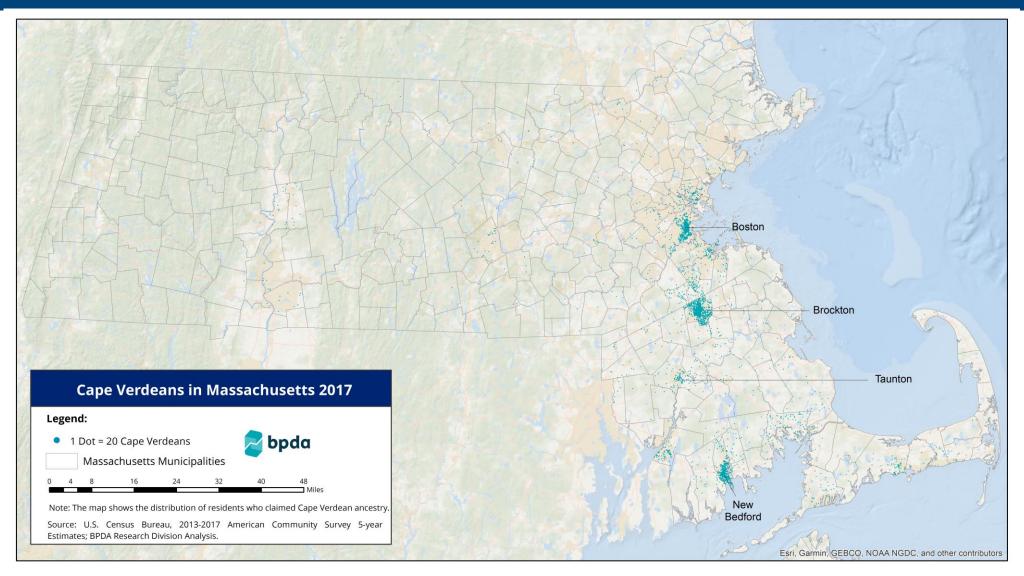
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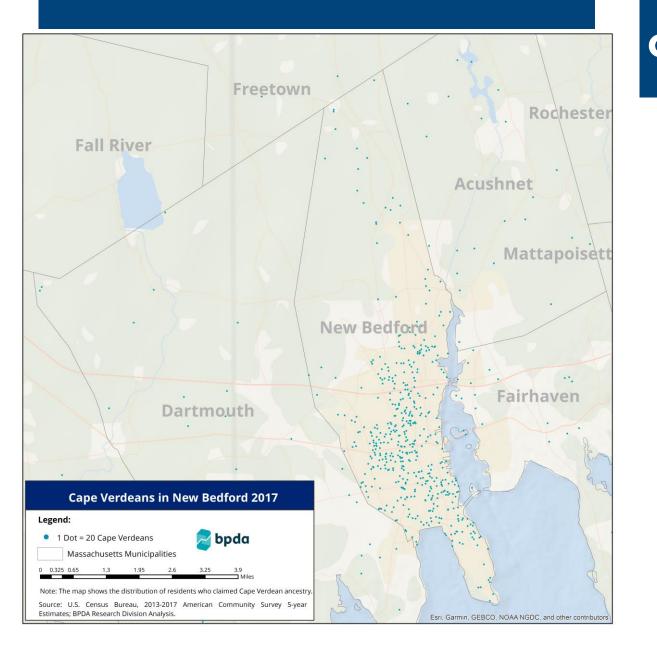
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Cape Verdean's contribution to the economy as entrepreneurs and workers is significant.

- This presentation includes all Cape Verdeans people who were born in Cape Verde or who identify as having Cape Verdean ancestry.
 - "Native-born" Cape Verdeans were typically born in the United States and have U.S. citizenship at birth. "Foreign-born" Cape Verdeans were typically born in Cape Verde but may be naturalized U.S. citizens
- Cape Verdeans made up 7.5% of New Bedford's population (8,373 people).
- Cape Verdeans living in New Bedford held 3,656 jobs and owned about 72 businesses.
- Cape Verdeans in New Bedford had an income of \$170 million in 2016.

The 65,000 Cape Verdeans in Massachusetts live primarily in Boston, Brockton, Taunton, and New Bedford.

