

King County, Washington

July 2026

Immigrant population

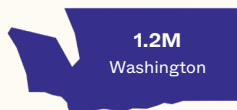
Immigrants make up an important part of local communities in King County and Washington. Nonetheless, no noncitizen is exempt from the risk of deportation, which threatens the stability and family unity of immigrants and U.S.-born people alike.

King County



594,100 immigrants reside in **King County**, or **26 percent** of King County's population.

Washington



1.2 million immigrants reside in **Washington**, or **15 percent** of the total population.

Noncitizen population

310.5K

310,500 noncitizens are living in **King County**.

618.3K

618,300 noncitizens are living in **Washington**.

Children and families

King County

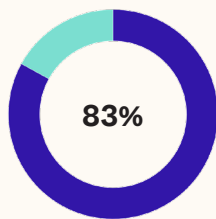
211.8K
children

There are **211,800 children** in King County with at least one **immigrant parent**.



1 in 2

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

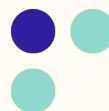


The **vast majority of children** in King County with at least one immigrant parent (**83 percent**) were born in the United States.

Washington

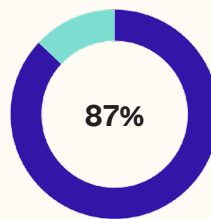
513.3K
children

There are **513,300 children** in Washington with at least one **immigrant parent**.



1 in 3

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



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

Local community ties



464,800 immigrants residing in King County have lived in the United States for **10 years or more**.



At least **175,400 homes** in King County are **owned by immigrants**.



24,600 immigrants in King County are **entrepreneurs**.



77,400 immigrants in King County are **students** enrolled in pre-K through college or graduate school.

Immigrants in the economy

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

Tax contributions*

Washington

\$81.3B Immigrant-led households **earned \$81.3 billion**.

\$6.5B Immigrants contributed **\$6.5 billion** in combined **state and local taxes**.

\$16.4B Immigrants contributed **\$16.4 billion** in **federal taxes**.

\$58.4B This means that immigrant-led households have an estimated **\$58.4 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**.

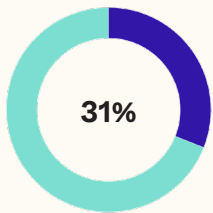
\$419.8B Immigrants contributed **\$419.8 billion** in **federal taxes**.

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

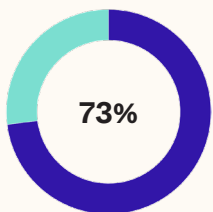
*Earnings, tax contribution, and spending power data reflect annual figures for 2023.

Employment and labor force participation

King County

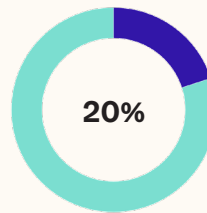


410,800 immigrant workers make up **31 percent** of the county's labor force.

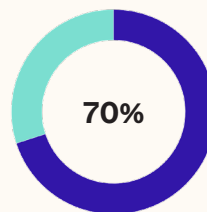


73 percent of the county's immigrants **participate in the labor force**, greater than the share among the county's U.S.-born population (69 percent).

Washington



807,300 immigrant workers make up **20 percent** of the state's labor force.



70 percent of immigrants **participate in the state'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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