

Immigrant population

Immigrants make up an important part of local communities in California and the United States. 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.

California



10.6 million immigrants reside in **California**, or **27 percent** of California's population.

United States



47.3 million immigrants reside in **the United States**, or **14 percent** of the total population.

Noncitizen population

4.8M

4.8 million noncitizens are living in **California**.

22.6M

22.6 million noncitizens are living in **the United States**.

Children and families

California

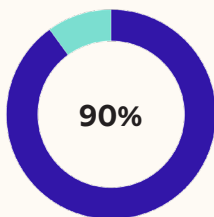
3.9M
children

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**.

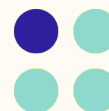


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United States

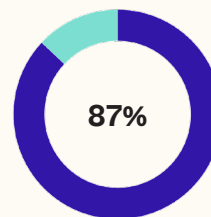
18.7M
children

There are **18.7 million** children in the United States with at least one **immigrant parent**.



1 in 4

One in four children in the United States has at least one **immigrant parent**.



The **vast majority of children** in the United States with at least one immigrant parent (**87 percent**) were born in the United States.

Local community ties



9.5 million immigrants residing in California have lived in the United States **for 10 years or more**.



At least **3 million** homes in California are **owned by immigrants**.



566,000 immigrants in California are **entrepreneurs**.



969,000 immigrants in California are **students** enrolled in pre-K through college or graduate school.

Immigrants in the economy

Immigrants in 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**.

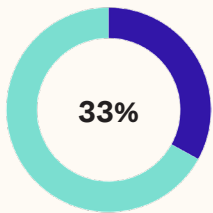
\$419.8B Immigrants contributed **\$419.8 billion** in **federal taxes**.

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

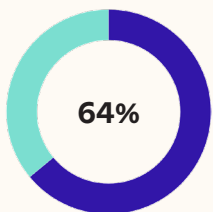
*Earnings, tax contribution, and spending power data reflect annual figures for 2023.

Employment and labor force participation

California

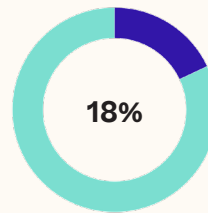


6.6 million immigrant workers make up **33 percent** of the state's labor force.

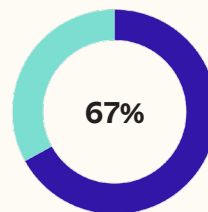


64 percent of the state's immigrants **participate in the labor force**, comparable to the share among the state's U.S.-born population (64 percent).

United States



30.2 million immigrant workers make up **18 percent** of the country's labor force.



67 percent of immigrants **participate in the country's labor force**, greater than the share among the U.S.-born population (63 percent).

Sources

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

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