

Immigrant population

Immigrants make up an important part of local communities in Columbus metro area and Ohio. 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.

Columbus metro area



215,100 immigrants reside in **Columbus**, or **9 percent** of Columbus's population.

Ohio



608,800 immigrants reside in **Ohio**, or **5 percent** of the total population.

Noncitizen population

105.7K

105,700 noncitizens are living in Columbus.

283.7K

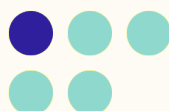
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Children and families

Columbus metro area

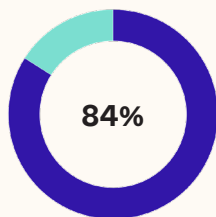
106.1K
children

There are **106,100** children in Columbus with at least one **immigrant parent**.



1 in 5

One in five children in Columbus has at least one **immigrant parent**.



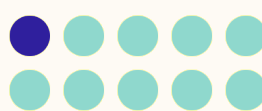
84%

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Ohio

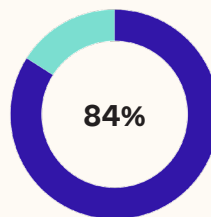
260.8K
children

There are **260,800** children in Ohio with at least one **immigrant parent**.



1 in 10

One in ten children in Ohio has at least one **immigrant parent**.



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Local community ties



162,700 immigrants residing in Columbus metro area have lived in the United States for **10 years or more**.



At least **57,100** homes in Columbus metro area are **owned by immigrants**.



8,500 immigrants in Columbus metro area are **entrepreneurs**.



34,700 immigrants in Columbus metro area are **students** enrolled in pre-K through college or graduate school.

Immigrants in the economy

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

Tax contributions*

Ohio

\$27.3B Immigrant-led households **earned \$27.3 billion**.

\$2.5B Immigrants contributed **\$2.5 billion** in combined **state and local taxes**.

\$4.8B Immigrants contributed **\$4.8 billion** in **federal taxes**.

\$20B This means that immigrant-led households have an estimated **\$20 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**.

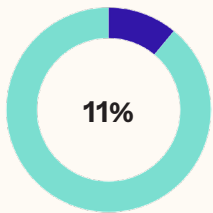
\$419.8B Immigrants contributed **\$419.8 billion** in **federal taxes**.

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

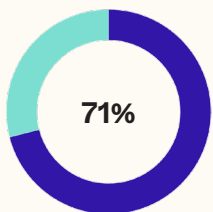
*Earnings, tax contribution, and spending power data reflect annual figures for 2023.

Employment and labor force participation

Columbus metro area

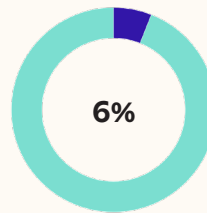


142,000 immigrant workers make up **11 percent** of the metro area's labor force.

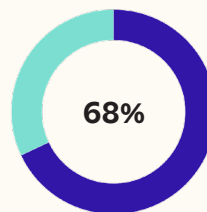


71 percent of the metro area's immigrants **participate in the labor force**, greater than the share among the metro area's U.S.-born population (66 percent).

Ohio



386,500 immigrant workers make up **6 percent** of the state's labor force.



68 percent of immigrants **participate in the state'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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