

Kentucky, United States

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Immigrant population

Immigrants make up an important part of local communities in Kentucky 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.

Kentucky



206,600 immigrants reside in **Kentucky**, or **5 percent** of Kentucky's population.

United States



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

Noncitizen population

120.6K

120,600 noncitizens are living in **Kentucky**.

22.6M

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

Children and families

Kentucky

97.4K
children

There are **97,400** children in Kentucky with at least one **immigrant parent**.

United States

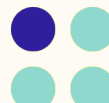
18.7M
children

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



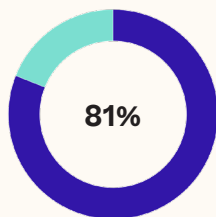
1 in 10

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

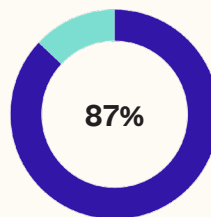


1 in 4

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



The **vast majority of children** in Kentucky with at least one immigrant parent (**81 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



151,900 immigrants residing in Kentucky have lived in the United States **for 10 years or more**.



At least **60,900** homes in Kentucky are **owned by immigrants**.



8,700 immigrants in Kentucky are **entrepreneurs**.



36,300 immigrants in Kentucky are **students** enrolled in pre-K through college or graduate school.

Immigrants in the economy

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

Tax contributions*

Kentucky

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

\$684.7M Immigrants contributed **\$684.7 million** in combined **state and local taxes**.

\$1.1B Immigrants contributed **\$1.1 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**.

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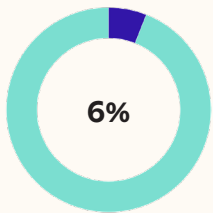
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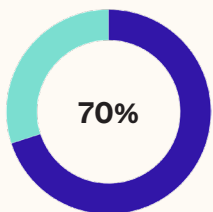
*Earnings, tax contribution, and spending power data reflect annual figures for 2023.

Employment and labor force participation

Kentucky

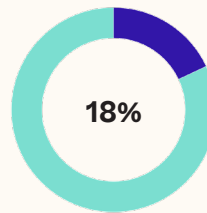


130,200 immigrant workers make up **6 percent** of the state's labor force.

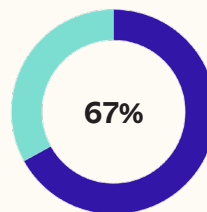


70 percent of the state's immigrants **participate in the labor force**, greater than the share among the state's U.S.-born population (59 percent).

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.

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