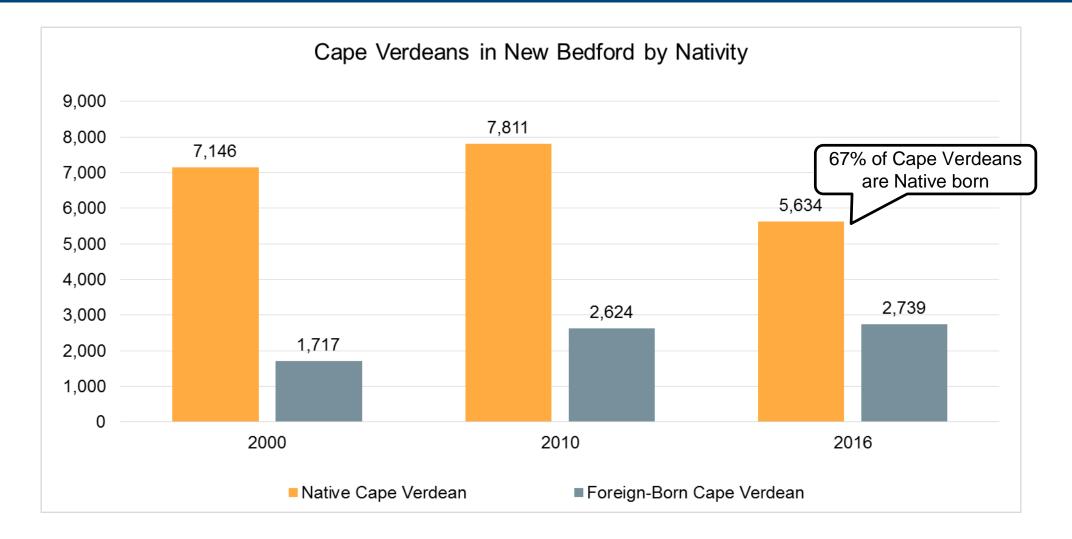




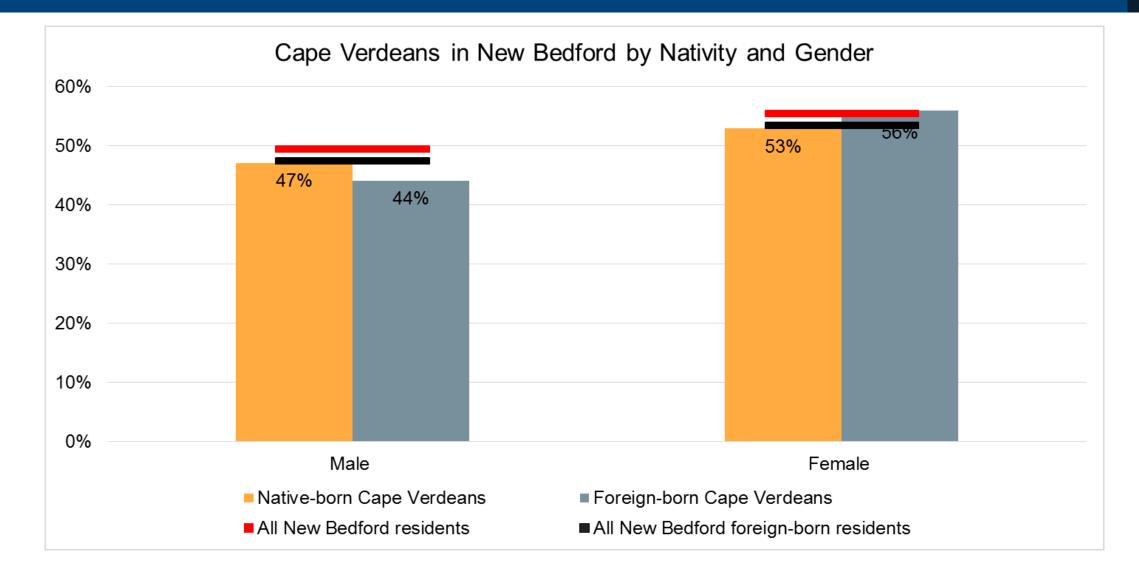
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Cape Verdeans in New Bedford live across the city, especially in the southern part.

