

Costa Mesa, California

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Immigrant population

Immigrants make up an important part of local communities in Costa Mesa and California. 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.

Costa Mesa



44,000 immigrants reside in **Costa Mesa**, or **25 percent** of Costa Mesa's population.

California



10.6 million immigrants reside in **California**, or **27 percent** of the total population.

Noncitizen population

18.3K

18,300 noncitizens are living in **Costa Mesa**.

4.8M

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

Children and families

Costa Mesa

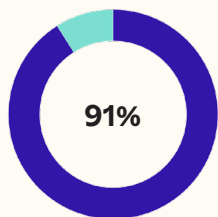
14K
children

There are **14,000** children in Costa Mesa with at least one **immigrant parent**.



1 in 2

One in two children in Costa Mesa has at least one **immigrant parent**.



The **vast majority of children** in Costa Mesa with at least one immigrant parent (**91 percent**) were born in the United States.

California

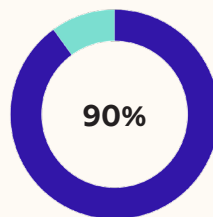
3.9M
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There are **3.9 million** children in California with at least one **immigrant parent**.



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Local community ties



40,300 immigrants residing in Costa Mesa have lived in the United States **for 10 years or more**.



At least **10,300** homes in Costa Mesa are **owned by immigrants**.



3,700 immigrants in Costa Mesa are **entrepreneurs**.



3,400 immigrants in Costa Mesa are **students** enrolled in pre-K through college or graduate school.

Immigrants in the economy

Immigrants in Costa Mesa, 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**.

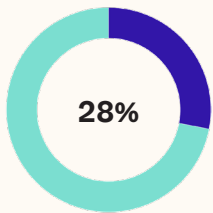
\$419.8B Immigrants contributed **\$419.8 billion** in **federal taxes**.

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

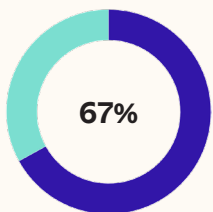
*Earnings, tax contribution, and spending power data reflect annual figures for 2023.

Employment and labor force participation

Costa Mesa

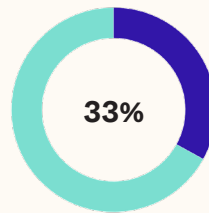


28,800 immigrant workers make up **28 percent** of the city's labor force.

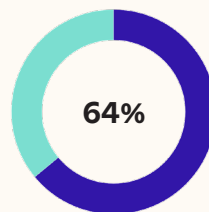


67 percent of the city's immigrants **participate in the labor force**, comparable to the share among the city's U.S.-born population (70 percent).

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).

Sources

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

Tax contributions data from:

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