

## Immigrant population

Immigrants make up an important part of local communities in the 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



**204,900** immigrants reside in **Columbus**, or **10 percent** of Columbus's population.

### Ohio



**601,100** immigrants reside in **Ohio**, or **5 percent** of the total population.

## Noncitizen population

**101.5K**

**101,500** noncitizens are living in Columbus.

**289.7K**

**289,700** noncitizens are living in Ohio.

## Children and families

### Columbus Metro Area

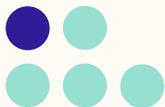
**96.1K**  
**children**

There are **96,100** children in Columbus with at least one **immigrant parent**.

### Ohio

**251.9K**  
**children**

There are **251,900** children in Ohio with at least one **immigrant parent**.



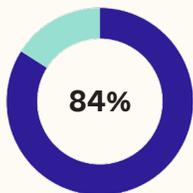
1 in 5

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



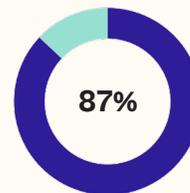
1 in 9

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



**84%**

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



**87%**

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

## Local community ties



**113,600** immigrants residing in the Columbus metro area have lived in the United States **since 2009 or earlier**.



At least **39,000** homes in the Columbus metro area are **owned by immigrants**.



**7,500** immigrants in the Columbus metro area are **entrepreneurs**.



**35,400** immigrants in the Columbus metro area are **students** enrolled in pre-K through college or graduate school.

# Immigrants in the economy

Immigrants in 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 immigrant-led households have an estimated **\$20 billion** in **spending power**.

### United States

**\$2.4T** Immigrant-led households **earned \$2.4 trillion**.

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

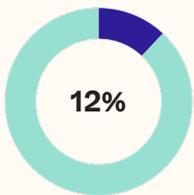
**\$419.8B** Immigrants contributed **\$419.8 billion** in **federal taxes**.

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

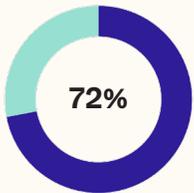
\*Earnings, tax contribution, and spending power data reflect annual figures for 2023.

## Employment and labor force participation

### Columbus Metro Area

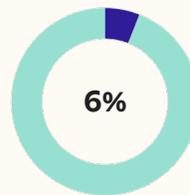


**136,500** immigrant workers make up **12 percent** of the metro area's labor force.

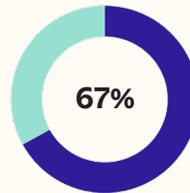


**72 percent** of the metro area's immigrants **participate in the labor force**, greater than the share among the metro area's U.S.-born population (67 percent).

### Ohio



**378,700** immigrant workers make up **6 percent** of the state's labor force.



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

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