

Immigrant population

Immigrants make up an important part of local communities in Cook County and Illinois. 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.

Cook County



1.1 million immigrants reside in **Cook County**, or **22 percent** of Cook County's population.

Illinois



1.9 million immigrants reside in **Illinois**, or **15 percent** of the total population.

Noncitizen population

532K

532,000 noncitizens are living in **Cook County**.

881.7K

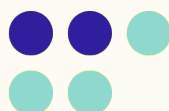
881,700 noncitizens are living in **Illinois**.

Children and families

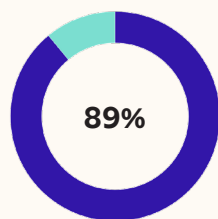
Cook County

404.5K
children

There are **404,500** children in Cook County with at least one **immigrant parent**.



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

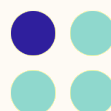


The **vast majority of children** in Cook County with at least one immigrant parent (**89 percent**) were born in the United States.

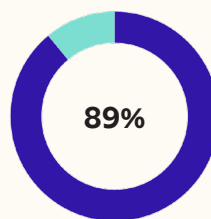
Illinois

727.8K
children

There are **727,800** children in Illinois with at least one **immigrant parent**.



One in four children in Illinois has at least one **immigrant parent**.



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Local community ties



966,900 immigrants residing in Cook County have lived in the United States for **10 years or more**.



At least **381,400** homes in Cook County are **owned by immigrants**.



47,800 immigrants in Cook County are **entrepreneurs**.



113,700 immigrants in Cook County are **students** enrolled in pre-K through college or graduate school.

Immigrants in the economy

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

Tax contributions*

Illinois

\$95.9B Immigrant-led households **earned \$95.9 billion**.

\$10.6B Immigrants contributed **\$10.6 billion** in combined **state and local taxes**.

\$16.9B Immigrants contributed **\$16.9 billion** in **federal taxes**.

\$68.5B This means that immigrant-led households have an estimated **\$68.5 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**.

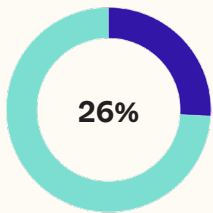
\$419.8B Immigrants contributed **\$419.8 billion** in **federal taxes**.

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

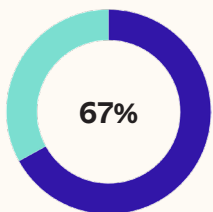
*Earnings, tax contribution, and spending power data reflect annual figures for 2023.

Employment and labor force participation

Cook County

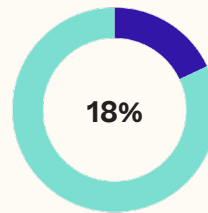


723,200 immigrant workers make up **26 percent** of the county's labor force.

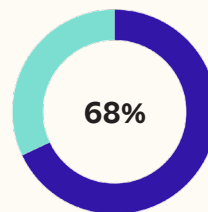


67 percent of the county's immigrants **participate in the labor force**, comparable to the share among the county's U.S.-born population (66 percent).

Illinois



1.2 million immigrant workers make up **18 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 (64 percent).

Sources

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

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