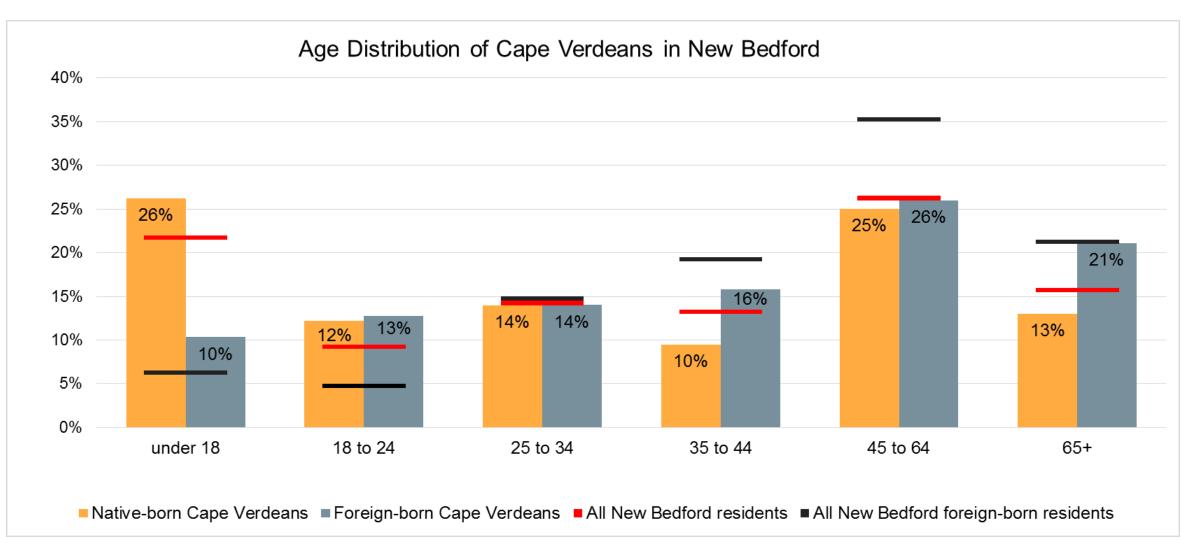
The Cape Verdean community of New Bedford has been stable since 2000, but has an increasing share of foreign born.



The New Bedford Cape Verdean population is predominantly female.

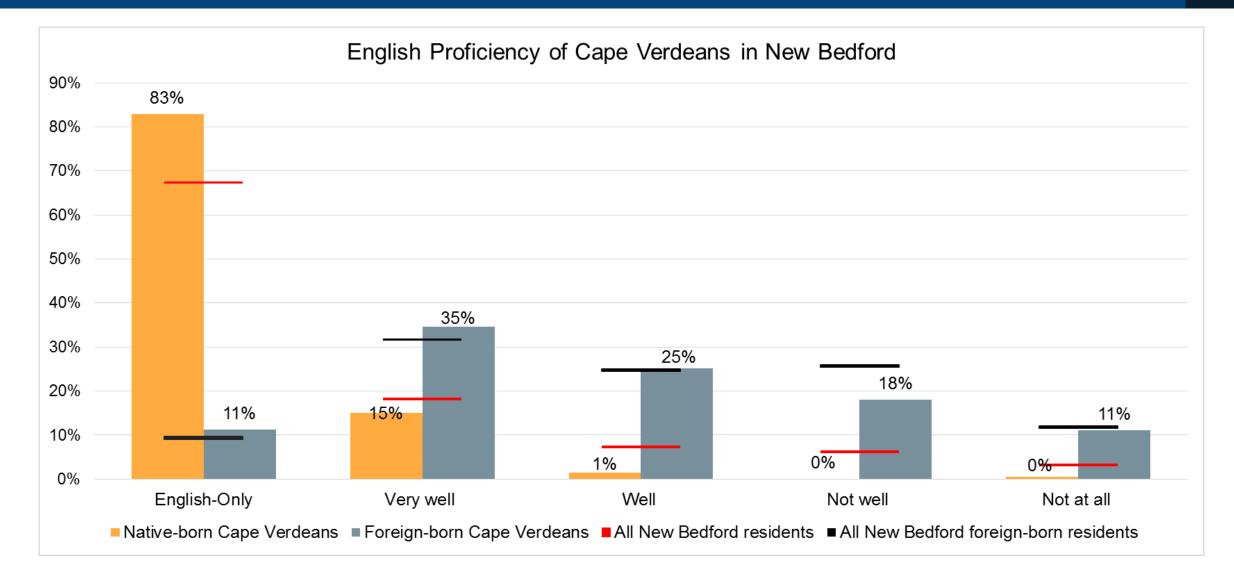


Foreign-born Cape Verdeans are older, while about a quarter of native-born Cape Verdeans are children.



