

Immigrant population

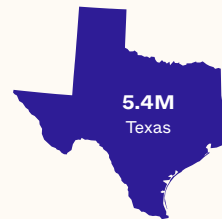
Immigrants make up an important part of local communities in Harris County and Texas. Nonetheless, no noncitizen is exempt from the risk of deportation, which threatens the stability and family unity of immigrants and U.S.-born people alike.

Harris County



1.3 million immigrants reside in **Harris County**, or **26 percent** of Harris County's population.

Texas



5.4 million immigrants reside in **Texas**, or **18 percent** of the total population.

Noncitizen population

752.6K

752,600 noncitizens are living in **Harris County**.

3.1M

3.1 million noncitizens are living in **Texas**.

Children and families

Harris County

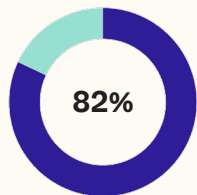
554.6K
children

There are **554,600** children in Harris County with at least one **immigrant parent**.



1 in 2

One in two children in Harris County has at least one **immigrant parent**.



82%

The **vast majority of children** in Harris County with at least one immigrant parent (**82 percent**) were born in the United States.

Texas

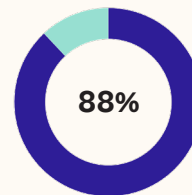
2.5M
children

There are **2.5 million** children in Texas with at least one **immigrant parent**.



1 in 3

One in three children in Texas has at least one **immigrant parent**.



88%

The **vast majority of children** in Texas with at least one immigrant parent (**88 percent**) were born in the United States.

Local community ties



816,100 immigrants residing in Harris County have lived in the United States **since 2009 or earlier**.



At least **288,900** homes in Harris County are **owned by immigrants**.



72,000 immigrants in Harris County are **entrepreneurs**.



156,400 immigrants in Harris County are **students** enrolled in pre-K through college or graduate school.

Immigrants in the economy

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

Tax contributions*

Texas

\$234.3B Immigrant-led households **earned \$234.3 billion**.

\$19.3B Immigrants contributed **\$19.3 billion** in combined **state and local taxes**.

\$38.8B Immigrants contributed **\$38.8 billion** in **federal taxes**.

\$176.3B This means immigrant-led households have an estimated **\$176.3 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**.

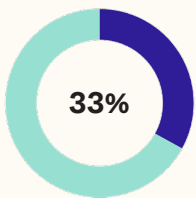
\$419.8B Immigrants contributed **\$419.8 billion** in **federal taxes**.

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

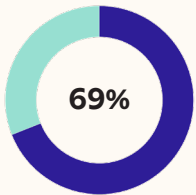
*Earnings, tax contribution, and spending power data reflect annual figures for 2023.

Employment and labor force participation

Harris County

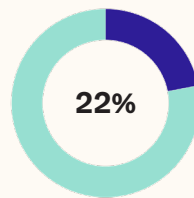


809,000 immigrant workers make up **33 percent** of the county's labor force.

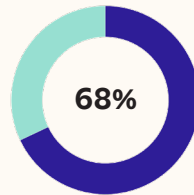


69 percent of the county's immigrants **participate in the labor force**, greater than the share among the county's U.S.-born population (67 percent).

Texas



3.5 million immigrant workers make up **22 percent** of the state's labor force.



68 percent of immigrants **participate in the state's labor force**, greater than the share among the state-born population (65 percent).

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