

Immigrant population

Immigrants make up an important part of local communities in Berkeley and California. 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.

Berkeley



29,900 immigrants reside in **Berkeley**, or **21 percent** of Berkeley's population.

California



10.6 million immigrants reside in **California**, or **27 percent** of the total population.

Noncitizen population

15.4K

15,400 noncitizens are living in **Berkeley**.

4.8M

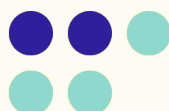
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Children and families

Berkeley

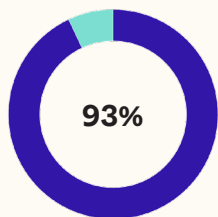
7.1K
children

There are **7,100 children** in Berkeley with at least one **immigrant parent**.



2 in 5

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



The **vast majority of children** in Berkeley with at least one immigrant parent (**93 percent**) were born in the United States.

California

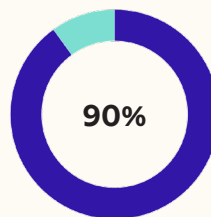
3.9M
children

There are **3.9 million children** in California with at least one **immigrant parent**.



1 in 2

One in two children in California has at least one **immigrant parent**.



The **vast majority of children** in California with at least one immigrant parent (**90 percent**) were born in the United States.

Local community ties



21,600 immigrants residing in Berkeley have lived in the United States **for 10 years or more**.



At least **7,500** homes in Berkeley are **owned by immigrants**.



1,200 immigrants in Berkeley are **entrepreneurs**.



9,100 immigrants in Berkeley are **students** enrolled in pre-K through college or graduate school.

Immigrants in the economy

Immigrants in Berkeley, California, and the United States are indispensable members of the workforce and contribute to the economy by paying federal, state, and local taxes.

Tax contributions*

California

\$572.5B Immigrant-led households **earned \$572.5 billion**.

\$61.8B Immigrants contributed **\$61.8 billion** in combined **state and local taxes**.

\$106.3B Immigrants contributed **\$106.3 billion** in **federal taxes**.

\$404.4B This means that immigrant-led households have an estimated **\$404.4 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**.

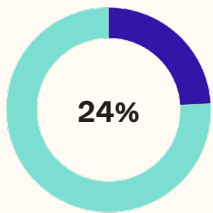
\$419.8B Immigrants contributed **\$419.8 billion** in **federal taxes**.

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

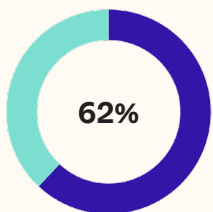
*Earnings, tax contribution, and spending power data reflect annual figures for 2023.

Employment and labor force participation

Berkeley

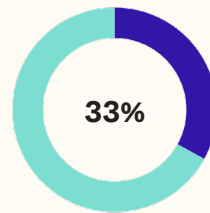


18,200 immigrant workers make up **24 percent** of the city's labor force.

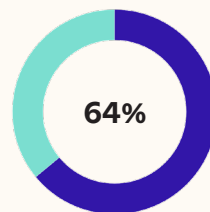


62 percent of the city's immigrants **participate in the labor force**, comparable to the share among the city's U.S.-born population (61 percent).

California



6.6 million immigrant workers make up **33 percent** of the state's labor force.



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

Sources

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

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