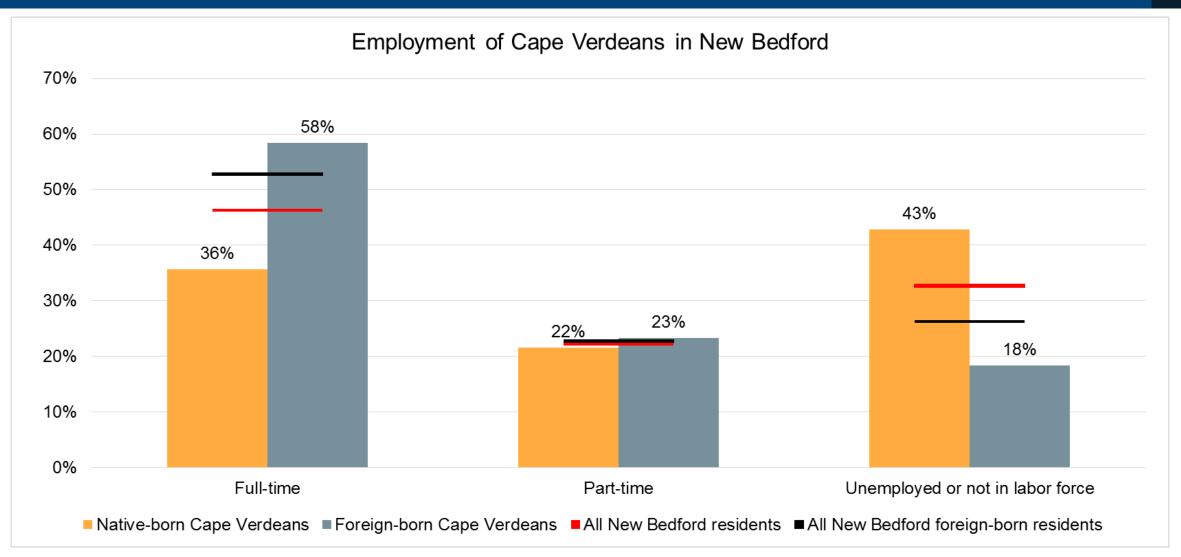
Native-born Cape Verdeans often only speak English at home, while many foreign-born Cape Verdeans are not proficient in English.



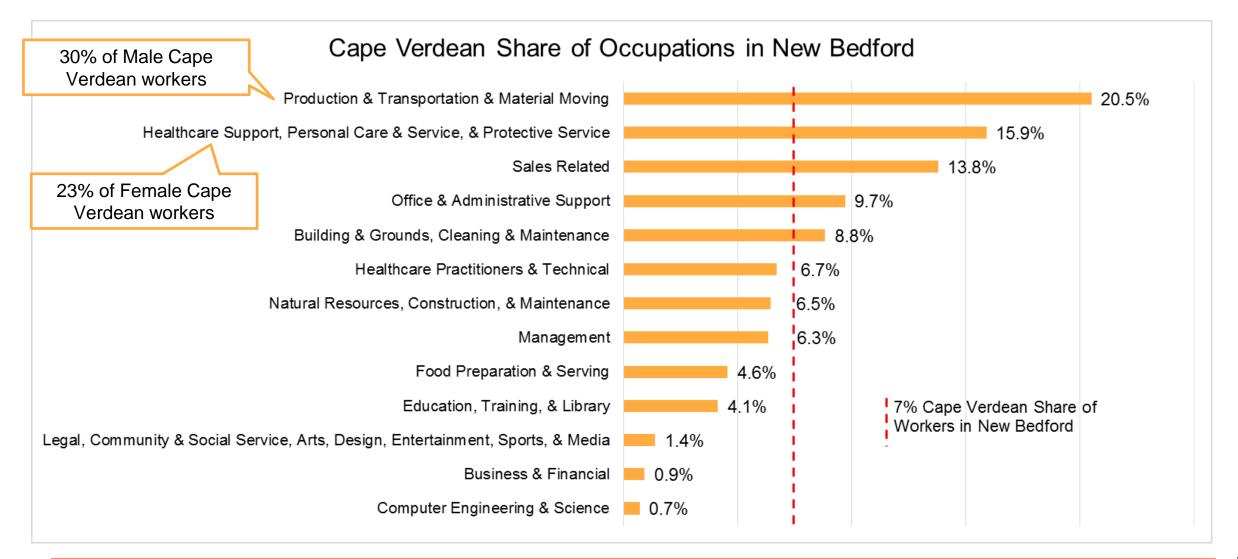


About half of adult Cape Verdeans work full-time.



