

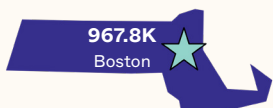
Boston, Massachusetts

July 2026

Immigrant population

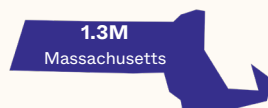
Immigrants make up an important part of local communities in Boston metro area and Massachusetts. Nonetheless, no noncitizen is exempt from the risk of deportation, which threatens the stability and family unity of immigrants and U.S.-born people alike.

Boston metro area



967,800 immigrants reside in **Boston**, or **21 percent** of Boston's population.

Massachusetts



1.3 million immigrants reside in **Massachusetts**, or **18 percent** of the total population.

Noncitizen population

451.9K

451,900 noncitizens are living in **Boston**.

587K

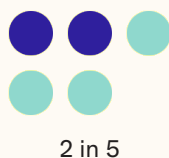
587,000 noncitizens are living in **Massachusetts**.

Children and families

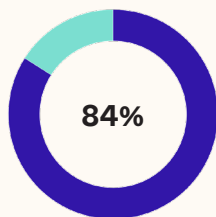
Boston metro area

329.8K
children

There are **329,800** children in Boston with at least one **immigrant parent**.



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



The **vast majority of children** in Boston with at least one immigrant parent (**84 percent**) were born in the United States.

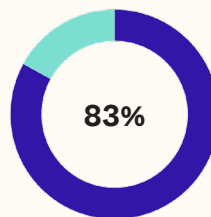
Massachusetts

441.5K
children

There are **441,500** children in Massachusetts with at least one **immigrant parent**.



One in three children in Massachusetts has at least one **immigrant parent**.



The **vast majority of children** in Massachusetts with at least one immigrant parent (**83 percent**) were born in the United States.

Local community ties



761,700 immigrants residing in Boston metro area have lived in the United States for **10 years or more**.



At least **268,300** homes in Boston metro area are **owned by immigrants**.



37,800 immigrants in Boston metro area are **entrepreneurs**.



142,900 immigrants in Boston metro area are **students** enrolled in pre-K through college or graduate school.

Immigrants in the economy

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

Tax contributions*

Massachusetts

\$72.2B Immigrant-led households **earned \$72.2 billion**.

\$6.6B Immigrants contributed **\$6.6 billion** in combined **state and local taxes**.

\$13.8B Immigrants contributed **\$13.8 billion** in **federal taxes**.

\$51.8B This means that immigrant-led households have an estimated **\$51.8 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**.

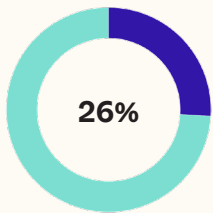
\$419.8B Immigrants contributed **\$419.8 billion** in **federal taxes**.

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

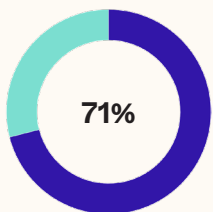
*Earnings, tax contribution, and spending power data reflect annual figures for 2023.

Employment and labor force participation

Boston metro area

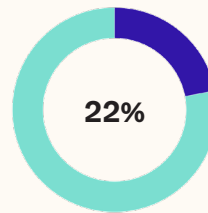


656,100 immigrant workers make up **26 percent** of the metro area's labor force.

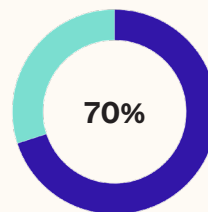


71 percent of the metro area's immigrants **participate in the labor force**, comparable to the share among the metro area's U.S.-born population (68 percent).

Massachusetts



847,100 immigrant workers make up **22 percent** of the state's labor force.



70 percent of immigrants **participate in the state's labor force**, greater than the share among the U.S.-born population (66 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 Boston metro area includes parts of New Hampshire and Rhode Island. 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 Massachusetts. For this reason, metro area figures may appear larger than the corresponding state figures.