

## Immigrant population

Immigrants make up an important part of local communities in Iowa and the United States. 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.

### Iowa



**190,000 immigrants** reside in Iowa, or **6 percent** of Iowa's population.

### United States



**47.3 million immigrants** reside in the United States, or **14 percent** of the total population.

## Noncitizen population

**106.7K**

**106,700 noncitizens** are living in Iowa.

**22.6M**

**22.6 million noncitizens** are living in the United States.

## Children and families

### Iowa

**90.6K**  
**children**

There are **90,600** children in Iowa with at least one **immigrant parent**.

### United States

**18.7M**  
**children**

There are **18.7 million** children in the United States with at least one **immigrant parent**.



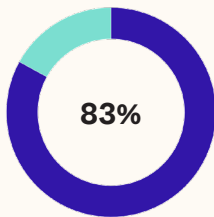
1 in 10

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

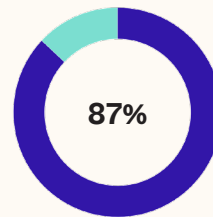


1 in 4

**One in four children** in the United States has at least one **immigrant parent**.



The **vast majority of children** in Iowa with at least one immigrant parent (**83 percent**) were born in the United States.



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

## Local community ties



**145,100** immigrants residing in Iowa have lived in the United States **for 10 years or more**.



At least **62,600** homes in Iowa are **owned by immigrants**.



**6,300** immigrants in Iowa are **entrepreneurs**.



**37,200** immigrants in Iowa are **students** enrolled in pre-K through college or graduate school.

# Immigrants in the economy

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

## Tax contributions\*

### Iowa

**\$7B** Immigrant-led households **earned \$7 billion**.

**\$721.2M** Immigrants contributed **\$721.2 million** in combined **state and local taxes**.

**\$1B** Immigrants contributed **\$1 billion** in **federal taxes**.

**\$5.2B** This means that immigrant-led households have an estimated **\$5.2 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**.

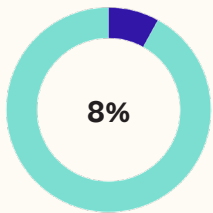
**\$419.8B** Immigrants contributed **\$419.8 billion** in **federal taxes**.

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

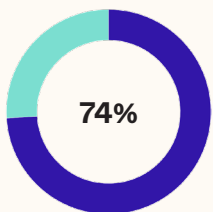
\*Earnings, tax contribution, and spending power data reflect annual figures for 2023.

## Employment and labor force participation

### Iowa

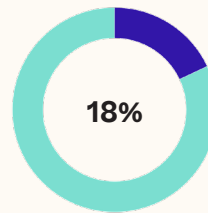


**130,000** immigrant workers make up **8 percent** of the state's labor force.

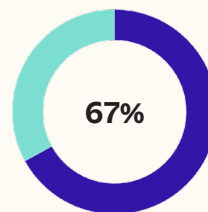


**74 percent** of the state's immigrants **participate in the labor force**, greater than the share among the state's U.S.-born population (66 percent).

### United States



**30.2 million** immigrant workers make up **18 percent** of the country's labor force.



**67 percent** of immigrants **participate in the country'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.

Tax contributions data from:

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