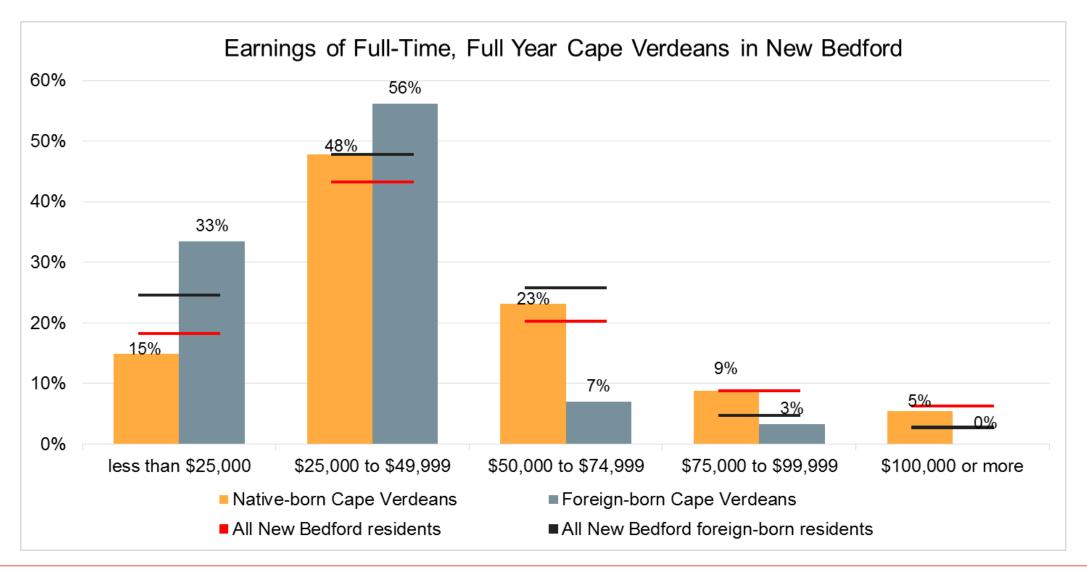


Cape Verdeans make up 20% of New Bedford residents working in production & transportation & material moving.



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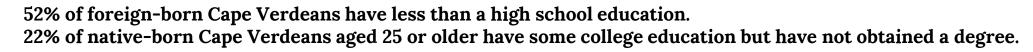
Native-born Cape Verdean workers earn more than foreign-born Cape Verdean workers.

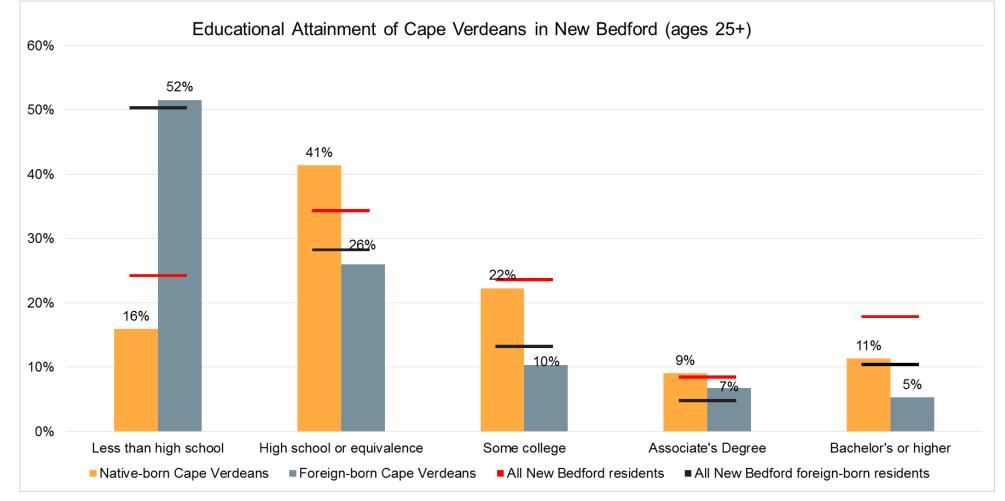


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Improving Cape Verdeans' educational attainment will allow greater contribution to New Bedford's economy.

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Cape Verdean business owners earn more than their counterparts who are employees.

