

Immigrant population

Immigrants make up an important part of local communities in Alexandria metro area and Virginia. Nonetheless, no noncitizen is exempt from the risk of deportation, which threatens the stability and family unity of immigrants and U.S.-born people alike.

Alexandria metro area



792,400 immigrants reside in **Alexandria**, or **23 percent** of Alexandria's population.

Virginia



1.1 million immigrants reside in **Virginia**, or **13 percent** of the total population.

Noncitizen population

323.8K

323,800 noncitizens are living in **Alexandria**.

488.9K

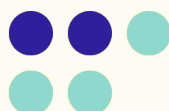
488,900 noncitizens are living in **Virginia**.

Children and families

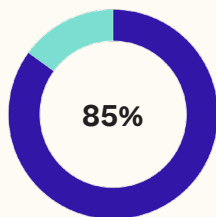
Alexandria metro area

330.7K
children

There are **330,700** children in Alexandria with at least one **immigrant parent**.



Two in five children in Alexandria have at least one **immigrant parent**.

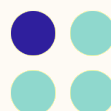


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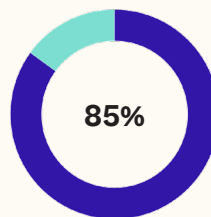
Virginia

470.5K
children

There are **470,500** children in Virginia with at least one **immigrant parent**.



One in four children in Virginia has at least one **immigrant parent**.



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Local community ties



670,500 immigrants residing in Alexandria metro area have lived in the United States for **10 years or more**.



At least **263,300** homes in Alexandria metro area are **owned by immigrants**.



35,300 immigrants in Alexandria metro area are **entrepreneurs**.



102,000 immigrants in Alexandria metro area are **students** enrolled in pre-K through college or graduate school.

Immigrants in the economy

Immigrants in Alexandria metro area, Virginia, and the United States are indispensable members of the workforce and contribute to the economy by paying federal, state, and local taxes.

Tax contributions*

Virginia

\$64.8B Immigrant-led households **earned \$64.8 billion**.

\$6.2B Immigrants contributed **\$6.2 billion** in combined **state and local taxes**.

\$12.1B Immigrants contributed **\$12.1 billion** in **federal taxes**.

\$46.5B This means that immigrant-led households have an estimated **\$46.5 billion** in **spending power**.

United States

\$2.35T Immigrant-led households **earned \$2.35 trillion**.

\$232.1B Immigrants contributed **\$232.1 billion** in combined **state and local taxes**.

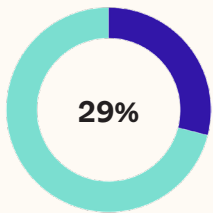
\$419.8B Immigrants contributed **\$419.8 billion** in **federal taxes**.

\$1.7T This means that immigrant-led households have an estimated **\$1.7 trillion** in **spending power**.

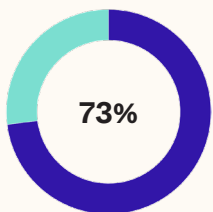
*Earnings, tax contribution, and spending power data reflect annual figures for 2023.

Employment and labor force participation

Alexandria metro area

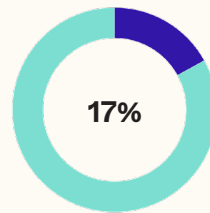


549,500 immigrant workers make up **29 percent** of the metro area's labor force.

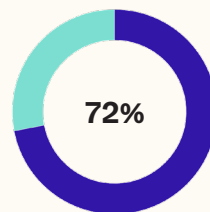


73 percent of the metro area's immigrants **participate in the labor force**, comparable to the share among the metro area's U.S.-born population (70 percent).

Virginia



768,400 immigrant workers make up **17 percent** of the state's labor force.



72 percent of immigrants **participate in the state's labor force**, greater than the share among the U.S.-born population (64 percent).

Sources

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Note: This analysis uses 2024 ACS 5-year PUMS data.

Tax contributions data from:

American Immigration Council:

"Map the Impact," available through <https://data.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/map-the-impact/> (accessed April 2026).

Note: The Alexandria metro area includes parts of the District of Columbia, Maryland, and West Virginia. Immigrants in the metro area who reside in these additional states are thus counted in the population for the metro area, but are excluded from the population of Virginia. For this reason, metro area figures may appear larger than the corresponding state figures.