Self-employment is an effective route to economic mobility for Cape Verdeans, more so than for the general population, but only 2% of Cape Verdeans in New Bedford are business owners, compared to 7% of all New Bedford resident workers.

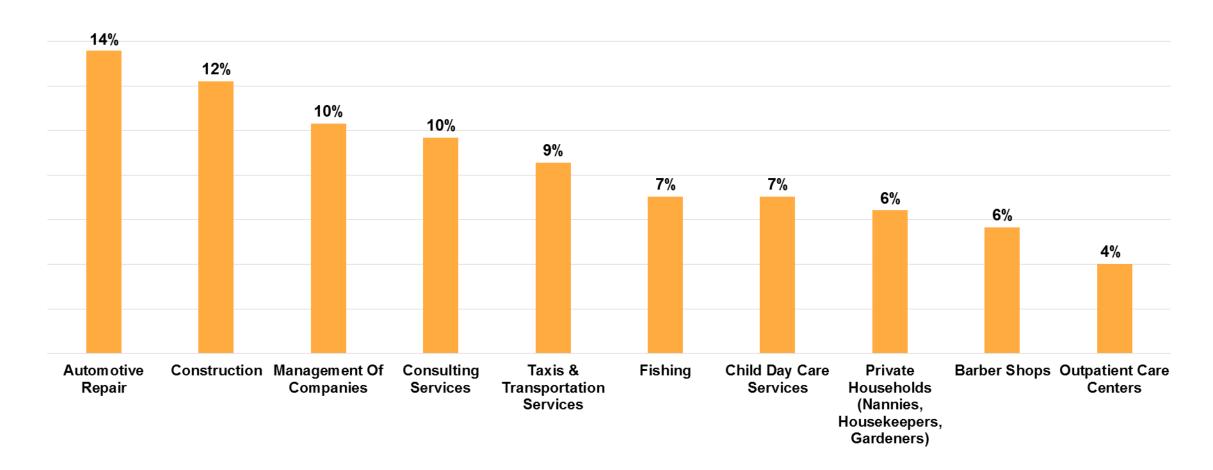


Median Earnings by Type of Work

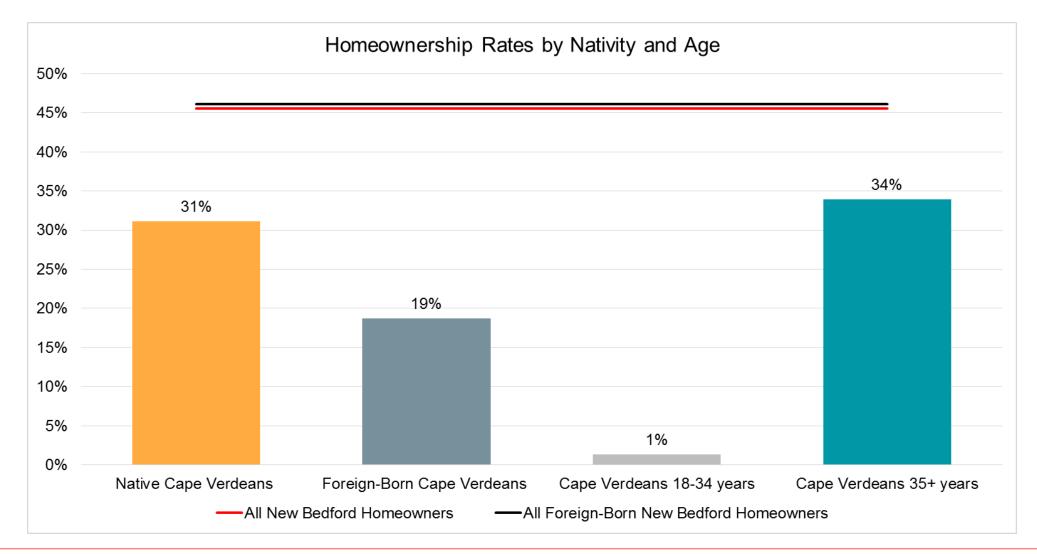
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 ACS Community Survey, PUMS, BPDA Research Division. Note: Massachusetts data are used due to small sample size in Boston.

Cape Verdean businesses tend to be small and concentrated in low-paying service industries.

Self-Employed Cape Verdeans (Massachusetts) by Top Industries



Only 1% of Cape Verdeans aged 18-34 years own a home, compared to 34% of Cape Verdeans aged 35 or older.





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